

and Compulsory Education (RTE), Act 2009. Accordingly, since inception of SSA in 2000-2001, the State Government of Karnataka has been sanctioned 29057 posts of teachers out of which 24274 posts are filled and 4783 posts are vacant.

The mode and method of recruitment, rules and regulations for the recruitment of teachers, service conditions, salary and deployment of teachers etc. are in the domain of the State Governments and UT Administrations. The Central Government has been consistently pursuing the matter of expeditious recruitment of vacant posts and redeployment of teachers with the States and UTs at various fora. Advisories on this issue have also been issued to States and UTs from time to time.

Seeking Aadhaar cards from employees and students

701. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to seek Aadhaar cards from all employees and students to make sure that there is no duplication;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of ghost teachers identified, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) 12.68 lakh Teachers' data with Aadhaar Number has been collected through All India Survey on Higher Education 2016-17. Teachers' data with Aadhaar Number is being authenticated through UIDAI. The total number of teachers' data with doubtful Aadhaar is 85708 as per information available on *gurujan.gov.in*. Students' Aadhaar has not been collected in All India Survey on Higher Education.

Enrolment in higher education

702. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in the country;
- (b) what is the target set to increase GER;
- (c) what are the initiatives taken for the same; and
- (d) whether any initiatives have been taken to improve the quality of education in terms of equity and shortage of teachers in the schools and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYAPAL SINGH): (a) As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2016-17, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in the country is 25.2% for the age group of 18-23 years.

(b) to (d) As per Twelfth Five Year Plan, the target for the year 2020-21 is 30%. In order to reach the target, students are encouraged for pursuing higher education; the Government has introduced scholarship programmes to supplement the cost of education. The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology has been envisaged as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of making the best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and life-long learning as well as extending the education facility to a larger section of people. During the Twelfth Five Year Plan, a new scheme called the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has been approved which aims to achieve equity, access and excellence in higher education. The scheme supports components such as upgrading autonomous colleges to universities, clustering colleges to establish a university, setting up of new professional colleges in un-served and underserved areas as well as providing infrastructure grants to universities and colleges to scale up capacity.

Representation of teachers of various classes in higher education

703. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the All India Survey on Higher Education for 2016-17, the Muslim representation among the teachers in higher educational institutions in the country is 4.9 per cent which is much lower than the community's proportion in population;

(b) whether the representation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is also lower than proportions of their population; and

(c) whether, at the all India level, the teachers belonging to the general category are more than half, *i.e.* 58.2 per cent of the total number of teachers and OBCs follows at 31.3 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2016-17, percentage of Teachers of Muslims, Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Castes (OBCs) community have been reported as 4.9, 8.3, 2.9 and 31.3 respectively. Similarly as per Census 2011, percentage of population of Muslims, SCs and STs have been reported 14.2, 16.2 and 8.2 respectively. Percentage of OBC population is not available in Census 2011.