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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1535 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st July 2019

Vacancies of Social Work Teachers

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

- (a) the total number of vacancies of Social Work teachers in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to fill the said posts; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to introduce the subject of social work more broadly and extensively at secondary level in the country in view of the importance of this subject?

AN S W E R MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (b): As per the data available in Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE), 2017-18 (Provisional), there is no such category of social work teachers. Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. The recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers come under the purview of the State/Union Territory (UT) Government. However, Ministry of Human Resource Development has been requesting all the States and UT Governments for filling-up the vacant posts of teachers and their rational deployment, for which the Ministry issued advisories to all States and UTs from time to time.

Further, the Central Government through the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, provides assistance to the States and UTs for deployment of additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio as per the prescribed norms for various levels of schooling. Further, as per the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, financial assistance for part time instructors for art education, health and physical education and work education is also provided to the States and UTs.

(c): No such proposal is under consideration at this stage.
