

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:188

ANSWERED ON:18.12.2013

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

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

- (a) the funds allocated and spent on the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether there is acute shortage of teachers in the country including Bihar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether interest of students is diminishing towards education due to appointment of para teachers under the SSA and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of teachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2013 ASKED BY DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH AND SHRI MAHABALI SINGH REGARDING SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS.

(a) to (e) The Statement showing the State-wise details on funds released by the Government of India and expenditure under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme during the last three years and current year is given at Annexure-I.

Enrolment in elementary schools has increased from 18.50 crore in 2007-08 to 19.97 crore in 2012-13, which shows that more and more children are enrolling in schools. Based on enrolments and commensurate requirement of teachers in elementary schools, 19.84 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned under SSA across the country against which States / UTs have appointed 14.80 lakh teachers. State-wise details of teacher posts sanctioned and recruited under the SSA, is at Annexure-II. In case of Bihar 4.03 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned under SSA against which 2.36 lakh teachers have been appointed so far.

The Right of the Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009, lays down that all elementary education teachers have to be professionally trained teachers. As per District Information System for Education (DISE) 2012-13, 82.17% teachers are professionally trained at elementary level. In-service professional training opportunities for 6.61 lakh untrained teachers in the system, has been sanctioned under the SSA to enable them to acquire professional qualifications, in open distance education mode.