

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2204**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

**Primary Education**

†2204. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether the number of teachers in the Government primary schools in the country is less than the requirement;
- (b) if so, the total number of teachers required in the existing primary schools along with the actual number of such teachers at present;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed/ proposes to fix any time limit to address this shortage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 in its Schedule lays down Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for primary schools which is 30:1. As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2017-18 (provisional), the PTR at national level for primary schools is 23:1.

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. 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. 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 issues 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.