

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 93
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

Shortage of Qualified Teachers

93. SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR H.:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the falling standard of education in various States of the country on account of shortage of trained cum qualified teachers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware of the school teachers' deficiency in training, across the country if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution. The recruitment, service conditions and redeployment of teachers are primarily in the domain of the respective State Government and UT Administration. The recruitment of teachers is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising due to retirement and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength.

As per Section 23(1) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has been notified as an academic authority to lay down minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in schools, and accordingly, the NCTE has notified the minimum qualifications vide notification dated 25th August, 2010 as amended from time to time, wherein passing Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) is mandatory.

Section 23(2) of The Right of Children to free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 was amended to ensure all untrained in-service elementary teachers are trained. Accordingly,

958513 teachers have successfully completed the online D.El.Ed. course conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

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 and for in-service training of teachers, school Heads, subject teachers, resource persons, master trainers, Education Administrators, Teachers Educators, key resource persons, induction training of newly recruited teachers at elementary and secondary levels. Training of teachers is also provided through digital medium on SWAYAM and DIKSHA platform.

Further, this Department has launched a National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)- a capacity building programme for "Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training". It aims to build competencies of all the teachers and school principals at the elementary stage.
