

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many schools do not have special education teachers to cater to the needs of disabled children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make it compulsory to have posts of special education teachers in all the Government schools;
- (d) if so, the steps that are being taken by the Government to fill up the existing vacant posts of special education teachers on urgent basis; and
- (e) whether there is also a provision to provide special treatment to disabled students in government and private schools and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has been implementing a Scheme named Inclusive Education for Disabled of Secondary Stage (IEDSS) since 2009-10. The existing guidelines of IEDSS already provide for recruitment of special teachers by the State/UT Governments in any school or for a cluster of schools where more than five children with disabilities are studying. The State-wise special teachers approved during 2014-15 under IEDSS are as under:-

S.No. State/UT Teachers approved

1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	10
2. Andhra Pradesh	82
3. Assam	223
4. Daman and Diu	02
5. Gujarat	595
6. Haryana	111
7 Himachal Pradesh	36
8. Manipur	56
9. Punjab	22
10. Sikkim	04
Total	1141

(e) The components of the scheme include:

- (i) Assessment of medical / educational needs,
- (ii) Provision of students specific facilities,
- (iii) development of learning material,
- (iv) support services like special educators,
- (v) construction and equipping of resource rooms,
- (vi) training of general school teachers to build their capacity to fulfill the needs of children with special needs,
- (vii) make schools barrier free. Under the scheme girls with disabilities receive special focus. There is a provision of a monthly stipend of Rs.200/- for the disabled girls.