

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

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AUTISM RESEARCH

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

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(a) whether the Government is using latest technology in autism research by infusing a sense of equality into the life of the children in their primary and secondary education levels and also in the PG level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) and (b) : No research has taken place under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) with reference to autism spectrum disorders. However, teachers are being trained to identify autism in the children using a methodology developed by the National Institute of Mentally Handicapped.

Under the centrally sponsored scheme " Inclusive Education for the Disabled at the Secondary Stage", financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for assistive devices, teaching aids, development of special teaching material or such other items as are necessary to give a child with disability, including autism, equal opportunities in education.