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DPI to hire 10K guest teachers

BENGALURU: THOUGH the Department of Public Instruction had recently identified and redeployed excess teachers in government schools, there is still a demand for 10,000 more.

Recently, the department had identified 12,000 excess teachers working at government primary and high schools as per the Right to Education Act (RTE) norms. And it had deployed them to schools where there is a need.

But even after the exercise, the department needs more teachers and to fill that shortage, it has decided to hire 10,000 guest teachers.

Confirming this, a senior official of the department told Express, “We will start the process of hiring guest teachers after the completion of the ongoing general teachers’ transfers.”

As per information available from the Department, not all districts are facing a shortage of teachers.

“Some districts have enough teachers and some have managed after redeployment of excess teachers. There are a few districts which are in need of teachers. We have prepared the school-wise list of districts which need additional teachers and those vacancies will be filled by using guest teachers,” the official said.

The department had considered a ratio of one teacher for 10 students to identify excess teachers.

There are 44,295 government schools in the state with a student strength of 39,06,988. Currently, 1,66,083 teachers are working at these schools.