

i.e. 2005-06 and 2006-07 in respect of North Eastern (NE) States, out of 25% share of these States, 15% funding was provided by the Ministry of DoNER. The funding pattern for NE States continues to be 90:10.

(b) The funding pattern in the Eleventh Plan period has been 65:35 and for the NE States 90:10.

(c) Central share of ₹ 2002.15 crore has been released to Gujarat during the Eleventh Plan on the same funding pattern as the other States.

Vacancies in IITs

3021. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 1611 vacancies in the total strength of 5092 in all the IITs in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons for such large vacancies; and

(c) by when the vacancies would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Out of the sanctioned strength of 5149, about 1549 teaching positions were vacant in the 15 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) as on 30.06.2012. The reasons for faculty shortage are increase in student in-take on account of capacity expansion in the Institutes and the non-availability of qualified candidates for taking up teaching assignments.

(c) Arising of vacancies and filling up thereof is a continuous process and IITs have been taking various initiatives to attract outstanding candidates for faculty positions. Some of these measures include year-round open advertisements, holding of selection committee meetings through video conferencing, invitation to alumni, scientists and faculty to reach out to the potential candidates, advertisements in international journals, outstanding young faculty awards, etc. IIT faculty are encouraged to undertake consultancy and are given start-up financial support upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs to take up research, besides professional development allowance.

Shortage of teachers

†3022. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (a) whether there is any estimated figure as far as shortage of teachers is concerned as there are talks of shortage of Government teachers in the country;
- (b) the steps Government is taking to deal with this problem; and
- (c) the student-teacher-ratio in the country during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the enforcement of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, the additional requirement of teachers in elementary education was estimated at 5.08 lakh. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) a total of 6.31 lakh teachers have been sanctioned to the various States, till 2011-12, since RTE coming into force. The recruitment of teachers at elementary level is undertaken by the State Governments/UT administrations and 23 States/UTs have held Teacher Eligibility Test examination.

- (c) As per District Information System for Education data, the Pupil Teacher Ratio in the country at primary and upper primary level, during the last three years was as under:—

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Primary	34	33	32
Upper Primary	31	31	29

Recruitment of cook-cum-helpers

3023. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the State Governments to recruit cook-cum-helpers for Mid-Day-Meal Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) The provision of engagement of cook-cum-helpers has been made in the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) with effect from December, 2009 to ensure preparation and serving of hot cooked meal in a hygienic environment. The MDMS guidelines provide for engagement of one