

Govt decides to sanction 9k teachers' posts

EdCIL To Hold Online Exam

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New Delhi: The Delhi government has decided to sanction another 9,623 teaching posts in its schools. The decision that, once implemented, will cost the government about Rs 540 crore per year has been cleared by the cabinet. The government has decided also to bring in EdCIL—Education Consultants India Limited to conduct the recruitment test for teachers online.

This addition will increase the total strength of teaching staff in government schools—Padmini Singla, director, education, informs it is currently at about 54,000—and ease some of the pressure on current teachers, guest or permanent. "This major decision will help in achieving the desired level of teacher-pupil ratio as per the Right to Education Act 2009," says a statement issued by the government.

The change in primary classes, to which the RTE Act is applicable, will not be immediate. The largest chunk of newly sanctioned posts—4,940—has gone to the post-graduate teacher (or PGT) rank. An increase in their number will not impact primary classes (Grades I to VI



HIRING SPREE: Sisodia

II) where RTE Act is applicable.

However, the second largest set—2,933 posts of trained graduate teacher (TGT)—will impact. "TGTs teach classes VI to X. And that is where the maximum pressure is," observes C P Singh, president, Government School Teachers' Association, adding, "They should have sanctioned more for TGTs and less for PGTs." The other posts being created are of principal (25), vice-principal (365), physical education teacher (860), drawing teacher (256), librarian (38) and laboratory assistant.

Interestingly, the recruitment for these posts will not be through tests conducted by the Delhi Subordinate Staff Selection Board. Education minister, Manish Sisodia, observed in a tweet that EdCIL has been picked for its "proven track record".



■ Government to provide age relaxation and weightage to contract and guest teachers.

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Over 9.5k teaching posts to be created

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi government has decided to create 9,623 additional teaching posts and provide age relaxation and weightage to contract/guest teachers of government schools in the recruitment process in its attempt to overhaul the education system.

"The 9,623 additional teaching posts created by the government will be filled through an online test that will be conducted by a public sector company—Education Consultant India Ltd," a government official said.

"It has been decided to recommend age relaxation and an additional weightage for experience to eligible, contract based/guest teachers working at schools run by Delhi government's Directorate of Education," he added.

Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had suggested that

candidates who worked as guest teachers and contract teachers of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan may be given some age relaxation and weightage marks as a onetime measure by linking it to the years of service rendered by them with appropriate conditions.

The entire recruitment process will be done on behalf of the Directorate of Education and Education Consultant India Ltd will provide back end support as service provider, he said.

The government will incur an annual additional financial burden of about ₹540 crore if it was to fill up all the 9,623 newly created posts, estimates suggested.

During the current financial year, 2015-16, around ₹666 crore has been provided by the government to meet the expenditure incurred on account of existing as well as newly created teacher posts, he added.