

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4246  
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FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHERS UNDER SSA  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms did not provide for inclusion of the salary of additional teachers recruited for the existing schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to include the salary of the said teachers for funding under the SSA budget;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to reimburse the amount spent by certain States including Gujarat for the salary of the additional teachers recruited by them during 1 April, 2001 to 31 March, 2010 which was not included in their budgets; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms originally provided for
- (i) one teacher for every forty children in Primary and Upper Primary schools,
  - (ii) at least two teachers in a Primary school and
  - (iii) one teacher for every class in the Upper Primary school.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has become operative on 1st April, 2010, and the SSA norms for sanctioning teachers have been revised to conform with the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) prescribed in the Schedule to the RTE Act, namely:

A. For classes I to V:

- (i) Two teachers for up to sixty admitted children
- (ii) Three teachers for 61-90 children
- (iii) Four teachers for 91-120 children
- (iv) Five teachers for 121-200 children
- (v) One Head Teacher, other than the five teachers, if the number of admitted children exceeds 150; and the PTR (excluding Head Teacher) shall not exceed forty if the number of admitted children is above 200.

B. For Classes VI to VIII:

- (i) At least one teacher per class so that there shall be at least one teacher each for (a) Science and Mathematics; (b) Social Studies; and (c) Languages.
- (ii) At least one teacher for every 35 children;
- (iii) Where admission of children is above 100, there shall be (a) a full time head-teacher and (b) part time instructors for Art Education, Health & Physical Education and Work Education.

(c) to (d): SSA assistance is not available for the salary of teacher posts in the State sector which may have fallen vacant on account of attrition and retirement. States are required to rationalize teacher deployment to address imbalances in their placement, and also fill State sector teacher vacancies from their State budgets. The requirement of additional teachers under SSA is considered after deducting vacancies from the State sector and considering the rational re-deployment of teachers to meet the PTR laid down under

the RTE Act, 2009.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.