

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 an acute shortage of teachers in primary, upper primary and secondary level schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of teachers required/short in the primary, upper primary and secondary level schools during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the percentage of teacher attendance in these schools during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) the action plan being formulated by the Government to fill up these vacancies?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per District Information System for Education (DISE), 2010-11, which collects data annually for elementary level of education, the National level pupil teacher ratio (PTR) for primary schools is 32 with adverse PTR in Bihar (58), Jharkhand (43) and Uttar Pradesh (46); at upper primary level the National average is 29 with States of Bihar (62), Jharkhand (43) and Uttar Pradesh at 44. PTR at secondary level of education as per Statistics of School Education (SSE) (2009-10) published by Ministry of Human Resource Development is 30 and 10 States have adverse PTR. State-wise PTR at elementary level and secondary level 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. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) a total of 6.31 lakh teachers have been sanctioned till 2011-12 since RTE coming into force. In addition to this 1.23 lakh teachers have been sanctioned during 2012-13. At the secondary stage, the scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides inter alia for appointment of additional teachers in existing Government Secondary Schools to improve the PTR. During 11th Five Year Plan, the estimated requirement for additional teachers was 1.79 lakh against which 1.15 lakh additional teachers have been sanctioned so far. A statement indicating State-wise additional teacher posts sanctioned during the period 2010-11 to 2012-13 under SSA and from 2009-10 to 2011-12 under RMSA is at Annexure-II.

(d) As per an independent study conducted by Ministry of Human Resource Development in 2008-09 the average attendance rate of teachers was 81.7% and 80.5% in primary and upper primary schools respectively. The State-wise position is at Annexure-III.

(e) States / UTs have been advised to rationalise teacher deployment, fill up existing State sector teacher vacancies, as well as vacancies against teacher posts sanctioned under the SSA & RMSA.