

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:- 2502**  
ANSWERED ON-03/08/2026

**Shortage of Teachers and basic facilities in Government Schools**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Government schools in the country are facing shortages of teachers and lack of basic facilities such as toilets, drinking water, electricity, digital classrooms and laboratories;
- (b) if so, the details of vacant posts of teachers and schools lacking basic facilities during the last three years, State/UT- wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to fill the said vacant posts and provide necessary infrastructure facilities in the schools;
- (d) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme for expansion of digital education, smart classrooms and science laboratories in Government schools in rural and aspirational districts;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to take any new initiative to improve the quality of education in schools and enhance the learning level of students; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
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(a) to (g): Education being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, the majority of schools in the country are under the administrative control of the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Accordingly, the recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers fall within the administrative domain of the concerned States/UTs. Data relating to teacher vacancies in Government schools, State/UT-wise is maintained by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

As per the UDISE+, the State/UT-wise details of teachers in-position in Government schools across the country, during 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26, are placed at the Annexure-I.

Recruitment of teachers is a continuous process undertaken by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations in accordance with their recruitment rules and procedures. Vacancies arise from time to time due to factors such as retirement, resignation, creation of new posts consequent to enhanced student enrolment and establishment of new schools. The timeline

for filling up such vacancies is also determined by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations.

The Central Government, on its part, periodically advises States/UTs to fill up vacant posts of teachers through transparent and merit-based recruitment processes, including through autonomous teacher recruitment boards or similar organisations. The progress regarding filling up of teacher vacancies through competitive selection examinations conducted by States/UTs, supported by technology-based teacher requirement planning and forecasting, is reviewed regularly through meetings and advisories.

The Central Government, through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, provides financial assistance to States/UTs to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) at various levels of schooling as per the norms prescribed under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, as amended from time to time.

The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 emphasises maintenance of a pupil-teacher ratio of under 30:1 in each school and under 25:1 in areas having large numbers of socio-economically disadvantaged students. As per UDISE+ 2025-26, the national PTR stands at 10 at the Foundational Stage, 12 at the Preparatory Stage, 17 at the Middle Stage and 21 at the Secondary Stage.

Further, under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for strengthening Government schools and improving school infrastructure across the country. The scheme supports construction of additional classrooms, toilets (including separate toilets for boys, girls and CWSN), provision of safe drinking water, electricity, ICT facilities, smart classrooms, digital classrooms, laboratories and other infrastructure as per the scheme norms. Infrastructure gaps are identified annually on the basis of data available in the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+) and proposals received from the respective States/UTs. Based on these requirements and priorities, the States/UTs prepare their Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B), which is appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) under Samagra Shiksha in accordance with the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme.

As per the UDISE+ report, the State/UT-wise details of percentage of schools having basic facilities such as toilets, safe drinking water, electricity, functional smart classrooms and integrated science labs, during 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26, are placed at Annexure-II.

Initiatives related to ICT and Digital initiatives under Samagra Shiksha, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, have been undertaken by NCERT to enhance digital learning in schools across the country. The initiatives aim to enhance the quality of education by integrating technology into teaching and learning processes, including training resources, supporting digital boards, virtual classrooms, and other emerging technologies.

ePathshala is a platform developed by NCERT under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. It provides access to educational resources, including NCERT curriculum aligned textbooks, audio-visual materials, and teacher training modules, in multiple languages. These resources are accessible via mobile apps and the web, facilitating learning across various devices. It is widely used in school education across the States/UTs in the country. e-pathshala (<https://epathshala.ncert.gov.in/>) provides Free access to e-books (class I to XII) through website and app.

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) is the National digital platform for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs, along with QR-coded Energised

Textbooks (ETBs) for all grades (One Nation, One Digital platform). As participants in DIKSHA, States/UTs/Autonomous Bodies (ABs) have generated and contributed over 3.71 lakh pieces of content in local/regional languages. Overall, 581.39 crore learning sessions and 6,738.24 crore learning minutes have been completed on DIKSHA by students, teachers and other stakeholders. The stakeholders have access to more than 836 Virtual Labs.

For enhancing quality of School Education, NEP 2020 lays emphasis on experiential learning, arts-integrated and sports integrated education, story-telling based pedagogy, integration of skill education, enhancing quality of pre-service and in-service training of teachers etc.

