

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

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SHORTAGE OF SPECIALLY TRAINED TEACHERS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of specially trained teachers for differently abled children in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the student-teacher ratio and the action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Resource teachers are appointed under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) at the block level to visit schools to provide resource support to differently abled children enrolled in those schools and to assist general teachers in handling such children. 18029 specially trained teachers have been engaged under SSA in the country. The number of resource teachers engaged in various States under the scheme Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) during the last three years is 10764. The pupil teacher ratio prescribed is 5:1. There is a shortage of resource teachers in Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Uttar Pradesh.

Efforts are on to engage more resource teachers to further strengthen academic resource support to differently abled children. National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE) has also notified inclusion of D.Ed (Special Education) and B.Ed. (Special Education) as minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in Class I - VIII.