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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-500
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2024

Teacher-student Ratio

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of single teacher schools in the country;
- (b) the details of steps being taken to address this concern;
- (c) what is the average pupil-teacher ratio in the country; and
- (d) what is the State-wise split of the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+ 2021-22, number of single teacher schools in the country state-wise are available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

(b): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. Therefore, 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. Under Samagra Shiksha, Central Government provides intervention-wise funds to State/UT Government in lump sum. 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. 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, 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.

(c) and (d): As per UDISE+ 2021-22, State/UT-wise PTR at Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary levels is available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.
