

primary level it is 35:1. As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2016-17, the PTR at national level for upper primary schools is 24:1, which is better than the prescribed norms.

(c) The data available at the ILOSTAT website has shown that Finland did not fall within top 20 on the basis of number of teachers per 1000 under-15 children.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu

1190. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with the Challenge Method Committee of Ministry to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the Thoothukudi district of the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if no such proposal is there, whether Government will come forward to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in the coming days

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) There is no proposal pending with the Challenge Method Committee to open a new Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) at Thoothukudi district in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government employees including Defence personnel on receipt of the proposal in the prescribed proforma from Ministries/ Departments of Government of India / State Governments / Union Territory Administration committing thereby availability of requisite resources for setting up a new KV as well as on availability of necessary sanction of the Government. The proposals received from various sponsoring authorities for opening of new KVs also have to compete among other proposals under the "Challenge Method".

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that no proposal in the prescribed proforma has been received for opening of a new KV at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.