

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION TO DISABLED CHILDREN

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a survey regarding education of handicapped children;
- (b) if so, the percentage of handicapped children studying and not studying and the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the important steps being taken by the Government to provide maximum opportunities to handicapped children for education and the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. As per the National Sample Survey conducted by SRI-MRB in 2009, it is estimated that there is a total of 81 lakh children who are out-of-school. This represents 4.28% of the total child population in the 6-13 age group. The SRI-MRB survey of 2009 has also estimated that there were 28.97 lakh children with disabilities, representing 1.52% of the total child population, of children with disabilities, 34% children are estimated to be out-of-school Annexure-I.

A statement indicating the steps taken by the Government to provide more opportunities of education to the disabled children is at Annexure-II.