

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

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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey to identify the Children with Special Needs (CWSN);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of percentage of children enrolled in schools, State-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which CWSN is able to provide equitable educational opportunities to disabled children ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Under the Scheme "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)", it is the State Governments that conduct surveys to identify Children with Special Needs (CWSN). In 2006- 07, 30,38,038 CWSNs were identified under SSA in 34 States/UTs. Details of CWSNs identified and enrolled alongwith percentage of children enrolled in Schools, State-wise, are annexed.

(d) To provide equitable opportunities to disabled children in 6-14 years age group, SSA has provision for appointment of resource teachers, providing aids and appliances to CWSNs, training of teachers on inclusive education, NGO involvement in all aspects of inclusive education and barrier free access to CWSNs. So far, 6147 resource teachers have been appointed in 23 States, 77.19% of the CWSNs have been provided assistive devices and 4.44 lakh schools have been made barrier free, by using the provisions of SSA. A large number of teachers have also been trained in various fields for dealing with CWSNs.