

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
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ANSWERED ON-04/12/2024

Shortage of teachers in the country

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the vacancy of teachers in schools across the country, including Tamil Nadu especially in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to overcome the shortage of teachers in the country including Tamil Nadu, particularly in rural areas?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Education being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, an overwhelming majority of the schools in the country comes under the administrative control of States/UTs. The recruitment, service conditions and rational deployment of teachers come under the purview of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations.

Recruitment of teachers in schools is a continuous process as vacancies keep arising due to factors like retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength/new schools and the onus of recruitment of teachers through a comprehensive technology based planning and forecasting exercise lies on the respective State Government/Union Territory administration.

The Department of School Education and Literacy, from time to time, through review meetings and advisories, requests the State Governments and UT administrations to fill up these vacancies and their rational deployment.

Further, the Central Government through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, provides financial assistance to the States and UTs to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for various levels of schooling, as per norms prescribed in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, as amended from time to time.
