

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
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Merger of Government schools in Haryana

656 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schools that in Haryana have been merged due to lack of qualified faculty and number of students in these schools;
- (b) the steps being taken to address the shortage of qualified teachers; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve the number of students in Government schools?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution of India and the opening and merger/closing or consolidation of schools are within the purview of respective State Government and UT administration. The State Government of Haryana has stated that no school has been merged due to lack of qualified teachers, however, a total of 292 Government Schools have been closed/merged due to zero or less than 25 students strength in the concerned school in the year 2022.

(b) The administrative matter of teachers including recruitment comes under the purview of respective State Government and UT administration, and it is an on-going process as per the needs/vacancies in schools. The State Government of Haryana has sent requisition to the recruiting agency to fill up 4476 posts of Post Graduate Teachers (PGTs) in various subjects as well as 952 posts of Primary Teachers. Further, the State Government also filled 379 posts of PGTs and 874 posts of Trained Graduate Teachers (TGTs) in various subjects through Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam (HKRN) as well as a requisition to fill up 472 posts of PGTs and 2670 posts of TGTs has also been sent to Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam (HKRN) to address the shortage of teachers.

(c) The Department of School Education and Literacy with effect from 2018-19 has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha. The scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

To improve the number of students, under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for undertaking various activities including opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, free uniforms, free text books, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment & retention drives. Further, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school children and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, special training centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are also supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Further, under the student oriented component for the children with special needs, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material and stipend to girl students with disability etc.

Further, the State Government has also taken the following steps to improve the number of Students in the Government Schools

- State Government has started a new model of schools i.e. Sanskriti Model Schools, out of which 139 schools are fully English medium with CBSE pattern.
- State Government had already converted 1418 primary schools in English Medium Bag Free Primary Schools with no home work with the facilities of Smart TV, Digital Boards and Locker for students etc.
- State Government has established 36 Aarohi Model Schools in the educationally backward blocks.
- State Government has started a scheme on 05.05.2022 to provide tablets to the Government Schools Students with internet facility for smooth functioning of on-line classes.
- State Government has started free bus facility for Government School Students where the school is situated more than 02 KM as well as also provided free bicycles to the Girls Students of Government Schools.
