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TET BEd teachers question recruitment



Members of the TET-Pass BEd Unemployed Teachers Union Punjab today held a meeting at Teachers Home in which they decided to intensify their agitation against the government for its failure to meet their long-pending demands.

However, on July 29, 30 and 31, they took the test for the recruitment of about 6,050 posts that the government had advertised in November 2015. Vice-president Vikas Garg derided the state government for its policies due to which lakhs of qualified teachers were unemployed in the state.

He accused the state government of misleading the teachers through advertising for recruitment for 1.2 lakh vacant posts in the Education Department.

“The state government’s attitude towards recruitment is clear as the procedure adopted for it is questionable,” he said.

The union members said over the past five years, while more than 31 per cent posts of teachers had been lying vacant in government schools, the teachers who cleared TET in these years had not been recruited.

The government advertised only for 6,050 posts while nearly 40,000 posts are lying vacant, they added.

Over the past five years, the state government has earned nearly Rs 60 crore by conducting the TET again and again for which lakhs of teachers appeared, with a hope to land government jobs while only 3,900 teachers were recruited between 2011 and 2015, the union members said.

They demanded that the government must immediately start recruitment procedure for at least 15,000 posts and complete the process as soon as possible or else the teachers would be left with no option but to intensify their stir.