

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
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TEACHERS FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number and the number per thousand of trained teachers required to teach differently abled children as per the Rehabilitation Council of India;
- (b) whether the trained teachers are considered at par with other teachers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of disabled children in the country at present; and
- (e) the steps being taken to meet the requirement of special teachers for differently abled children?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

- (a) As informed by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), the Report on 'Projection of Human Resource Requirement in the Field of Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities' published by Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR) in 2009 has projected a total requirement of special teachers as 1,74,217 for the year 2011.
- (b) & (c) Under Inclusive Education of the Disabled Children at Secondary Stage (IEDSS), funds are released as salary to the special teachers as per the State norms. In addition, the special teachers having the requisite qualification are paid special pay of Rs.400/-.
- (d) As per Census 2001, there are 77,32,196 children with disabilities in the Country.
- (e) Institutions have been recognized in the country for offering different types of Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, PG Diploma, Masters and M. Phil Courses. These courses are being offered both through regular and distance modes. Till date, over 50,000 qualified persons are registered with RCI.