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Punjab education minister Daljit Singh Cheema said Punjab government recruited 65,143 teachers in nine years and 1,800 schools have been upgraded during this period. Cheema was in Patiala on Sunday for the inauguration of a government school which was upgraded from higher secondary to senior secondary at Lot village on Sunday.

"Due to reforms in government school, the results of these schools are remarkable now. Ten meritorious schools have been opened in different parts of the state and it is a matter of great pride that these schools are giving good results. We recruited 65,143 teachers in two terms of SAD-BJP government and 2,005 more will be recruited soon for the posts, which are going to get vacant in 2017," said, Cheema.

"We promise that all government primary schools will have teachers till March 31, 2017. The state government recruited 4,500 primary teachers last week and 4,500 were promoted as head teachers; 2200 teachers were promoted as lecturers recently," he said.

"This year, 600 schools were upgraded by the state government and 32 of those are in Patiala district. Now the students will not have to go far away for studies," he added.