

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

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ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University of Delhi has been granted approval for hiring scribes, interpreters or other forms of assistance to the disabled students during the examination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has issued any directions to the State Universities in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided in the State Universities?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): On a reference received from the Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, the University Grants Commission (UGC), vide its letter dated 27th January, 2011, requested the University of Delhi to allow use of computers in writing answers in examination by the students with writing disabilities apart from the students with visual impairments. The University of Delhi has also framed a policy for providing appropriate assistance and relaxation to the students with disability during the examinations, vide its notification dated 9th November, 2011.

(c)to(e): The UGC provides financial assistance to the State Universities under the Scheme "facilities for differently abled (Physically Challenged) persons" under Merged Scheme during XI Plan Period. It is for the State Universities to make full use of this facility.