

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO:- 119
ANSWERED ON-11/12/2023

Vacancy of B.Ed Seats

*119. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 6008 B.Ed seats remain vacant out of total 34830 seats in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to address the root cause behind the substantial number of vacant B.Ed seats;
- (c) whether the Government plans to improve the admission process to ensure maximum utilisation of available seats and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the concern regarding the lack of interest among the youth in pursuing B.Ed, if so, the measures being considered by Government to enhance the recruitment of teachers in educational institutions?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 119 FOR REPLY ON 11th DECEMBER, 2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL REGRADING VACANCY OF B.ED. SEATS

(a) : The Government of Maharashtra has informed that in the academic year 2023-24, out of a total 34,830 B.Ed. seats from 477 B.Ed. colleges in Maharashtra, 4,785 seats remain vacant.

(b) & (c) : The Government of Maharashtra has also informed that in order to ensure maximum utilisation of available seats, interaction programmes were carried out throughout Maharashtra before commencement of centralised admission process for B.Ed. 2023 to create awareness among candidates, parents, institutes and other stakeholders. Further, extension of registration period for B.Ed. course for forty-four days, extension of the last round of counselling for four days were also given by the Government of Maharashtra to provide opportunity to unadmitted candidates.

The Government of India is concerned about integrity, credibility, efficacy and quality of teacher education in the country. As per recommendations of NEP 2020, the Government has notified Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) & its pilot is being conducted from 2023-24 in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with accreditation of NAAC A and above. Admission to the ITEP Pilot is through admission tests conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

(d) : For enhancing recruitment of teachers, the Ministry of Education, from time to time, through review meetings and advisories, requests the State Governments and UT Administrations for filling up vacant posts of teachers and their rational deployment. Further, the Central Government through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha provides financial assistance to the States and UTs to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for various levels of schooling, as per norms prescribed in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, as amended from time to time.