The following major initiatives have been taken to improve the quality of school education on equitable basis:

- i. National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) and National Curriculum Framework for Foundation Stage (NCF-FS) have been developed for children between ages 3-18 under the 5+3+3+4 curricular and pedagogical structure recommended by NEP 2020.
- ii. In accordance with NEP 2020 and the Curriculum Frameworks, textbooks that emphasize play-based, multidisciplinary, and experiential learning, from foundational years through to secondary have been developed. In addition to textbooks, innovative academic resources such as Special Modules, supplementary learning materials, and teachers' handbooks to support students and teachers in diverse areas of learning are continuously being developed.
- iii. National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) has been launched under Samagra Shiksha for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 3, and e-content for the same has been released at DIKSHA platform.
- iv. VIDYA PRAVESH-Guidelines for Three-month Play-based School Preparation Module for Grade-I Children have been released on 29th July, 2021 for all children to expose to a warm and welcoming environment in Grade-I. Jadui Pitara and e-Jadui Pitara, play based interactive learning resources have also been developed.
- v. NISHTHA Integrated Teacher Training Programme 1.0, 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 has been introduced for different stages of school education for Teachers, Head Teachers/Principals and other stakeholders in Educational Management.
- vi. PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 has been conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 by the Ministry of Education to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the health education system, and to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at different levels.
- vii. A 73 indicator-based matrix Performance Grading Index (PGI) has been developed to grade the States/UTs. District level Performance Grading Indices (PGI) have been prepared and a Web application for compilation of PGI-District has been developed.

The Central Government assists States and UTs through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha in delivering quality education and improving learning outcomes through various interventions. Support is provided, as per scheme norms, for RTE entitlements, composite school grants, library grants, grants for sports and physical education, student assessments, digital interventions, skill education, strengthening of Teacher Education Institutions like SCERTs and DIETs, professional development of teachers, support for DIKSHA, academic support through BRCs/CRCs, etc. Support for remedial teaching, bridge courses, and Learning Enhancement Programmes is also provided.

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**Number of Teachers in-position in Government schools in the country**

| State/UT                             | Number of teachers |                |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                      | 2023-24            | 2024-25        | 2025-26        |
| <b>INDIA</b>                         | <b>5037671</b>     | <b>5149771</b> | <b>5134623</b> |
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS            | 4446               | 4811           | 4758           |
| ANDHRA PRADESH                       | 197378             | 194297         | 201125         |
| ARUNACHAL PRADESH                    | 16706              | 16458          | 16288          |
| ASSAM                                | 225859             | 218363         | 216716         |
| BIHAR                                | 486541             | 522200         | 536061         |
| CHANDIGARH                           | 5260               | 5195           | 5518           |
| CHHATTISGARH                         | 188721             | 188578         | 186139         |
| DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU | 3080               | 3194           | 3264           |
| DELHI                                | 87000              | 86095          | 83384          |
| GOA                                  | 3117               | 3401           | 3805           |
| GUJARAT                              | 198495             | 191577         | 194679         |
| HARYANA                              | 93859              | 101670         | 100969         |
| HIMACHAL PRADESH                     | 66081              | 66694          | 66267          |
| JAMMU & KASHMIR                      | 96380              | 94202          | 91569          |
| JHARKHAND                            | 117726             | 117039         | 116372         |
| KARNATAKA                            | 192358             | 195656         | 193644         |
| KERALA                               | 82703              | 82748          | 82601          |
| LADAKH                               | 4723               | 5107           | 5289           |
| LAKSHADWEEP                          | 911                | 751            | 729            |
| MADHYA PRADESH                       | 321372             | 393210         | 399970         |
| MAHARASHTRA                          | 228491             | 231247         | 223687         |
| MANIPUR                              | 17512              | 17471          | 16970          |
| MEGHALAYA                            | 22698              | 22827          | 20297          |
| MIZORAM                              | 13260              | 14389          | 14239          |
| NAGALAND                             | 18627              | 18527          | 18195          |
| ODISHA                               | 212181             | 218162         | 213165         |
| PUDUCHERRY                           | 4733               | 4737           | 4959           |
| PUNJAB                               | 126136             | 122463         | 122813         |
| RAJASTHAN                            | 434061             | 445073         | 441070         |
| SIKKIM                               | 11575              | 10949          | 10933          |
| TAMIL NADU                           | 234167             | 221944         | 221451         |
| TELANGANA                            | 148456             | 154956         | 156178         |
| TRIPURA                              | 28710              | 27601          | 26881          |
| UTTAR PRADESH                        | 630075             | 632186         | 627124         |
| UTTARAKHAND                          | 59391              | 59334          | 59401          |
| WEST BENGAL                          | 454882             | 456659         | 448113         |

(Source: UDISE+)

