

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 589
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th FEBRUARY, 2023**

Poor Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Government Schools

589. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many schools in the country are having poor pupil-teacher ratio particularly in Government schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any direction to the States to improve this ratio;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the State Governments thereon; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (e): As per Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) norms for primary and upper primary level are 30:1 and 35:1 respectively. The PTR at national level for Government primary schools is 28:1 and for upper primary schools is 24:1 as per UDISE 2021-22 (provisional), which is better than the prescribed norms, the state-wise detail of Pupil-Teacher ratio is placed at Annexure.

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. Further, under Samagra Shiksha, Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments and UTs for additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio as per the prescribed norms for various levels of schooling. The Central Government has been consistently pursuing the matter of expeditious recruitment and redeployment of teachers with the States and UTs. Advisories to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) have also been issued to States and UTs from time to time.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 589 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD REGARDING POOR PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

State-wise Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) - 2021-22

States/UTs	Government	
	Primary	Upper Primary
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	10	11
Andhra Pradesh	24	17
Arunachal Pradesh	11	10
Assam	23	18
Bihar	60	31
Chandigarh	36	19
Chhattisgarh	23	23
Daman & Diu & Dadra & Nagar Haveli	33	34
Delhi	40	39
Goa	15	12
Gujarat	30	26
Haryana	32	25
Himachal Pradesh	15	11
Jammu & Kashmir	13	9
Jharkhand	33	38
Karnataka	20	16
Kerala	26	29
Ladakh	5	3
Lakshadweep	17	16
Madhya Pradesh	25	34
Maharashtra	22	25
Manipur	10	12
Meghalaya	20	13
Mizoram	14	7
Nagaland	7	5
Odisha	19	19
Puducherry	19	15
Punjab	25	24
Rajasthan	26	16
Sikkim	5	9
Tamil Nadu	25	18
Telangana	25	16
Tripura	19	22
Uttar Pradesh	29	33
Uttarakhand	18	18
West Bengal	29	35
India	28	24

(Source: UDISE+ 2021-22)