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DU teachers knock at Prez door for promotions & jobs

NEW DELHI: Thousands of Delhi University teachers — both permanent and ad hoc— have written to the President and the human resource development ministry seeking intervention in the appointment and promotion issues that have been pending since 2010.

While it has been four months since the new administration had set up a three-member committee, the teachers said they cannot wait indefinitely as the vacancies have accumulated close to 4,500. They want the recruitment process to start without any further delay.

While rejecting the amended Academic Performance Indicator-Performance Based Appraisal System (API-PBAS) teachers said, like All India Council for Technical Education that has relaxed its implementation for promoting teachers till November 2015 in technical institutions, universities should also be allowed similar relaxation by UGC.

The National Democratic Teachers' Front (NDTF), with signatures of more than 3,500 teachers has written to the MHRD, while 2,000 teachers from the ad hoc regularization forum has written to the President and the vice-chancellor of Delhi University.

"We have written three letters to the VC and also apprised UGC of the lacunae in the present API-PBAS. The VC had set up a committee four months ago but we don't know what happened thereafter," said Ajay Bhagi, president, NDTF.

Rajesh Kumar of Satyawati College (evening) said, "The situation is very critical. In some colleges, the proportion of ad hoc faculty has reached 90%. Most of these teachers have been working for five to 10 years and some for more than 20 years. Around 50% of them come from SCs, STs and OBCs. They are not only deprived of service benefits but are also denied a dignified life with perpetual job uncertainty."