

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2909**  
ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

**Primary schools run by single teacher in States**

2909 # **Shri Ramji Lal Suman:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that primary schools are being run by a single teacher in many States of the country;
- (b) the number of primary schools where a single teacher has been appointed, State-wise, details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is possible to achieve the goals of the New Education Policy, 2020 with the help of solo teacher?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+ 2023-24, State/UT-wise number of schools with primary sections and single teacher schools with primary sections for the year 2023-24 are at Annexure-I.

(c): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. Therefore, regulation, maintenance and supervision of school as well as service terms and conditions of teachers come under the purview of the respective State and Union Territory (UT) Government. Under Samagra Shiksha, Central Government provides intervention-wise funds to State/UT Government in lump sum. The States/UTs further release the funds to District, Block and Government Schools based on the approvals for implementation of the interventions provided under the Samagra Shiksha. The recruitment of teachers in schools is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising due to retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength/new schools. Samagra Shiksha is also aligned with National Education Policy 2020 (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. The Central Government has been consistently pursuing the matter of expeditious recruitment and redeployment of teachers with the States and UTs. Advisories to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) have also been issued to States and UTs from time to time. 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.

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**Annexure - I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2909 ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025 ASKED BY HONB'LE MP SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN REGARDING 'PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUN BY SINGLE TEACHER IN STATES'

State/UT-wise number of schools with primary sections and single teacher schools with primary sections for the year 2023-24

State/UT	Number of schools with primary sections	Single teacher schools with primary sections
India	1228769	100166
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	388	11
Andhra Pradesh	51969	12543
Arunachal Pradesh	3297	618
Assam	46945	2613
Bihar	84246	1974
Chandigarh	226	0
Chhattisgarh	38753	5520
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	375	0
Delhi	4816	11
Goa	1143	238
Gujarat	43189	2113
Haryana	17798	726
Himachal Pradesh	12990	3365
Jammu & Kashmir	23238	1327
Jharkhand	42341	8294
Karnataka	60777	7477
Kerala	13161	73
Ladakh	923	82
Lakshadweep	28	0
Madhya Pradesh	109514	11035
Maharashtra	97245	7964
Manipur	4386	319
Meghalaya	9672	1389
Mizoram	1942	77
Nagaland	2534	31
Odisha	51217	518
Puducherry	636	0
Punjab	20779	1944
Rajasthan	106687	7673
Sikkim	1239	34
Tamil Nadu	50253	2707
Telangana	35284	5947
Tripura	4861	311
Uttar Pradesh	191984	4572
Uttarakhand	16609	3223
West Bengal	77324	5437