

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

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FACILITIES TO DISABLED CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is no system of lifts/ elevators for disabled students in Government school buildings in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue instructions to all concerned for making adequate provision for installation of lifts/elevators for disabled students in the buildings of the Government run institutes/schools; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) & Rashtriya Madhyimic Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), there is no specific provision for lifts in Government Schools for disabled children. However, under SSA, States and UT's are assisted to enrol children with special needs (CWSN) in schools, through early identification, assessment camps, distribution of aids & appliances, appropriate teaching learning equipments, training of teachers in inclusive strategies, barrier free school infrastructure including ramps with railings as well as home based learning methods.

The RMSA also provides barrier free access to disabled children at secondary level.

The University Grant Commission (UGC) has implemented a scheme called 'Higher education for Persons with Special needs (HEPSN) which is basically meant for creating an environment at the higher education institutions to enrich higher education learning experiences for differently-abled persons. Creating awareness about the capabilities of differently-abled persons, constructions aimed at improving accessibility, purchase of equipments to enrich learning etc. are the broad categories of assistance under the scheme.