

# 25k teachers go on mass leave, CM assures demands will be met

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**D**EHRADUN: As many as 25,000 government school teachers across the state under the aegis of Rajkiya Shikshak Sangh (RSS) went on mass leave on Tuesday to protest against the inaction of the government and the education department in addressing their long pending demands.

In the morning hours, over 2,000 teachers protested outside the office of the education directorate in the state capital. Some of the teachers claimed that police lathicharged them while they were on their way to gherao the secretariat. However, things seem to have taken a favourable turn by the evening when a delegation of teachers met the chief minister, who assured them that their demands will be met.

Talking to TOI, Sohan Singh Majila, general secretary of the Rajkiya Shikshak Sangh, said, "We have been assured by the CM that our demands like three-day earned leave, provision of journey leave, salary increment etc will be met. So, for now we have agreed to wait until September 5 to see what action is taken. We have also been assured that no disciplinary action will be taken against teachers involved in Tuesday's protest."

Earlier in the day, teachers raised slogans in the city and were marching towards the secretariat when they were stopped by police near Nalapani Chowk. Many were detained, taken to Police Lines, and later released. The teachers also said that some of them were hurt after police lathicharged them.

The agitating teachers also sat on a protest near Parade Ground until a delegation of four members was invited to meet CM Harish Rawat.

The demands of the teachers include assured career progression, provision of travel leave, transparent annual teacher transfers and inclusion of physical education as a regular subject in the school curriculum, among others.