

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has discontinued the scheme of 'Integrated Education' for the Disabled Children (IEDC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the adverse impact on education of disabled children in the country as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to revive the 'IEDC Scheme'; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The scheme of "Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC)" was implemented till 31-3-2009, and thereafter, it has been replaced by the scheme of "Inclusive Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS)". IEDC was meant for the disabled children at both elementary & secondary levels. Since children with special needs in the elementary stage are being covered under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), it was considered prudent to have a dedicated scheme, IEDSS, for disabled children at the secondary stage (class IX-XII).

(c): No adverse impact on education of the disabled children in the country is anticipated as a result of discontinuation of IEDC, since the dedicated schemes of SSA and IEDSS between them cater to the diverse needs of the disabled children at elementary & secondary levels respectively.

(d) & (e): No, Sir. This is because SSA covers children in the elementary stage, while IEDSS covers the secondary and higher secondary stage.