

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVATION FOR DISABLED STUDENTS .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a comprehensive action plan to provide education to children and youth with disabilities in mainstream educational settings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether 3% reservation for disabled students is not being implemented at present;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by Government to implement the new action plan in letter and spirit?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): The Government has drafted an Action Plan for Inclusion in Education of children and Youth with Disabilities (IECYD) which aims at –

1. Enrolment and retention of all children with disabilities in the mainstream education system
2. Providing quality education through appropriate curricula, organizational arrangements, teaching strategies, resource use and partnership with their communities in order for children and young persons with disabilities to develop their learning and abilities
3. Support higher and vocational education through proper implementation of the existing reservation quota in all educational institutions and creation of barrier free learning environments.
4. Disability focused research and interventions in universities and educational institutions.

(c), (d) & (e) : Section 39 of the Persons with the Disabilities Act, 1995 provides for 3% reservation to persons with disabilities in admission in seats in Government educational Institutions and Institutions receiving grants from the Government, and this is being implemented.