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**Percentage of Government Schools having the Basic facilities**

| India/State/UT                       | Toilets |         |         | Drinking Water |         |         | Electricity |         |         | Functional Smart Classrooms |         |         | Schools with Secondary Sections having Integrated Science Lab |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                      | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24        | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24     | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24                     | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24                                                       | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
| INDIA                                | 98.6    | 98.7    | 99.0    | 98.4           | 99.4    | 99.6    | 92.4        | 94.5    | 95.9    | 21.2                        | 28.6    | 32.2    | 50.2                                                          | 51.7    | 51.1    |
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS            | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 91.8        | 92.5    | 92.5    | 43.8                        | 43.0    | 42.1    | 75.2                                                          | 73.3    | 76.2    |
| ANDHRA PRADESH                       | 99.4    | 99.2    | 98.9    | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 99.7        | 99.7    | 99.7    | 40.2                        | 43.6    | 49.5    | 52.8                                                          | 52.4    | 44      |
| ARUNACHAL PRADESH                    | 94.8    | 94.8    | 93.5    | 80.3           | 90.9    | 90.8    | 62.4        | 65.1    | 66.9    | 15.6                        | 19.5    | 20.7    | 42.2                                                          | 42.5    | 41.5    |
| ASSAM                                | 98.6    | 99.5    | 100.0   | 98.3           | 99.1    | 99.5    | 96.5        | 96.3    | 96.9    | 12.3                        | 23.2    | 26.5    | 36.0                                                          | 50.1    | 65.3    |
| BIHAR                                | 96.1    | 99.6    | 99.9    | 95.5           | 99.8    | 99.9    | 78.8        | 97.8    | 99.7    | 8.8                         | 11.4    | 11.6    | 17.9                                                          | 21.1    | 22.9    |
| CHANDIGARH                           | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0   | 97.5                        | 98.3    | 100.0   | 100.0                                                         | 100.0   | 97.1    |
| CHHATTISGARH                         | 98.9    | 97.0    | 99.0    | 99.0           | 99.4    | 99.8    | 94.1        | 94.1    | 95.7    | 18.5                        | 21.8    | 25.1    | 83.0                                                          | 80.8    | 83.5    |
| DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0   | 69.2                        | 69.5    | 82.2    | 84.6                                                          | 78.7    | 82.3    |
| DELHI                                | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0   | 70.0                        | 70.7    | 72.2    | 90.8                                                          | 99.1    | 99.6    |
| GOA                                  | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0   | 8.2                         | 10.3    | 14.7    | 93.0                                                          | 97.6    | 89.4    |
| GUJARAT                              | 99.5    | 99.2    | 98.9    | 99.9           | 99.9    | 99.9    | 99.9        | 99.9    | 99.9    | 63.3                        | 69.6    | 72.0    | 32.0                                                          | 31.3    | 29.6    |
| HARYANA                              | 99.9    | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 99.9        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 37.8                        | 42.6    | 46.3    | 79.0                                                          | 78.1    | 78.3    |
| HIMACHAL PRADESH                     | 99.9    | 99.7    | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 99.5        | 99.3    | 99.3    | 26.9                        | 48.1    | 57.9    | 84.3                                                          | 76.0    | 72.5    |
| JAMMU & KASHMIR                      | 96.3    | 96.1    | 95.9    | 99.3           | 99.6    | 99.6    | 91.2        | 91.4    | 91.3    | 10.6                        | 12.5    | 14.8    | 63.0                                                          | 62.8    | 62.4    |
| JHARKHAND                            | 99.5    | 98.9    | 98.1    | 98.4           | 99.1    | 99.1    | 96.2        | 96.6    | 96.8    | 8.0                         | 12.6    | 15.6    | 54.5                                                          | 54.0    | 54      |
| KARNATAKA                            | 99.8    | 99.7    | 99.7    | 99.9           | 99.9    | 100.0   | 98.9        | 98.9    | 99.2    | 14.9                        | 18.6    | 22.1    | 48.9                                                          | 48.5    | 42.9    |
| KERALA                               | 100.0   | 99.9    | 100.0   | 99.8           | 99.9    | 100.0   | 99.9        | 99.8    | 99.9    | 62.4                        | 64.2    | 71.5    | 61.7                                                          | 62.0    | 61.2    |
| LADAKH                               | 98.2    | 97.8    | 97.1    | 95.4           | 98.5    | 99.5    | 78.2        | 81.7    | 82.8    | 30.2                        | 38.7    | 48.6    | 74.4                                                          | 80.0    | 79.9    |

