

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

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Saksham Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Saksham Scheme being implemented for the differently abled children by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is functioning satisfactorily;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of such children motivated under the Scheme during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise; and
- (c) the financial allocation made for the scheme during the above period and the extent to which the funds were utilised, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has implemented Saksham Scheme to provide financial assistance to 1,000 differently abled students in a year to encourage/ promote technical education at degree and diploma level. The Scheme has been implemented with effect from 11.11.2014. Under the scheme, during the financial year 2014-2015, 179 applications were received, 89 students were recommended for scholarships and scholarships have been released to 34 students who furnished the complete documents as required under the scheme. The Statewise details of the students and amount released is at Annexure.

(c): The expenditure on Saksham Scheme has been met from the internal resources under non-plan head of AICTE. An amount of Rs. 10.83 lacs has been released to the beneficiaries during the financial year 2014-2015. The Statewise details of the grant released to the beneficiaries is at Annexure.