

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF PRIMARY TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has reviewed / proposes to review the Right to Education Act, 2009 to know the ground reality;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its outcome;
- (c) whether there is a shortage of about 10 lakh primary school teachers;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government is considering to recruit primary school teachers under the MGNREGA scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): Yes Madam, Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) meetings held on 7.6.2011, 6.6.2012, 8.11.12 & 2.4.2013 and have reviewed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 in conjunction with the State Governments and independent academic experts. One of the outcomes of the meeting on 7.6.2011 was setting up of Sub committees to examine the feasibility of extension of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 to Pre-School education and secondary education and to prepare detailed financial estimates for the same. The CABE meeting held on 6.6.2012 constituted a Committee under the chairpersonship of Education Minister, Haryana for assessment and implementation of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in the context of the no detention provision in the RTE Act.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme 19.84 lakh teacher have been sanctioned till date, against which 15.06 lakh have also been recruited. There pupil teacher ratio in government and government aided schools at the National level is 1:28 at primary level. Hence, there is no overall shortage, though rationalisation needs to be taken up by States and also some vacancies remain to be filled.

There is no proposal under consideration to recruit teachers under MGNREGA.