

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 719  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

**Pupil Teacher Ratio**

**719. SHRI G.M.SIDDESHWARA:  
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pupil - Teacher Ratio in schools has been reduced to 30:1 in all schools in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of schools which have maintained the Pupil-Teacher Ratio and physical infrastructure in schools as mandated under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to achieve the said goals, as mandated in the Act; and
- (d) if so, the details of progress made in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a)& (b): The RTE Act, 2009 in its Schedule lays down Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for both primary and upper primary schools. At primary level, the PTR norm is 30:1 and at the upper primary level it is 35:1. As per the Unified District Information System For Education (UDISE) 2015-16, the PTR at national level for primary schools is 23:1 and upper primary schools is 17:1. As per UDISE 2015-16, overall 66.1% of government schools in the country have PTR as per RTE norms.

The Right to Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 norms provide for an all-weather building consisting of, inter alia, at least one classroom for every teacher and an office-cum-store-cum-Head teacher's room, barrier free access, separate toilets for boys and girls, safe and adequate drinking water facility to all children and playground. The details of the infrastructure compliant schools in the country are follows:

RTE compliance with facilities (Government)Elementary Level								
	Schools	Girls Toilet	Boys Toilet	Drinking water	RAMP	Boundary wall	Playground	Library
Total	1072742	1037815	1059763	1040167	755182	636045	602253	916778

(c) & (d): The Central Government has launched an Integrated scheme for School Education - Samagra Shiksha, from 2018-19 which subsumes the erstwhile centrally sponsored schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education Scheme(TE). The scheme has provision for providing assistance to the State and UTs for additional teachers to maintain PTR, infrastructural strengthening of schools including additional classrooms, toilets, drinking water facilities, ramp, boundary wall and library as per norms of the scheme. The Central Government has also issued advisories to the States & UTs for redeployment of teachers to ensure that appropriate PTR is maintained as per norms in all the schools.

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