

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:- 1465**

ANSWERED ON-12/03/2025

**Shortage of Female teachers**

1465. **SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 11 lakh posts of teachers are vacant in the schools of the country out of which about 75 per cent of the posts are vacant in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the total number of female teachers in the country is not adequate and proportional to the number of girl students enrolled State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government so far to overcome the shortage of female teachers in the country particularly in rural areas?

**A N S W E R**

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

(a) & (b): 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 including rural allowances or housing facilities and rational deployment of teachers come under the purview of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations. The data regarding teacher vacancy is also maintained by them. Further, Recruitment is a continuous process and vacancies arise due to a number of factors like retirement, resignation, increased requirement of teachers because of the enhanced students' strength, etc.

(c) & (d): As per the data available on UDISE+ portal, out of 98.08 lakh teachers in the country, 53.33% are female.

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