

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

- (a) the number of children with disabilities in the age group of 6 to 14 years who are currently out of school in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there are reports of schools denying admissions to children with disabilities despite the Supreme Court's order against such discrimination and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts being made to ensure that the goal of inclusive education for all is achieved; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and utilized for the said scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): As per an independent survey conducted in 2013 commissioned by this Ministry, the number of out of school children, with special needs in the age group of 6 to 13 years is estimated at 6.00 lakh. State-wise details are given at Annexure-I.
- (b): No such report has been brought to the notice of the Government, as State governments administer the schooling system in their respective jurisdiction.
- (c): The Government of India is assisting States to implement the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as a programme for universalising elementary education for all children in the 6-14 years age group. Its overall goals include, inter-alia, universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning levels of children. SSA provides Rs. 3000/- per child per annum for the interventions related to education of children with special needs (CWSN). The major interventions under SSA for the education of CWSN are identification, functional and formal assessment, appropriate educational placement, preparation of Individualized Educational Plan, provision office aids and appliances, transport and/or escort support, teacher training, appointment of resource teachers, therapeutical support and barrier free access. As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) data 2013-14, 25.03 lakh CWSNs were reported to be enrolled in schools.
- (d): Details of funds allocated and utilized under SSA for inclusive education during the last three years and the current year, State-wise are given at Annexure-H.