| India/State/UT | Toilets |         |         | Drinking Water |         |         | Electricity |         |         | Functional Smart Classrooms |         |         | Schools with Secondary Sections having Integrated Science Lab |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24        | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24     | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24                     | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2023-24                                                       | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
| LAKSHADWEEP    | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0   | 67.6                        | 86.1    | 97.1    | 69.2                                                          | 63.6    | 81.8    |
| MADHYA PRADESH | 99.3    | 98.9    | 98.8    | 99.6           | 99.5    | 99.7    | 87.9        | 89.6    | 92.8    | 11.6                        | 13.3    | 14.6    | 52.4                                                          | 52.3    | 54.2    |
| MAHARASHTRA    | 97.9    | 97.8    | 99.5    | 99.2           | 99.7    | 100.0   | 91.8        | 92.1    | 95.4    | 65.9                        | 69.5    | 73.6    | 72.5                                                          | 70.5    | 69.8    |
| MANIPUR        | 91.7    | 91.4    | 99.9    | 99.8           | 99.8    | 99.9    | 60.5        | 63.5    | 65.0    | 3.4                         | 12.6    | 13.1    | 27.9                                                          | 45.5    | 44      |
| MEGHALAYA      | 93.8    | 93.5    | 95.8    | 53.5           | 70.3    | 76.0    | 20.2        | 21.1    | 21.7    | 1.2                         | 1.4     | 3.0     | 40.0                                                          | 39.7    | 44.7    |
| MIZORAM        | 93.7    | 91.7    | 90.3    | 89.3           | 93.7    | 94.3    | 85.5        | 85.9    | 89.3    | 7.0                         | 10.4    | 12.2    | 52.0                                                          | 55.0    | 47.3    |
| NAGALAND       | 91.1    | 92.9    | 91.0    | 64.9           | 88.0    | 88.9    | 76.0        | 81.2    | 85.1    | 29.7                        | 31.7    | 33.0    | 29.1                                                          | 36.8    | 42.4    |
| ODISHA         | 99.9    | 99.8    | 99.5    | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 96.6        | 97.3    | 97.1    | 25.7                        | 32.3    | 34.4    | 88.9                                                          | 90.1    | 86.1    |
| PUDUCHERRY     | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0   | 61.7                        | 72.3    | 76.4    | 78.5                                                          | 79.3    | 79.1    |
| PUNJAB         | 99.8    | 99.8    | 99.8    | 99.9           | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0   | 87.5                        | 89.1    | 90.2    | 79.5                                                          | 80.4    | 82.8    |
| RAJASTHAN      | 96.5    | 96.3    | 94.7    | 97.2           | 99.0    | 98.8    | 90.0        | 90.9    | 91.2    | 16.5                        | 21.2    | 24.6    | 21.3                                                          | 21.1    | 20.9    |
| SIKKIM         | 99.9    | 99.6    | 99.6    | 99.8           | 99.9    | 100.0   | 98.7        | 98.9    | 99.3    | 43.9                        | 56.9    | 68.2    | 73.2                                                          | 76.5    | 78.9    |
| TAMILNADU      | 99.9    | 99.2    | 100.0   | 99.9           | 99.8    | 100.0   | 99.9        | 99.9    | 100.0   | 1.1                         | 71.4    | 83.4    | 98.3                                                          | 84.5    | 81.9    |
| TELANGANA      | 95.7    | 96.1    | 97.7    | 96.5           | 99.4    | 100.0   | 93.4        | 95.8    | 99.4    | 18.3                        | 29.5    | 35.1    | 31.6                                                          | 63.8    | 63.9    |
| TRIPURA        | 98.1    | 98.5    | 97.6    | 93.4           | 97.4    | 97.7    | 79.6        | 83.4    | 84.9    | 13.1                        | 21.7    | 24.3    | 28.2                                                          | 29.4    | 29.6    |
| UTTAR PRADESH  | 99.6    | 99.0    | 100.0   | 99.3           | 99.8    | 99.8    | 90.7        | 92.4    | 94.9    | 12.4                        | 20.8    | 27.3    | 58.8                                                          | 58.6    | 58.9    |
| UTTARAKHAND    | 98.4    | 99.5    | 99.0    | 96.7           | 99.2    | 99.5    | 90.8        | 95.3    | 96.8    | 21.4                        | 30.6    | 36.6    | 65.8                                                          | 64.2    | 65.5    |
| WEST BENGAL    | 99.9    | 99.8    | 99.8    | 99.7           | 99.9    | 99.9    | 98.6        | 98.4    | 98.5    | 3.4                         | 4.2     | 3.5     | 34.3                                                          | 35.4    | 29.6    |

Source: UDISE+