

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

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO DISABLED CHILDREN .

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has worked out any scheme for providing proper education and vocational training to the mentally or physically disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up institutes at district level for the above purpose and also for making them able to get employment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, the scheme of "Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education" and "Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage" provide for education and vocational education for students with special needs at secondary and higher secondary level. The Centrally Sponsored scheme of IEDSS aims to provide educational opportunities and facilities to students with disabilities in the general education system from Classes (IX to XII). Under the Scheme financial assistance is provided for student oriented component including provision of aids and appliances, learning materials, transport facilities, hostel facilities, scholarship, books, uniforms, assistive devices, support staff etc., teacher training, construction and equipping of resource rooms etc. The scheme of "Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education" in convergence with IEDSS Scheme seeks to encourage and ensure the participation of children belonging to special focus groups including children with special needs in vocational education through suitable measures including provision of support services e.g. special aids and appliances, removing architectural barriers in schools for easy access, orientation /sensitization of teachers, factoring in the diverse needs of the learners with special needs while selecting vocational trades etc.

(c) & (d): Currently there are 21 Vocational Rehabilitation Centers For Handicapped functioning in the country under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India. The VRCs offer vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities in the age group of 15-50 years.