

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUNNING WITH HIGH PUPIL TEACHER RATIO

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

- (a) whether there are significant number of primary schools running with very high Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has any provision for providing additional teachers in primary and upper primary schools;and
- (d) if so, the district-wise details of additional teachers provided under SSA in last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) to (b) As per Selected Educational Statistics (2006-07) published by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) in the country at primary and upper primary levels is 45:1 and 35:1 respectively.
- (c) Government of India under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme provides
  - (i) one teacher for every 40 children in primary and upper primary;
  - (ii) at least two teachers in a primary school;
  - (iii) one teacher for every class in the upper primary. Of the three teachers sanctioned under SSA for every new upper primary school, one each will need to be a teacher with mathematics and science specific educational background
  - (iv) wherever there is a need for additional teachers at upper primary level, to maintain the PTR of 40:1, the additional teachers sanctioned under SSA will need to be recruited from those with Science/Mathematics educational background.
- (d) Details of teachers provided under SSA in the last three years and the current year is at Annexure.