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5.	Jamia Millia Islamia	770	661	112
6.	Jawaharlal Nehru Univ.	723	485	238
7.	North Eastern Hill Univ.	407	285	122
8.	Pondicherry University	460	258	202
9.	Visva Bharati	712	605	107
10.	Assam University	325	279	46
11.	Tezpur University	230	151	79
12.	Nagaland University	216	147	69
13.	Mizoram University	338	213	125
14.	B.B. Ambedkar University	130	75	55
15.	M.G.A. Hindi Vishvavi	69	43	26
16.	M.A.N. Urdu University	263	144	119
17.	University of Allahabad	540	301	237
18.	Manipur University	260	161	99
19.	Rajiv Gandhi University	142	94	48
20.	Eng. and Foreign Lang. University	237	180	57
21.	Tripura University	103	82	21
22.	H.N.B. Garhwal University	368	303	65
23.	Guru Ghasidas Vishw.	240	90	155
24.	Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishw.	324	154	170
TOTAL		13120	8701	4420

Student-teacher ratio

†626. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary and middle schools in the country where students are less in number as compared to the number of teachers and the number of such primary and middle schools where teachers are less in number than the number of students especially in Himachal Pradesh, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (b) whether Government has fixed any student-teacher ratio;
- (c) if so, the number of students for a teacher;
- (d) whether Central Government coordinates or intervenes with the State Governments if such shortage is reported; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) to (e) The Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which has come into force with effect from 1st April, 2010, provides for school-wise Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) of 30:1 at primary level and 35:1 at upper primary level which is required to be achieved in a period of three years.

To achieve the desired school-wise PTR, the Central Government has already advised States to redeploy teachers from excess to deficit areas. Since inception of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme in 2001-02, a total of 14,19,565 posts of teachers have been sanctioned to improve PTR.

Affiliating university system

627. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the affiliating university system is outdated and does not allow universities to do research seriously;
- (b) whether Government is also aware that the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has recommended to establish Central and State Boards of Undergraduate Education to replace the affiliating university system; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to move in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) Universities are required to perform various functions, which include teaching, research, extension and conduct of examination. University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2009 in order to regulate and standardize the process of granting affiliation to Colleges by the Universities.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. However, there is no agreement on this aspect of the recommendations of National Knowledge Commission. Establishment of a Central Board of Undergraduate Education along with State Board of Undergraduate Education may also impose a lower common denominator on higher education at the undergraduate level, and would be against autonomy of higher educational institutions. In addition, it would not only divorce undergraduate higher education from the postgraduate studies and research, but would also lead to over-centralization, leading to adverse consequences on the relevance and updating of curriculum and, therefore, it is felt that undergraduate education must remain as integral part of the University System.