

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

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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

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

- (a) the number of teachers in proportion to the number of students required and the number of posts of teachers lying vacant in primary and middle schools in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of directions and assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Governments in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the action plan formulated by the Government to meet the said shortage?

Answer

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

(a): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which became operative with effect from 1st April, 2010, prescribes the following Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) to be maintained at each of the school:

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
- (vi) The PTR (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.

The number of posts of teachers lying vacant in primary and middle school in the country, as of 31.03.2014, State-wise is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Since the inception of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 19.84 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned to all States/UTs against which 15.06 lakh teacher posts have been filled up. Progress on filling up of teacher vacancies is regularly monitored by the Government of India in conjunction with State Governments.