

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL PLAN FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had planned special and determined efforts for the persons with the hearing and speech impairment during the Eleventh Five Year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Sign Language Research and Training Centres, Special Schools and Degree Colleges proposed to be opened in each State during the Eleventh Plan period;
- (d) the budget allocations proposed to be made therefor;
- (e) the time by which the provisions of Eleventh Five Year Plan in this regard are likely to be implemented; and
- (f) the measures being taken for economic, social and educational, development of the above persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. Efforts are being made to have Sign Language Research and Training Centres which will inter-alia devoted to the development and promotion of Sign Language and Training.
- (c): Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) will start in the year 2010-11. There are six centres in the country offering training in Indian Sign Language located at Mumbai, New Delhi, Kolkotta, Bhubneshwar, Secundrabad and Indore.
- (d) : Rs.12.15 crore for a period of 5 years with a recurring cost of Rs.9.31 crore and Non- recurring cost of Rs.2.84 crore.
- (e) : Likely to be implemented in the year 2010-11.
- (f) :
 - (i) The technical education is being made deaf friendly by training the Instructors in ITI's and Polytechnic in modes of communication.
 - (ii) Inclusive education is being supported through research and development, and
 - (iii) Both general education and special education courses are being suitably modified to promote inclusive education.