

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOOLS FOR BLIND STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of special schools including such schools for blind students being run in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether funds are provided by the Government to these schools along with the Government schools; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI PORIKA BALRAM NAIK)

(a) to (c) under the `Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided to non-Governmental organizations for various special schools for persons with disability including blind students. A statement indicating State/Union Territories wise number of special schools and financial assistance provided under the scheme during the last three financial years is at Annexure-I. However, there is no provision for providing assistance to Government schools under this scheme.