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Education in tribal areas in Gujarat

4208 Dr. Syed Naseer Hussain:

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

- (a) the number of habitations in Adivasi-dominated blocks of Gujarat where children do not have access to a Government primary or upper primary school within one kilometer and three kilometers respectively, as mandated under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009; and
- (b) the teacher-pupil ratios in Government schools in Gujarat located in Adivasi areas and the number of sanctioned posts that remain vacant?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the purview of the respective State and UT Government. The distance of schools for students is assessed from the Gross Access Ratio - which is total villages/habitations having school within specified distance norm in a year out of total villages/habitations in that year. Gross Access Ratio (GAR) at all levels of school education in the state of Gujarat are given below:

Year	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
2024-25	100	100	99.05	97.49

(b): Matters relating to recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers fall within the administrative domain of the concerned States/UTs. Further, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for various levels of schooling, as per norms and in undertaking rational and transparent deployment of teachers, including through online systems, to ensure equitable availability of teachers in rural and underserved areas. As informed by the State, the teacher-pupil ratios (PTR) in Government schools in Gujarat located in Adivasi areas are as below:

Sr.No.	District	PTR
1	Aravalli	22
2	Banas Kantha	31
3	Bharuch	27
4	Chhotaudepur	28
5	Dohad	34
6	Mahisagar	24
7	Narmada	27
8	Navsari	22
9	Panch Mahals	27
10	Sabar Kantha	25
11	Surat	24
12	Tapi	22
13	The Dangs	26
14	Valsad	25
