

OVER 60% OF OBC, SC POSTS ARE VACANT IN IIMS

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This means that 93% of these posts remain unfilled. Less than 1% of the 1,062 professors in Central universities are from the ST communities. Similarly, 64% of the 2,206 assistant professor positions reserved for the OBCs have been filled in the Central Universities. However, less than 5% of the 378 professor positions reserved for the OBCs have been filled.

Despite the high levels of vacancies, Mr. Nishank's written response to the first question claimed that, "Now, after implementation of 'The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019', the OBC reservation has been implemented at all levels." In the second response, Mr. Nishank noted that the Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission continuously monitor vacancies, but put the final blame on universities themselves.

"However, the onus of filling up the teaching posts lies on Central Universities, which are autonomous bodies created under Acts of Parliament," he said.

In fact, in June 2019, University Grants Commission had written to all Universities, giving them a six month deadline to fill up their vacancies, and warning that grants would be withheld if its directions were violated.

According to the data presented in the Lok Sabha on Monday, there are now 6,074 vacant positions at the 42 universities, of which 75% are in reserved categories.

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