

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1072  
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EDUCATION TO BLIND CHILDREN  
P.R. KHUTE

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

- (a) whether the government have any special scheme to provide education to blind children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the States where these schemes are being implemented;
- (d) the Central Assistance provided to the States for running Andh Vidyalayas and other institutions imparting education to the blind;  
and
- (e) the number of blind children studying in these schools?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) No central assistance is provided by the ministry to the States for running Andh Vidyalayas and other institutions imparting education to the blind. However the ministry is assisting the non-governmental organizations including those working for the visually disabled under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities.