

The Secretary,  
Department of Education,  
Government of Assam,  
Guwahati.

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Dear Dr. Bijoya Choudhury,  
Subject: Approval for primary data collection and access to secondary data from SCERT

Greetings from The Centre of Excellence in Teacher Education (CETE), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. The CETE was launched to work towards the revitalisation of the teaching profession and teacher education through teaching programmes, research and advocacy ([bit.ly/cetewebsite](http://bit.ly/cetewebsite)).

With a view of drawing attention to various aspects of the sector in India, the Centre has planned a Biennial report series of 'State of Teachers, Teaching and Teacher Education'. We are working towards our 2023 report which will **focus on teacher availability at schools, supply and demand**. The study will provide recommendations for comprehensive planning as suggested by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 for teacher availability, recruitment and deployment of teachers. This will help to ensure subject teachers' availability and deployment at the state and national levels.

In addition to UDISE, NAS etc. the report will also draw on primary data from schools and teacher education institutions in ten states. In this connection, we are conducting a study of schools (private, aided and government), teacher education institutions (private, aided and government), and key informants from the education system.

Surveys of teachers, headteachers, heads of teacher education institutes, teacher educators and student-teachers will be conducted. In-depth discussions would be held with the district or block-level officials. In the state of Assam, we would like to cover around 120 schools and 30 Teacher Education Institutes (TEIs) in the districts of Darrang, Kamrup Metropolitan and Dhubri. We seek your permission and support to complete this large-scale data collection in a timely manner. We would also request you to depute authorities to guide and support us in the data collection process. The data would be collected in the month of March-April, 2023.

Additionally, we also wish to access secondary data available in the State such as Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) related data, B.Ed and D.Ed enrollment, and course completion, and the status of District Institute of Education & Training (DIET).

We request you to please permit us to undertake this research. Please let us know if you require any additional information or clarifications.

Warm regards and thanks in advance,



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