

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

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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

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

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(a) whether as per media reports, there is acute shortage of trained teachers and a large number of posts are lying vacant for teachers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the existing Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) and additional number of teachers required under the Right to Education Act; and

(d) the action plan drawn up by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The availability of trained teachers varies across the States, depending on their teachers training capacity. As per DISE 2008-09, 16% of regular teachers are untrained. The existing Pupil Teacher Ratio at elementary level is 34:1. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, provision is made inter alia, for training of untrained teachers. In addition, funds are provided for salary of teachers to be recruited as per the State norms. Upto 31st December 2009, 10.22 lakh teachers have been recruited to address requirement of teachers. The State-wise details of balance teachers to be recruited under SSA is in Annexure.

Under Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, the additional requirement of teachers is 5 lakh. The requirement of the various provision of RTE Act has been shared with the States and the States have been advised to fill vacant posts.