

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) for teaching and training to deaf population in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such centre is likely to be set up in Tamil Nadu also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) Ministry, vide order dated 21.07.2011, has approved establishment of Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC), on project basis, for a period of five years, as an autonomous Centre of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. The Centre will lead the way in the study, academic development, propagation of Indian Sign Language and in its teaching and training, so that this language gains its rightful, linguistic, cultural, educational and social place. The Centre has been inaugurated on 04.10.2011.

(c) & (d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.