

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3064
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

Appointment of Assistant Professors in universities

3064 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several vacancies exist for Assistant Professors in Central and State Universities and if so, details of such vacancies Central/State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Ph.D is a mandatory eligibility criteria for such appointment;
- (c) whether Government is aware that many States have not held recruitment exams for Assistant Professors for several years and if so, the details of such States;
- (d) whether Government has issued any guidelines for regular recruitment of Assistant Professors through the State Public Service Commission and if so, the details thereof including actions taken against delay in appointments; and
- (e) the steps taken to fill vacancies and minimise appointment delays?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (e): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that 2485 posts of Assistant Professors are vacant in various Central Universities under its purview. A detailed statement showing sanctioned strength and vacant posts at the level of Assistant Professor in various Central Universities under the purview of UGC, as on 01.01.2022, is available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5278896_RSPQ-No-3064-Annexure-I-Assistant-Professor-as-on-01012022.pdf.

As per the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018, amended on 11.10.2021, Ph.D. Degree shall be a mandatory qualification for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor in Departments of the Universities with effect from 01.07.2023.

The UGC has further informed that State Universities come under the administrative purview of State Government concerned and onus of filling up the vacancies lies with the respective University / State Government. However, UGC has repeatedly requested all the Universities to fill up the vacancies, at the earliest. Recently, UGC vide its letter No.F.1-11/2021 (SCT) dated 2nd September, 2021 has requested all Central Universities to fill up vacancies in a Mission Mode within a period of one year starting from 5th September, 2021. As on 01.03.2022, 4210 teaching posts, including Assistant Professor, have been advertised in the Central Universities.
