

# 114 DTU teachers threaten to quit if V-C not removed

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**New Delhi:** It seems all is not well in the Delhi Technological University (DTU), as 114 teachers have decided to quit and go somewhere else. These teachers, who were with the erstwhile Delhi College of Engineering (DCE), wrote to the chief secretary on Thursday, demanding immediate replacement of vice-chancellor P B Sharma. In fact, they have written in the letter that they are even willing to join polytechnic institutes under the Delhi government if nothing works out.

Two months ago, the same teachers had written to the chief secretary, expressing unwillingness to serve in DTU and seeking repatriation to the directorate of training and technical education (DDTE). In that resolution, the teachers had stated that "since DTU administration has repeatedly failed to protect the terms and conditions of services of erstwhile DCE employees as envisaged under Section 4(d) of DTU Act 2009, hence the DCE Teachers' Association resolves that all the DCE faculty must be repatriated to DDTE".

They had also set a two-month deadline for the state government to act on their demands. But since no response has come from the government so far, and with the deadline expiring this month, the teachers, in a general body meeting on Friday, resolved to intensify their agitation if their demands are not met.

The teachers had also

cited nine reasons as to why Sharma should step down. They had alleged that he denied career advancement schemes to them, and was responsible for financial irregularities and administrative failures, among others.

"We are not against the conversion and upgrading of our college into a university; but this should have resulted in something good. Instead, the students agitated; and now, the teachers are thinking of leaving the university in protest against the high-



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handedness of one person. It is for the government to decide if one person is more important than the 114 teachers," said a senior faculty member on condition of anonymity.

"The teachers have not done anything to spoil the academic atmosphere, and we would not like to do so; but given the present situation, we have no other option," said another teacher.

The DTU witnessed one of the worst agitations in 2010 when the students brought the functioning of the university to a standstill for 40 days in the March and April. The students had also demanded the removal of Sharma.