

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FREE HOSTEL FACILITY TO DISABLED STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Universities including Kurukshetra University are providing free hostel facility to disabled students who are suffering from 80 per cent or above disability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to implement such facilities in each State in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it provided financial assistance to all eligible State Universities including Kurukshetra University under the scheme, 'Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs' (HEPSN) for creating an environment at the Universities to enrich higher education learning experiences of differently-abled persons. Creating awareness about the capabilities of such persons and for constructing facilities aimed at improving accessibility, purchase of equipment to enrich learning, etc. during the 11th Plan.

The Kurukshetra University provides facilities like, (a) Blind students are exempted from payment of hostel Charges (except mess charges), (b) Free hostel accommodation to the dependent children of the Leprosy Affected Persons (LAPs) on production of valid proof, (c) Room rent free hostel accommodation to the students with disability of 80 per cent or more with family income from all sources not exceeding Rs. 1.00 lac per annum w.e.f. 2012-13. Such students are also given scholarship of Rs. 1000/- per month.