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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the student enrollment has increased but pupil-teacher ratio dipped as per All India Education Survey released by NCERT;
- (b) if so, the findings of such survey;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any student-teacher ratio;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the present pupil-teacher ratio in the country;
- (f) whether the quality of education has been found to be of a poor standard in the study conducted to determine the effects of the correct ratio not being maintained; (g) if so, the details thereof; and (h) the time by which the basic infrastructure and other facilities are likely to be provided to ensure quality education to the students?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) & (b): According to the findings of 7th All India School Education Survey (AISES) and Provisional (Flash) Statistics of the 8th AISES conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), improvements have taken place in the Enrolment and Pupil-Teacher Ratio, as is evident from the findings tabulated below.

School Stages	7th AISES		8th AISES	
	Total Enrolment	Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR)	Total Enrolment	Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR)
Primary Stage	12,29,15,301	42	12,79,61,668	32
Upper Primary Stage	4,68,45,845	34	5,61,48,622	31
Secondary Stage	2,18,88,898	30	2,86,38,101	28
Higher Secondary Stage	1,14,37,883		1,62,46,063	

(c) to (e): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which become operative from 1st April, 2010, prescribes a Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) of 40:1 and 35:1 at primary and upper primary level, respectively in every school. As per the District Information System for Education (DISE), 2011-12, the PTR at primary and upper primary level are 31 and 29, respectively.

(f) & (g): Two rounds of National Learners' Achievement Surveys conducted by the NCERT have revealed improvements in the learning achievement of children in classes III, V & VIII, even though overall achievements remain low. The findings of the third round conducted recently for class V also indicate that there is enhancement in the learning levels in most States.

(h) The RTE Act, 2009 provides a time frame of three years for the establishment of neighbourhood schools, for the provision of the school infrastructure and for meeting the PTR norms.

