

## **10k teaching posts to be filled by year-end in Jharkhand**

RANCHI: The school education and literacy department has promised to fill up 10,000 vacant teachers' posts across all senior secondary schools in the state by year-end.

Department secretary Aradhana Patnaik said, "There are 18,000 vacant posts across high schools in the state. In the first phase, we will recruit 10,000 teachers by year-end."

Around 20 districts have prepared and submitted a roster of teaching posts. The other four districts have been given a June 30 deadline to submit rosters.

"Once we get all rosters, we will forward the requisition to the state staff selection commission next month to initiate the recruitment process," Patnaik said. Most high schools in need of teaching staff have been ungraded from middle schools between 2009-10 and 2013-14 under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) initiative. Also, around 121 additional middle schools have been ungraded so far this year.

The recent amendment in regulations has brought all high schools and upgraded high schools under a common head. The vacant posts for 11 assistant teachers and one principal in each of the high schools have been created by the department.

The proposal for recruitment for vacant posts in around 1,000 schools has already been forwarded to the Centre for approval. Patnaik said, "Recruitment for the remaining 8,000 posts will be done next year." Patnaik added that recruitments will assure jobs for eligible candidates.