

**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:**

- (a) the number of primary and secondary Government schools and the number of teachers in such schools, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of teachers in Government Schools in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the number of teachers required for smooth implementation of RTE Act, 2009;
- (e) the present student-teacher ratio in the country; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the student-teacher ratio and meet the shortage of teachers?

**Answer**

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

(a) A statement giving State-wise details of Government, local body and government aided schools in the primary, upper primary and secondary sector in the country and the number of teachers in primary, upper primary and secondary schools, based on Statistics of School Education (SSE) 2009- 10 (Provisional) is given in Annexure I.

(b) to (d): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) against 19.14 lakh teacher posts sanctioned till date for classes I-VIII, 12.25 lakh teachers posts have been filled up as per the details given in Annexure II. The requirement of additional teachers under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 was estimated at the national level at 5.08 lakh when the RTE Act 2009 became operative. Since then, based on proposals received from the State Governments, 6.31 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned under SSA to enable States to meet the RTE requirements.

In respect of the secondary sector (classes IX-X), 52352 additional teacher posts have been sanctioned under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) for existing Government Secondary schools.

(e): As per District Information System for Education (DISE) 2009-10, the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) is 34:1 for the primary stage of education and 31:1 for the upper primary stage of education.

(f): Posts have been sanctioned under SSA and RMSA to improve the PTR. In addition, States have been advised to take steps to rationalize teacher deployment, fill up the State sector teacher vacancies, as well as vacancies of posts sanctioned under SSA.