

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

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EDUCATION TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether handicapped persons are deprived of better education in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for education of the handicapped persons in the country including Maharashtra; and
- (d) the number of such beneficiaries so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme supports the States in inclusive education wherein these Children With Special Needs (CWSN) are integrated into regular schools, through identification, assessment, corrective surgeries, assistance with aides and appliances and teacher training. Home based education facilities are also an option for severe disability cases. Under the SSA, over 32 lakh CWSN have been identified till March, 2013, of whom over 85% are enrolled in schools and 1.5 lakh are enrolled in home based education. Around 28 lakh aids and appliances have been distributed under the SSA to the CWSN.

The Scheme of Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) provides assistance for inclusive education for children with special needs in Classes IX-XII through direct student assistance which includes inter alia, medical & educational assistance, books & stationary, assistive devices, as well as provision for teachers, teacher training etc. Under the IEDSS, a total of 77341 in 2009-10, 1.48 lakh in 2010-11, 1.38 lakh in 2011-12 and 77069 in 2012-13 CWSN have been approved to be covered.

The State-wise position of children with special needs in schools is at Annexure.