

**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) whether there is acute shortage of teachers in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to meet the shortage of teachers; and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated the funds earmarked for this purpose during the last three years, till date; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof year-wise/state-wise as on date?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The National University of Educational Planning Administration (NUEPA) collects the Annual data on different parameters of Elementary Education through District Information System for Education (DISE) from all over the country. As per (DISE), 2010-11, the National level pupil teacher ratio (PTR) for primary schools is 32 with adverse PTR in Bihar (58), Jharkhand (43), Chhattisgarh (41), Uttar Pradesh (46), Madhya Pradesh (34), Delhi (35) and at upper primary level the National average is 29 with States of Bihar (62), Jharkhand (43), Dadra & Nagar Haveli (43), Uttar Pradesh (44), Tamil Nadu (33), Madhya Pradesh (34) and West Bengal (32). The State-wise PTR at primary and upper primary level and number of teachers vacancies is at Annexure-I.

(c) Pursuant to the enforcement of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, the additional requirement of teachers in elementary education was estimated at 5.08 lakh. However, based on proposals received from the State and UTs, 6.31 lakh additional teachers have been sanctioned since the RTE Act become operative. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a total of 19.14 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned since inception of the programme, against which 12.26 lakh teachers have been recruited till 31st December, 2011 by States/UTs. In addition to this, 1.23 lakh teachers have been sanctioned during 2012-13. The recruitment of teachers at elementary level is undertaken by the States Government/UT Administrations. States/UTs have been advised to expedite the recruitment of teacher posts sanctioned under SSA, as well as teacher vacancies under the State Sector. The issue has been discussed with the States in meetings with State Education Ministers, State Education Secretaries, State Project Directors and in the SSA Project Approval Board Meetings.

(d) & (e) The details showing the fund allocated for the purpose during last three years and till date is at Annexure -II.