

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3421
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

School Teachers

3421. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether the ILO has reported that India had 14 teachers for every 1000 under-15 year olds, underlining the dire need for more teachers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the ILO analysis also establishes that Finland which has one of the best schooling systems, does not fall under the top 20 on the basis of number of teachers per 1000 under-15 students and thus stresses on quality of teachers rather than their numbers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

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

- (a) The Government has not received any formal communication from the ILO in this regard. The RTE Act, 2009 in its Schedule lays down the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for both primary and upper primary schools. At the primary level, 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) 2016-17, the PTR at national level for primary schools is 23:1 and upper primary schools is 24:1, which is better than the prescribed norms.
- (b) & (c) The data available at the ILOSTAT website has shown that Finland did not fall within top 20 on the basis of number of teachers per 1000 under-15 children, it was at the twenty-first position.
