GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3846 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

Sanctioned posts and vacancies in Central Universities

3846 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) how many Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor-level posts are sanctioned for candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Central Universities, the details thereof;
- (b) how many Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor-level posts are lying vacant under OBC, SC and ST categories in the Central Universities, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to fill these positions, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH)

(a) & (b): The details of total number of sanctioned and vacant positions of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor-level posts for candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), in Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry are as under:-

Name of University	Name of Post	Sanctioned Position			Vacant Position		
		SC	ST	OBC	SC	ST	OBC
45 Central Universities (as on 01.01.2022)	Professor	306	140	389	234	107	352
	Associate Professor	623	303	765	434	245	645
	Assistant Professor	1368	701	2345	336	230	791
Indira Gandhi National Open University (as on 01.03.2022)	Professor	10	5	8	9	5	8
	Associate Professor	20	10	11	9	8	9
	Assistant Professor	36	18	44	6	5	18

(c) & (d): Occurrence of vacancies and filling thereof is a continuous process. The vacancies arise due to retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength. The institutions are adopting various measures to address faculty shortages in order to ensure that studies of students are not affected which inter-alia, include engaging research scholars, contract, re-employed, adjunct and visiting faculty. University Grants Commission (UGC) vide its letters dated 04.06.2019, 31.07.2019, 07.08.2019, 05.09.2019, 22.10.2019 and 26.11.2021 has issued directions to higher education institutes to fill up the vacant posts. Further, Ministry of Education has also requested all the Central Higher Educational Institutions to fill up the vacancies in a Mission Mode within a period of one year starting from 5th September, 2021. Since 5th September 2021, a total number of 4749 posts have been advertised under Mission Mode Recruitment Drive.
