

Guidance and Counseling units and appointment of Student Counselors, student mentors, organizing Workshops / Seminars on Happiness/Wellness, regular sessions on Yoga, holding induction programs, extracurricular activities including sports and cultural activities.

(b) The details of suicides reported in IITs during the last two years are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of suicides reported in IITs during the last two years

Sl. No.	Name of the IIT	Year-wise details of suicide		
		2018	2019	Total
1.	IIT Kharagpur	1	-	1
2.	IIT Bombay	1	-	1
3.	IIT Delhi	1	1	2
4.	IIT Madras	1	3	4
5.	IIT Kanpur	1	-	1
6.	IIT Roorkee	1	-	1
7.	IIT(ISM) Dhanbad	1	-	1
8.	IIT Hyderabad	1	2	3
TOTAL		8	6	14

Student-teacher ratio in schools

1667. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the student-teacher ratio in Government primary and middle schools;

(b) the reasons for this anomaly and the steps Government proposes to take to solve the problem of shortage of teachers in Government schools; and

- (c) by when Government would declare any effective policy regarding this?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 in its Schedule lays down Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for both primary and upper primary schools which are 30:1 and 35:1 respectively. As per UDISE 2017-18 (provisional), the PTR at national level for Government primary schools is 23:1 and for upper primary schools is 27:1 which is better than the prescribed norms. Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the jurisdiction of the respective State and Union Territory (UT) Government. Hence, the recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers are primarily in the domain of the respective State and UT Government. The recruitment of teachers is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising due to retirement and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength. However, Ministry of Human Resource Development has been requesting all the States and UT Governments for filling-up the vacant posts of teachers and their rational deployment, for which the Ministry issues advisories to all States and UTs from time to time.

Further, the Central Government through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, provides assistance to the States and UTs for deployment of additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio as per the prescribed norms for various levels of schooling.

Reduced spending on research and innovation

1668. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has cut its spending on research and innovation in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to increase the spending on research and innovation in the country, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the TOTAL expenditure incurred on research and innovation by the Centre in proportion to the TOTAL expenditure incurred by the Centre for the last five years, and
- (d) the details of expenditure on research and innovation by the Centre as a percentage of GDP over the last five years, year-wise?