

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

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PROJECTS FOR EDUCATION OF PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are special projects for the education of the physically impaired in Kerala and various other States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the institutions meant for the hearing impaired and the blind in different States including Kerala;
- (c) if so, the names of the agencies (including the Governmental) conducting institutions for the hearing impaired;
- (d) whether the Government have received projects for the setting up of model schools based on model curriculum for the education of the hearing impaired from the NGOs in the State of Kerala and other States if any; and
- (e) the details of the projects and the present status of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is releasing Grant-in-aid assistance under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities to voluntary organizations working in all States including Kerala. Besides, six National/Apex Institutes for different disabilities are functioning under the aegis of the Ministry. The details of these institutions are available in the annual reports and the website (www.socialjustice.nic.in) of the Ministry.

(d) and (e) A proposal from National Institute of Speech and Hearing, Trivandrum, Kerala was received through the State Government of Kerala for setting up a model school for education of hearing impaired for assistance under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities. The proposal has been referred to Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Impaired, Mumbai for a technical evaluation report.