

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

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INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has stopped /replaced the scheme of 'Integrated Education for Disabled children'(IEDC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the likely adverse effects on the education of disabled children as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to restart the said scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) : Yes, Madam. The scheme of "Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC)" was implemented till 31-3-2009, and thereafter, it has been replaced by the scheme of "Inclusive Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS)". IEDC was meant for the disabled children at both elementary & secondary levels. Since children with special needs in the elementary stage are being covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), it was considered prudent to have a dedicated scheme, IEDSS, for disabled children at the secondary stage (class IX-XII).

(c) : No adverse impact on the education of the disabled children in the country is anticipated as a result of the discontinuation of IEDC, since the dedicated schemes of the SSA and the IEDSS between them cater to the diverse needs of the disabled children at the elementary & the secondary levels respectively.

(d)& ( e ) :No, Madam. This is because the SSA covers children in the elementary stage, while the IEDSS covers the secondary and higher secondary stage.