

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:- 1943
ANSWERED ON-05/08/2026

Teacher's vacancies in primary and secondary schools

1943 Shri Javed Ali Khan:

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

- (a) whether more than 12 lakh posts of teachers in primary, secondary and senior secondary schools funded, under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), are vacant as on date;
- (b) if so, details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Department of School Education had issued advisories in 2024 and 2025 to the State Governments to fill up these vacancies of teachers in SSA funded schools; and
- (d) if so, details of States which have complied with the advisories along with the details of vacancies filled up during 2024, 2025 and 2026, till date, State-wise and year-wise with particular reference to Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): 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. The data relating to sanctioned teaching posts and vacant teaching posts in Government schools, including State-wise and category-wise details, including in the State of Uttar Pradesh, is maintained by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

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

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, on its part, provides financial assistance to eligible States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha for maintaining 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. However, the sanction, creation and filling up of teacher posts are the responsibility of the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

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 the UDISE+ 2025-26 report, the PTR at the national level stands at 19 at the Primary level, 17 at the Upper Primary level, 15 at the Secondary level and 23 at the Higher Secondary level, which is within the norms envisaged under NEP 2020.

Further, the Central Government, periodically advises States/UTs to fill up vacant posts of teachers through transparent and merit-based recruitment processes, including through autonomous teacher recruitment boards or similar organizations. The progress regarding filling up of teacher vacancies through competitive selection by the States/UTs, with due care for consistency and sanctity and after a technology-based comprehensive teacher requirement planning and forecasting exercise, is periodically reviewed by the Department of School Education & Literacy with the States/UTs.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1943 ANSWERED ON 05/08/2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN REGARDING "TEACHER'S VACANCIES IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS".

Number of Teachers in-position in Government schools in the country

State/UT	Number of teachers		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
INDIA	5037671	5149771	5134623
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	4446	4811	4758
ANDHRA PRADESH	197378	194297	201125
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	16706	16458	16288
ASSAM	225859	218363	216716
BIHAR	486541	522200	536061
CHANDIGARH	5260	5195	5518
CHHATTISGARH	188721	188578	186139
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	3080	3194	3264
DELHI	87000	86095	83384
GOA	3117	3401	3805
GUJARAT	198495	191577	194679
HARYANA	93859	101670	100969
HIMACHAL PRADESH	66081	66694	66267
JAMMU & KASHMIR	96380	94202	91569
JHARKHAND	117726	117039	116372
KARNATAKA	192358	195656	193644
KERALA	82703	82748	82601
LADAKH	4723	5107	5289
LAKSHADWEEP	911	751	729
MADHYA PRADESH	321372	393210	399970
MAHARASHTRA	228491	231247	223687
MANIPUR	17512	17471	16970
MEGHALAYA	22698	22827	20297
MIZORAM	13260	14389	14239
NAGALAND	18627	18527	18195
ODISHA	212181	218162	213165
PUDUCHERRY	4733	4737	4959
PUNJAB	126136	122463	122813
RAJASTHAN	434061	445073	441070
SIKKIM	11575	10949	10933
TAMIL NADU	234167	221944	221451
TELANGANA	148456	154956	156178
TRIPURA	28710	27601	26881
UTTAR PRADESH	630075	632186	627124
UTTARAKHAND	59391	59334	59401
WEST BENGAL	454882	456659	448113

(As per UDISE+)