

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of about eight lakh teachers in primary and middle schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken /being taken by the Government to tackle the problem;
- (d) whether there is any scheme to reduce the shortage in a phased manner; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e) Information regarding vacancy of teachers in schools of the country is maintained by the respective State Governments. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), State Governments make an assessment of additional requirement of elementary school teachers based on SSA norms namely

(i) one teacher for every 40 children in primary and upper primary;

(ii) at least two teachers in a primary school;

(iii) one teacher for every class in the upper primary, of the three teachers sanctioned under SSA for every new upper primary school, one each will need to be a teacher with mathematics and science specific educational background. The number of additional teachers required to meet the SSA norms is assessed annually and approved under the State Annual Works Plan & Budget.

Teachers are required by the respective State Governments as per their own specific rules and regulations, and norms and remuneration. Upto 2009-10, 12.82 lakh teachers have been provided to States/UTs under SSA.