GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education

2097 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as of Financial Year 2024, 12 per cent of teachers from primary to higher secondary levels and 48 per cent of pre-primary teachers lack professional teaching qualifications, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in issuing the National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education which was recommended under the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 to be released by 2021 and the expected timeline for its release; and
- (c) the percentage of vacant DIETs trainer and whether it is a fact that many DIETs lack essential facilities like libraries, computers, and internet access?

ANSWER

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

(a) The details of Professionally Qualified Teachers in school education during 2023-24 are reproduced below:

Percentage of Professionally Qualified Teachers – All Types of Management			
Stage	Male	Female	Total
Pre-Primary	63.4	46.6	52.4
Primary (1 to 5)	90	87	88.2
Upper Primary (6-8)	89.2	88.8	89
Secondary (9-10)	89.6	91.9	90.7
Higher Secondary (11-12)	87.9	90.3	89

Source: UDISE+ 2023-24

- (b) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions significant reforms in teacher education to fully restore the integrity of the teacher education system. The National Steering Committee has been constituted for development of National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (NCF-TE). The committee has undertaken extensive consultations with stakeholders to align it with the evolving educational landscape and prepared draft of NCF-TE.
- (c) The recruitment is a continuous process and vacancies keep arising due to a number of factors like retirement, resignation increased requirement of trainers as a result of the enhanced students' strength.

As recommended by NEP, 2020, the Government has envisaged every DIET of the country as a Center of excellence (CoE) having appropriate infrastructure and resource support; ability to empower teachers through continuous professional development; conduct research and develop evidence based practices; support inclusive education; foster collaboration among educational institutions, community organizations, industry, etc.; strengthen institutional linkages with BRCs/CRCs; conduct pre-service and in-service teacher training programme covering all levels of schooling, etc.

Accordingly, the Government has decided to develop all functional 613 DIETs into CoE under the Samagra Shiksha scheme in a phased manner starting with 125 DIETs in FY 2023-24 with an estimated outlay of ₹ 923.20 crores.

The important components of upgradation of DIETs under the CoE programme include financial support under Samagra Shiksha scheme for the following:

- Infrastructural facilities: academic block, library block, computer room, auditoriums, skill labs, balvatika, toilets and hygiene facilities, etc.
- ICT and technology facilities: smart classrooms, internet facilities, digital hardware/software, audio-video aids, etc.
- Safety and security facilities: CCTV surveillance, fire safety measures, first aid facilities, boundary wall, etc.
- Other facilities: furniture, drinking water, green campus, parking, canteen, solar panel, rain water harvesting system, etc.
