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80% govt schools in Delhi don't have principals, says teachers' body

Almost 80% of the 1,100 Delhi government schools don't have principals, the Government School Teachers Association (GSTA) wrote to the AAP government.

The association informed the education secretary that the promotions of principals and vice principals were delayed for more than two months.

“The promotions of the principals have been delayed for too long and so is the case with the vice principals. Due to this most schools have vice principals serving as the head of school, resulting in non-appropriate administration,” said GSTA's letter.

“This has happened as government has proposed amending the recruitment rules. After that we do not know what has happened but the process has been stalled,” said GSTA general secretary, Ajay Veer Yadav.

Government official said they were aware of the issue and were working on it. “The process is under consideration and it will be done soon,” he said.

The teachers' association also raised the issue of promoting the graduate teachers (TGT) to post graduate teachers (PGT). “The promotions which were done for 2013-14 sessions are incomplete. Few categories such as physical education, home science, drawing teachers have been left out. We demand that this should be immediately done,” said Yadav.

The group also wants guest teachers to be regularised soon. It also highlighted that teachers were being sent to the education department for administrative work. “There is a shortage of staff in the department of education. Instead of recruiting new staff members, the department has deputed teachers for administrative work. They should be immediately posted back to their respective schools,” said the letter.