

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the imbalances in the pupil-teacher ratio are increasing day-by-day in the country;
- (b) if so, the pupil-teacher ratio at present and the ratio at the beginning of Ninth Plan;
- (c) the standard pupil-teacher ratio as per the policy of the Government or by the provisions of constitutions;
- (d) the guidelines issued by the Government to bridge the gap; and
- (e) the extent to which State Governments are adhering to with the said guidelines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): On the basis of data received from States/UTs, the pupil-teacher ratio at the beginning of Ninth Plan i.e. during 1997-98 in Primary, Upper Primary and High/Higher Secondary schools was 42:1, 37:1, and 31:1 respectively. The corresponding figures have slightly increased to 43:1, 38:1 and 32:1 respectively in the year 2000-2001

(c) to (e): In the elementary education sector, under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the following guidelines on pupil-teacher ratios have been issued:

- One teacher for every 40 children in Primary and Upper Primary schools.
- At least two teachers in a primary school.
- One teacher for every class in Upper Primary schools.
- Provision has been made for funds for recruitment of additional teachers in order to reach the above norms.