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Shortage of teachers in the Kendriya Vidyalayas

361 **Shri Ryaga Krishnaiah:**

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

- (a) whether over 40 per cent of the Kendriya Vidyalayas do not have a principal and the shortage of teachers, too, has more than doubled in the last three years as COVID-19 has stopped recruitments for these schools especially meant for children of Union Government employees, including defence and paramilitary personnel, and several teachers/principals were forced to work double shifts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor and corrective steps being taken; and
- (c) whether there is any scheme for career progression or a transfer policy?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Vacancies keep on arising due to opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), retirement, resignation, promotion of employees, transfer, employees going on lien to another department and up-gradation of schools. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and efforts are made to fill up the vacancies as per the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).

As per information received from KVS, there are 1356 functional KVs across the country out of which 1012 KVs have regular Principals/Grade-II Principals. In the event of a vacancy to the post of Principal, the respective Regional Offices of KVS make officiating or alternative arrangements by assigning the charge to a Vice-Principal or the senior-most teacher as In-charge Principal.

Teachers are also engaged on contractual basis for temporary duration by KVS to ensure that the teaching-learning process is not hampered. Efforts are made to recruit regular teachers at the earliest so that interest of students does not suffer. The consistently high percentage results achieved by KVs over the years clearly demonstrate that academic standards and students' performance are duly maintained and are not compromised.

As per information received from KVS, after COVID-19, recruitment for filling up of 13411 vacancies of teaching and non-teaching posts, including the vacancies of Principal of KVS has been completed during 2022-23.

Further, a total of 8714 teaching vacancies including 161 vacancies of Principals in respect of KVS have been notified in the month of November, 2025 for the direct recruitment. The Tier-I and Tier-II examination have been conducted in January, 2026 and March, 2026, respectively.

In addition to above, a notification has also been issued by KVS in the month of December, 2025 for filling up of 2153 teaching vacancies including 157 vacancies of Principals in KVS through Limited Departmental Examination/Limited Departmental Competitive Examination.

(c) As per information received from KVS, adequate career progression opportunities are available to teaching employees through promotions on Seniority- cum-Fitness basis and Limited Departmental Examination. Further, financial progression through Senior Scale and Selection Scale are also available to the teaching employees of KVS. KVS has a duly approved Transfer Policy governing the transfer of both teaching and non-teaching employees.
