

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to maintain healthy teacher-student ratio in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

DR. TAPAS MANDAL (RANAGHAT): There are over 1100 Kendriya Vidyalayas catering to the educational needs of students of the country. These schools admit 1.5 lakhs new students every year. The Minister of HRD has a quota limit of 450 seats, fixed in 2014, but admission is much more (8000 students admitted against a quota of 450 in 2016-17). A healthy student teacher ratio is an integral part of quality education system. The RTE Act, 2009 states that the ratio should be 30:1 at primary, 35:1 at upper primary and 30:1 at secondary level.

Therefore I would urge upon the Government to look into this matter and ensure quality education without pressurising schools into taking more students.