

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

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INSTITUTIONS FOR DEAF CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up institutions of higher education for the deaf children in the country including Gujarat and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise;
- (c) the number of proposals received from the States in this regard, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has informed that it has launched a Central Sector Scheme on 29.01.2015 to establish colleges for students with hearing impairment in each of the five zones of the country. As per the scheme, grants-in-aid are envisaged to be provided to existing colleges for expansion of existing infrastructure, purchase of aid/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.

(c) & (d): Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.