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LOK SABHA
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Single Teacher Schools in Maharashtra

†216. Smt. Dhanorkar Pratibha Suresh:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether is it true that 8,187 schools in Maharashtra have a single teacher in every school and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of teaching post vacant in the State's schools and the time schedule within which the said posts are likely to be filled;
- (c) the details of action to be taken by the Government against such schools that do not comply with the teacher-student ratio standards prescribe in the National Education Policy; and
- (d) the number of schools run by single teacher in tribal and remote areas of the State and its impact on the quality of education for students along with the survey report prepared by the Government in this regards, district-wise?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. Regulation, maintenance and supervision of school as well as service terms and conditions 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. 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. Further, periodic review meetings are conducted with the State/UTs and are advised to reduce the number of single teacher schools in the State if any.

Under Samagra Shiksha, Central Government provides intervention-wise funds to State/UT Government in lump sum, including support for teacher recruitment and deployment to maintain appropriate PTR as per norms. The States/UTs further release the funds to District, Block and Government Schools based on the approvals for implementation of the interventions provided under the Samagra Shiksha.
