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Title: Regarding vacant posts in academic institutions.

SHRI R. DHIRUVANARAYANA (CHAMARAJANAGAR): Madam Speaker, I would like to raise an important issue regarding vacancies in teaching positions in higher education as well as student-teacher ratio.

According to an All-India Higher Education survey, number of teachers involved in higher education is declining. From 15.2 lakh teachers permanently engaged in higher education in 2015-16, the number has come down to 13.7 lakhs. Especially in Central Universities, as much as 35 per cent of the teaching posts are vacant.

Regarding teacher-student ratio, the global average is that about 30 students got one teacher. In case of United States of America, 14 students got one teacher; in case of China, 16 students got 1 teacher; in case of Brazil, 19 students got 1 teacher; and in case of Russia, 20 students got one teacher. Madam, a high student-teacher ratio means that the teacher is not able to concentrate on the students and so, affecting their educational development. So, I urge upon the Union Minister of Human Resource Development to fill up the vacant posts as early as possible so that the educational development of students is not affected.

HON. SPEAKER:

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