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

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the enrolment ratio of physically and mentally disabled children at the primary level as a result of the provisions made for disabled children in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the enrolment ratio of such children during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the achievements made in providing barrier free access for disabled children to schools under SSA and the Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) enrolment of children with special needs has increased from 11.92 lakh in 2011-12 to 17.21 lakh in 2013-14 at the primary level as a result of the provisions made under the scheme to enable such children to join schools. State wise enrolment of CWSN during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 at primary level is at Annexure.
- (d): Under SSA, in 2011-12, 53.43% schools had ramps, which has increased to 82.33% in 2013-14. The Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) scheme under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), has sanctioned upgradation of existing 804 schools to secondary schools and 1342 additional classrooms with the provision of ramps and removal of other architectural barriers.