

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:- 1170
ANSWERED ON-29/07/2026

Teacher vacancies

1170 Shri Ryaga Krishnaiah:

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

- (a) the total number of school teachers sanctioned by each State including Telangana & Andhra Pradesh for the classes 1 to 10 from 2024 to 2026;
- (b) the total number of positions for teachers for classes 1 to 10 that have been filled in above mentioned years;
- (c) the total number of teacher vacancies for classes 1 to 10 for the years from 2024 to 2026 and the reasons for not filling up these vacancies; and
- (d) the total number of schools closed under merger/consolidation/rationalisation in each State especially in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Education being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, the majority of schools in the country are under the administrative control of the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Accordingly, the recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers fall within the administrative domain of the concerned States/UTs. Teacher vacancies arise from time to time due to factors such as retirement, resignation, creation of new posts, rationalisation of teacher deployment and changes in enrolment, including in rural, tribal and aspirational districts. Data relating to sanctioned teacher posts, teachers in position against sanctioned posts, teacher vacancies and the reasons for such vacancies in Government schools, State-wise, including in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, for the period from 2024 to 2026, are maintained by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

As per UDISE+ 2025-26, the State/UT-wise details of teachers in position in schools across the country from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 are placed at Annexure I.

Recruitment of teachers is a continuous process undertaken by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations in accordance with their recruitment rules and procedures. Vacancies arise from time to time due to factors such as retirement, resignation, creation of new posts consequent to enhanced student enrolment and establishment of new schools. The timeline for filling up such vacancies is also determined by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations.

The Central Government periodically advises States/UTs to fill vacant posts through transparent and merit-based recruitment processes, including through autonomous teacher recruitment boards or similar mechanisms. The progress of recruitment is regularly reviewed through meetings and advisories, with emphasis on competitive selection, consistency and technology-based teacher requirement planning and forecasting.

Further, the Central Government provides financial assistance to States/UTs under Samagra Shiksha to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) at various levels of schooling in accordance with the norms prescribed under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

Para 2.3 of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 emphasises maintaining a Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) of under 30:1 in each school and under 25:1 in areas with a high proportion of socio-economically disadvantaged students. As per UDISE+ 2025-26, the national PTR stands at 10 at the Foundational Stage, 12 at the Preparatory Stage, 17 at the Middle Stage and 21 at the Secondary Stage. In the State of Telangana, the corresponding PTR is 11, 10, 11 and 14, while in the State of Andhra Pradesh, it is 11, 12, 16 and 15, respectively, which are within the norms envisaged under NEP 2020.

(d): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and the opening, merger/closing/ consolidation/rationalisation of schools are within the purview of respective State Government and UT Administration-which are the appropriate Government under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

As per UDISE+, the State/UT-wise number of Government schools from 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 are placed at Annexure II.

Under the integrated centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1170 ANSWERED ON 29/07/2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH REGARDING "TEACHER VACANCIES".

Number of Teachers in-position (Pre-Primary to Secondary Level) in the country

State/UT	Number of teachers by Classes Taught (Pre-Primary to Secondary Level)		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
INDIA	9155644	9438291	9574324
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	5139	5486	5502
ANDHRA PRADESH	307327	312419	323520
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	23711	24145	24315
ASSAM	323828	321173	325602
BIHAR	627686	671302	689763
CHANDIGARH	9229	8978	9490
CHHATTISGARH	265593	271982	274859
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	4561	4842	4915
DELHI	133196	135192	136053
GOA	12284	12867	13595
GUJARAT	363419	358599	365890
HARYANA	237302	249876	253426
HIMACHAL PRADESH	87011	88837	89420
JAMMU & KASHMIR	156840	156832	156404
JHARKHAND	198453	199575	200077
KARNATAKA	393499	410350	420103
KERALA	250679	252793	255123
LADAKH	6038	6498	6730
LAKSHADWEEP	802	668	645
MADHYA PRADESH	612388	682492	692820
MAHARASHTRA	671153	680872	682530
MANIPUR	37509	38162	38383
MEGHALAYA	52926	54116	55194
MIZORAM	21062	22786	23095
NAGALAND	31166	31774	31717
ODISHA	315143	322260	319057
PUDUCHERRY	11688	12132	12593
PUNJAB	243561	244970	249451
RAJASTHAN	736622	752632	753631
SIKKIM	14083	13686	13866
TAMIL NADU	503639	487863	504353
TELANGANA	313456	330744	340995
TRIPURA	33644	33862	34050
UTTAR PRADESH	1470406	1546173	1573705
UTTARAKHAND	117698	121300	125089
WEST BENGAL	562903	570053	568363

(As per UDISE+)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1170 ANSWERED ON 29/07/2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH REGARDING "TEACHER VACANCIES".

Total Number of Schools in the country

State/UT	Total Number of Schools		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
INDIA	1471891	1471473	1466682
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	412	408	411
ANDHRA PRADESH	61373	61317	60843
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3490	3229	3159
ASSAM	56630	55283	55333
BIHAR	94686	94339	95285
CHANDIGARH	230	207	208
CHHATTISGARH	56615	56802	57036
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	432	433	426
DELHI	5497	5556	5643
GOA	1487	1479	1473
GUJARAT	53626	53355	53425
HARYANA	23517	23494	23479
HIMACHAL PRADESH	17826	17330	17064
JAMMU & KASHMIR	24296	24192	24228
JHARKHAND	44475	44376	44378
KARNATAKA	75869	74859	74578
KERALA	15864	15757	15750
LADAKH	995	961	883
LAKSHADWEEP	37	36	34
MADHYA PRADESH	123412	122120	119694
MAHARASHTRA	108237	108250	108139
MANIPUR	4646	4666	4662
MEGHALAYA	14601	14587	11462
MIZORAM	3941	3974	3965
NAGALAND	2725	2750	2715
ODISHA	61693	61565	61594
PUDUCHERRY	735	763	770
PUNJAB	27404	27281	27233
RAJASTHAN	107757	106302	106445
SIKKIM	1254	1245	1213
TAMIL NADU	58722	57935	57566
TELANGANA	42901	43154	41762
TRIPURA	4923	4943	4964
UTTAR PRADESH	255087	262358	265278
UTTARAKHAND	22551	22452	22437
WEST BENGAL	93945	93715	93147

(As per UDISE+)