

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

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any student-teacher ratio;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present State-wise student-teacher ratio in the country;

(d) whether the Union Government coordinates or intervenes with the State Governments in case of shortage of student-teacher ratio; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has become operative with effect from 1st April, 2010, and the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms have been revised to conform to the Student-Teacher Ratio (STR) prescribed in the Schedule to the RTE Act. The revised norms are as under:

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 STR (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): The present State-wise STR in the country is at Annexure.

(d) & (e): To improve the STR, 19.82 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned up to 2012-13, against which 12.48 lakh teachers have been recruited till 30.09.2012 by the States/UTs. The States/UTs have been advised to fill up these teacher posts along with teacher vacancies under the State sector. They have also been advised to rationalize the deployment of teachers in order to make the schools RTE complaint.