

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-6**  
ANSWERED ON –25/11/2024

**VACANT POSTS OF PRIMARY TEACHERS**

6 Shri Dhairyasheel Sambhajirao Mane:  
Shri Sudheer Gupta:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether expenditure on education in the country is more than countries like China and Japan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether more than 8 lakh posts of primary teachers are lying vacant in the schools across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has issued any directives to the State Governments to fill up these vacant posts as soon as possible;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Governments in this regard; and
- (f) the other measures/steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill these vacant posts in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (f): The details of Government expenditure on Education for India, China and Japan for the years 2020 and 2021 are as follows:

Countries	Government Expenditure on Education (% of GDP) <sup>1</sup>		Government Expenditure on Education (% of Government Expenditure) <sup>2</sup>	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
India	4.0	4.6	15.0	14.6
Japan	3.3	3.3	7.3	7.4
China	4.2	4.0	10.5	10.9

Data Source: data.worldbank.org

1. [Government expenditure on education, total \(% of GDP\) | Data](#)
2. [Government expenditure on education, total \(% of government expenditure\) | Data](#)

Education is a subject in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and a majority of the schools are under the administrative control of respective State Governments/Union Territory administrations. Recruitment of teachers, their service conditions and deployment come under the purview of the respective State Governments and Union Territory administrations. Further, recruitment is a continuous process and vacancies get generated due to a number of factors like retirement, resignation, increased requirement of teachers as a result of the enhanced students' strength.

The Department of School Education and Literacy, from time to time, through review meetings and advisories, requests the State Governments and UT administrations to fill up these vacancies through Autonomous Teacher Recruitment Board and their rational deployment. Further, the Central Government through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha provides financial assistance to the States and UTs to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for various levels of schooling, as per norms prescribed in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, as amended from time to time.

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