

## **Teachers to be ‘withdrawn’ from schools have single section each of Class IX, X**

Woefully short of government school teachers, the School Education Department has decided to “withdraw” post-graduate teachers (PGT) from high schools that have a single section each of Class IX and X.

PK Das, Additional Chief Secretary, School Education, confirmed this.

Sources said trained graduate teachers (TGT) working in those schools would take Class IX and X, while the PGTs will be posted in schools where their “workload can be justified”.

Against 35,000 posts of PGT, there are 17,500 teachers, while the department is short of 8,000 JBT teachers. The PGTs teach Class IX and onwards, TGTs teach Class VI to VIII and JBT teachers take classes up to Class V.

Sources said the rationalisation exercise would be carried out once the online transfer requests of teachers had been considered and weighed against the requirement in schools and number of students. Keeping in view the request of transfer received from teachers, the department will issue need-based postings. The requirement of teachers has been based on student enrollment of last year; this has been kept as the benchmark to ascertain the workload.

“With PGTs’ work not commensurate with the prescribed workload, the department is of the view that they should be posted in schools where their services can be utilised better. Also, to compensate the TGTs who will teach Class IX and X, we have altered their workload in lower classes,” Das said.

To deal with the shortage, the department has already promoted more than 1,000 teachers. The department is also learnt to have asked the Haryana Staff Selection Commission to expedite the pending recruitment process.

The department, meanwhile, has continued with an initiative started last year of taking an hour-long extra class to refresh students’ understanding of basics. The idea is to bring them up to a certain level of learning before proceeding with the syllabi.