

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to the Report of the Working Group on elementary education and literacy for the Eleventh Five Year Plan submitted to the Ministry, 54% of all primary schools in India have only one teacher;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of teachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) According to the Report of the Working Group on elementary education and literacy for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007), 54% of all primary schools in India have one or two teachers.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) teacher posts for primary and upper primary level are sanctioned to all States and UTs as per their requirement projected in their Annual Work Plan & Budget. Upto 2009-10, 12.82 lakh teachers have been sanctioned to States/UTs under SSA.