

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IEDSS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Inclusive Education for Disabled Students at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) Scheme including the target group and its components;
- (b) whether the scheme has been able to achieve its objectives since its inception;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor,
- (d) the details of funds released from 2009-10 to 2013-14 and the reasons for not releasing any funds for the year 2012-13 including the action taken against the officials accountable for the lapse; and
- (e) the mechanism put in place for effective implementation of the scheme?

Answer

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

- (a) The Centrally Sponsored IEDSS Scheme aims to ;

The Scheme of Inclusive Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) was launched in 2009-10 replacing the earlier scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC). It provides assistance for the inclusive education of disabled children in classes IX-XII. The aim of the Scheme is to enable all students with disabilities, after completing eight years of elementary schooling, to pursue further four years of secondary schooling (class IX to XII) in an inclusive and enabling environment. The scheme covers all children passing out of elementary schools and studying at secondary and higher secondary stage in Government, local body and Government-aided schools, with one or more disabilities as defined under the Persons with Disabilities Act (1995) and the National Trust Act (1999), namely, i) Blindness, ii) Low vision, iii) Leprosy cured, iv) Hearing impairment, v) Locomotory disabilities, vi) Mental retardation, vii) Mental illness, viii) Autism, and ix) Cerebral Palsy.

The components of the scheme include:

- i) Assessment of medical / educational needs
- ii) Provision of students specific facilities
- iii) Development of learning material
- iv) Support services like special educators
- v) Construction and equipping of resource rooms
- vi) Training of general school teachers to build their capacity to fulfill the needs of children with special needs
- vii) Make schools barrier free. Girls with disabilities receive special focus and efforts are made under the scheme to help them gain access to secondary schools, as also to information and guidance for developing their potential. There is a provision of a monthly stipend of Rs.200/- for disabled girls.

- (b)& (C) Yes, Madam. Under the IEDSS Scheme, the total number of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) approved to be covered since the inception of the Scheme till now is 5,65,683.

- (d) The year wise release of grants under the scheme including 2012-13 are as under: -

Year	Funds released (Rs. In lakhs)
2009-10	5513.13
2010-11	8034.48
2011-12	8316.15
2012-13	2698.44

(e) The School Education Department of the State Governments / Union Territory (UT) Administrations are the implementing agencies. They may involve NGOs having experience in the field of education of the disabled, in the implementation of the scheme. To ensure further effective implementation by the States/UTs, regular review of the progress is undertaken in the Project Approval Board meetings and the Conference of State Secretaries chaired by the Secretary (SE&L).