

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:- 1148**  
ANSWERED ON-10/12/2025

**Vacant posts of teachers in schools**

1148. **Shri Sandosh Kumar P:**

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

- (a) the total number of vacant posts for primary and secondary school teachers across the country as on 31st August 2025;
- (b) the list of vacant posts for primary and secondary school teachers across the country as on 31st August 2025, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken any step to address the shortage of teachers in schools across the country as on 31st August 2025;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): 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. Therefore, the recruitment, service conditions and rational deployment of teachers come under the purview of the respective State governments/UT administrations. 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. The data regarding the vacant posts of primary and secondary school teachers across the country, including the State of Maharashtra, are maintained by the respective States/UTs.

The 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.

Para 2.3 of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 has emphasized to ensure a pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) of under 30:1 in each school and a PTR of under 25:1 for areas having large numbers of socio-economically disadvantaged students. As per UDISE+, the Pupil-Teacher

Ratio (PTR) of the country has improved from 27:1 in 2022-23 to 25:1 in 2023-24. Further, the PTR at the Foundational, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary levels for 2024-25 has been reported as 10, 13, 17 and 21, respectively.

The Government also requests States/UTs to fill vacant posts of teachers, from time to time, to ensure timely recruitment of teachers by adopting a transparent and merit-based process through autonomous teacher recruitment boards. In order to ensure merit/quality among teachers, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) vide Gazette notification dated 23rd August, 2010, as amended from time to time, has laid down minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher.

The progress regarding filling up of teacher vacancies through a competitive selection examination conducted by States/UTs on a mission mode, with due care for consistency and sanctity and after a technology based comprehensive teacher requirement planning and forecasting exercise, is periodically reviewed through regular meetings with States/UTs as well as through advisories.

\*\*\*\*\*