GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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Rise in Enrollment in Government Schools after COVID-19 Pandemic

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government run schools continued to see rise in enrollments for the second consecutive year since the Covid-19 outbreak, while private schools saw decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the number of teaching staff in Government schools have not been increasing in commensurate with the growing number of admissions;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to maintain the required ratio between the students and the teachers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) and (b): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per the data recorded in UDISE+, total enrolment in different managements viz Government, Government Aided, Private Unaided and Others for the year 2019-20 to 2021-22 are as under:

Year	Enrolment in Government schools	Enrolment in Government Aided school	Enrolment in Private Unaided schools	Enrolment in Other schools
2019-20	130931634	27498530	98209302	7888109
2020-21	134904560	26845527	95157082	7542818
2021-22	143240480	27039457	88271316	6684577

(c) to (f): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. The recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers come under the purview of the respective State and Union Territory (UT) Government. The recruitment of teachers in schools is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising due to retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength/new schools. However, the Ministry of Education requests the State and UT Governments for filling-up the vacant posts of teachers and their rational deployment, through review meetings and advisories 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 (PTR) as per the prescribed norms for various levels of schooling. As per data recorded in UDISE+, total teachers in different management viz government, government aided, private unaided and others for the year 2019-20 to 2021-22 are as under:

Year	Teachers in Government schools	Teachers in Government Aided school	Teachers in Private Unaided schools	Teachers in Other schools
2019-20	4938868	820301	3602625	325783
2020-21	4927099	808355	3647674	313297
2021-22	4882446	796631	3540647	287399
