

Samagra Shiksha is implemented in partnership with all the States and UTs including Rajasthan and financial assistance is provided to all States and UTs for various components including strengthening of ICT infrastructure in schools from upper primary to higher secondary level, opening /strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings and additional classroom, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), setting up of residential schools/ hostels, free uniforms, free text books and undertaking enrolment and retention drives.

Issue of single teacher in Assam tea schools

1208. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in Assam, tea garden schools are running with a single teacher and this fact was accepted by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) how many schools are still running with a single teacher and the steps taken by Government for these schools;
- (d) whether Government has any plan for recruitment of teachers in these schools;
- (e) whether Government has given any clear directions to the State Government for teacher's recruitment; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (d) The State of Assam has reported that out of 2040 Government/Provincialized elementary schools in tea garden areas in Assam, 143 schools are single teacher schools as on 31st March, 2019.

The State has also informed that teachers are engaged from time to time as per the norms of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. Some schools have single teacher due to various reasons like retirement, vacancy of sanctioned posts etc.

For recruitment of teachers in schools under the Department of Elementary Education (DEE), Assam, advertisement has been published by the State Government of Assam on 11.03.2018 for the post of 9635 teachers of Primary and Upper Primary Schools including the

Government and Provincialized schools of tea garden area. However, the matter is now sub-judice under the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court. Tea Garden Management has also been asked to take steps for meeting gaps of teachers in case of Tea Garden managed schools.

(e) and (f) The recruitment, service conditions and redeployment of teachers are primarily in the domain of respective State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, under Samagra Shiksha, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments and UT Administrations for additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) as per norms of the scheme. The Central Government has been consistently pursuing the matter of expeditious recruitment and redeployment of teachers with States and UTs at various fora.

Higher education to tribal students

†1209. SHRISAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special schemes for providing higher education to tribal students, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any plan to open central tribal universities in other States of the country like that of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The Central Government has already established two Central Tribal Universities namely the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak and Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagram with a view to provide avenues of higher education and research facilities primarily for the tribal population of the country. Besides, the Andhra Pradesh reorganization Act, 2014 inter-alia mandates for establishment of a new Central Tribal University in Telangana. Further, there are several Central Universities in different States which also fulfil the aspirations of higher education of tribal youth of the region.

Further, the UGC is implementing a scheme for the benefit of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students i.e. National Fellowship for Higher Education of Scheduled Tribe Students (formerly Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST Candidates). In addition to this, UGC is

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