

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

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REVAMPING EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a review/assessment of education of handicapped children;
- (b) if so, the percentage of handicapped children who are studying currently, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide maximum opportunities to handicapped children for education?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITIZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Government of India is implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for universalising elementary education for all children from 6-14 years of age. It's overall goals include universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning levels of children. Under this programme, evaluation of the progress achieved under the inclusive education component of SSA is undertaken on a quarterly basis. National level review workshops are also conducted bi-annually to evaluate the education of children with special needs (CWSNs). Besides, there are 38 monitoring institutions who undertake monitoring of SSA in the States including inclusive education with respect to children with special needs. Currently, 25.03 lakh such children are enrolled in schools under SSA. State-wise details are given at Annexure.

(c): The major interventions under SSA for the education of CWSNs, are identification, assessment camps, distribution of aids & appliances, appropriate teaching learning equipments, training of teachers in inclusive strategies, barrier free school infrastructure including ramps with railing as well as home based learning methods. Under the SSA provision of Rs. 3000/- per child per annum for CWSN has also been made.