

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SINGLE TEACHER SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether a large number of schools are being run on single teacher concept in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the adverse impact on employment amongst qualified teachers as a result of the single teacher concept;
- (d) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to take concrete steps to abolish single teacher schools;
- (e) if so, the response of States thereto; and
- (f) the details of the assistance given or proposed to be given by the Union Government to each State to address the situation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2013-14, there are 9.96% single teacher schools in the country. The State-wise details of number of single teacher schools is at Annexure. The main reasons for single teacher school are non-rationalization of teacher deployment and large number of teacher vacancies in a few States of the country.

(c) to (f) : The Central government has requested States/UT's to fill up the vacant teacher posts and also to rationalize the teacher deployment in order to ensure that schools meet the pupil-teacher ratio, as stipulated in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. A total of 19.85 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned to States/UTs under SSA, against which 15.06 lakh teachers have been recruited up to 31.03.2014.