

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:677
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
UPGRADATION OF NIMH AND NIHH INTO FULL-FLEDGED UNIVERSITY
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to upgrade the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped (NIMH) and National Institute for Hearing Handicapped (NIHH) into a full-fledged university dealing with physical disabilities and related education;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal;
- (c) the extent to which the present NIHH and NIMH are unable to train the requisite number of personnel required in the country;
- (d) whether the Government will consider different and modified courses at NIHH and NIMH to train more people; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.677 for answer on 8.5.2003 put forth by Shri A Brahmanaiyah, M.P. regarding Upgradation of NIMH and NIHH into Full-fledged University

(a) & (b): The proposals of the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai and National Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad functioning under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for being awarded Deemed University status have been submitted to Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(e)

(i): The Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped runs programmes for:

1. Bachelor in Science in Hearing, Language & Speech
2. Bachelor in Education (Hearing Impairment) - 3 Courses
3. Bachelor in Audiology, Speech Language Pathology
4. Diploma in Hearing, Language and Speech
5. Diploma in Special Education (Hearing Impaired)
6. Master of Education (Hearing Impaired)
- 7 Master of Science (Audiology and Speech Language Pathology)

(ii) The National Institute for Mentally Handicapped runs programmes for:

1. Diploma in Special Education (Mental Retardation)
2. Diploma in Vocational Training and Empowerment (Mental Retardation)
3. Bachelor in Rehabilitation Services (Mental Retardation)

4. Bachelor in Special Education (Mental Retardation)
5. Bachelor in Special Education (Mental Retardation) Distance Mode
6. Post Graduate Diploma in Early Intervention

- 7 Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education.

Some other Institutes and NGOs also run programmes in related areas. However, as per estimates of Rehabilitation Council of India, there exists a gap in the requirement and availability of trained manpower in the areas of mental retardation and hearing impairment.

(d)&(e): While the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped plansto introduce new courses in the field of Mental Retardation at Diploma/Degree and Post –Graduate levels, The Ali Yavar Jung NationalInstitute for Hearing Handicapped plans to add Degree and Post – graduate Courses in Audiology.