

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1174  
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INSTITUTION FOR DEAF STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to set up institutions of higher learning for deaf children in the country including Punjab;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the initiatives being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) Whether the State Government of Punjab has sent any proposal for setting up of one such institution in the State; and
- (d) If so, the details and present status thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b) There is a proposal to establish College for students with hearing impairment in each of the five zones of the country. The Central Sector Scheme for this purpose has already been launched on 29.01.2015. As per the Scheme, Grants-in-aid are envisaged to be provided to existing colleges for expansion of existing infrastructure, purchase of aids/office equipment & reimbursement of the cost incurred by the college towards payment of salaries and allowances etc. to the college faculty, staff and sign language interpreters. The Screening Committee set up under the Scheme has the mandate to identify such colleges in the country.

(c) No

(d) NIL