

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3864  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**Problem faced by seasonal teachers in J&K**

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Will the **Minister** of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government understands the problem faced by seasonal teachers in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and any study/reports on it;
- (b) whether Government is planning to pay seasonal teachers for the whole year rather than for six months only, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether any initiative or drive has been started to ensure that seasonal teachers are able to sustain themselves and their families in the remaining six months when they do not have any job, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to regularise the income of seasonal teachers to that of a school teacher, if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

- (a) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. States/UTs formulate the qualification criteria for the recruitment of teachers, remuneration and mode of recruitment i.e regular, contractual/ guest, seasonal etc. Thus, the policy issue regarding teachers is handled by respective State/UT Government. Representations received regarding teachers related issues are taken up with respective State/UT including UT of J&K.

As per the information received from Government of UT of J&K, there is huge chunk of migratory population in UT of J&K which migrates within the District or from one Division to another Division during the onset of summer season along with their school going children to the highest mountain peaks/pastures for a maximum period of six months which usually begins from April/May and ends in September/October. The UT of J&K facilitates the education of these children of nomadic population by enabling the districts to establish the seasonal centers, where these communities live for 6 months.

Seasonal Educational Volunteers (SEV) are engaged in these Seasonal Centers for imparting education to these nomadic children every year during their migration period of 06 months. The engagement of these Seasonal Educational Volunteers is purely temporary and co-terminus with the closure of the Seasonal Center as and when the migratory population moves back to their original places after the summer session is over. After returning from Seasonal Centre to their respective homes, these children continue their studies in their respective schools of their catchment area.

(b) to (d) UT of J&K has informed that, recently the UT has ordered that Seasonal Teachers once engaged, for maximum period of six months every year, shall not be discontinued from services for minimum of 5 years or till the time there is some report of non-performance or indiscipline for concerned Seasonal Teacher. Taking due cognizance of Seasonal Educational Volunteers' problems, the UT of J&K has recently enhanced the monthly honorarium from Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 10,000/- from the year 2021-22.

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