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RAJYA SABHA
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Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) reported by Bihar

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) reported by Bihar to UDISE+ for primary, upper-primary and secondary Government schools in the most recent academic year;
- (b) the total number of teacher posts vacant in Bihar's Government schools;
- (c) the total Central assistance released to Bihar under the teacher-salary component of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in the last five years and the portion specifically linked to the pay revision of Nijojit Shikshak converted to regular status through the Sakshamta Pariksha; and
- (d) whether the Ministry received communication from the Bihar Government regarding delays in salary disbursement to Nijojit Shikshak attributable to delayed Central fund releases?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and the majority of schools in the country are under the administrative control of the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Accordingly, matters relating to recruitment, service conditions, deployment of teachers and filling up of vacant teaching posts fall within the administrative domain of the respective State Governments and UT Administrations.

Recruitment of teachers is a continuous process, and vacancies arise due to factors such as retirement, promotion, resignation, opening of new schools and increased requirement of teachers due to growth in student enrolment. The Central Government, from time to time, advises States/UTs to fill up vacant posts of teachers through transparent and merit-based recruitment processes.

Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) in the State of Bihar, during 2025-26, was as under: -

India/State /UT	Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) (2025-26)			
	Primary (1 to 5)	Upper Primary (6-8)	Secondary (9-10)	Higher Secondary (11-12)
Bihar	23	20	24	27

Source : UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus) 2025-26

Number of teachers working in schools of all types of management in Bihar during 2025-26 was as under: -

Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary	Total
171020	372687	14504	170734	728945

Source: UDISE+ 2025-26

(c) & (d): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs, including Bihar for various interventions. Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is prepared by the States/UTs, including Bihar, based on their requirements and priorities. AWP&B is then appraised/approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme and availability of budgetary resources.

Under Samagra Shiksha, funds are released to the States/UTs in *lump sum* and further distribution of funds for various approved components is decided by the States/UTs including Bihar. Amount approved for teacher salary component for the State of Bihar, under Samagra Shiksha, during the last five years, are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)	
Financial Year	Amount Approved (Includes both Central Share and State Share)
2021-22	3604.38
2022-23	3424.16
2023-24	3243.94
2024-25	3063.72
2025-26	2703.28

Source: PRABANDH [Project Appraisal Budgeting Achievements and Data Handling System]
