

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1533  
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BRAILLE PRESSES  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of Braille presses located in the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish move Braille presses in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of proposals received by the Government from the States for the establishment of Braille presses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) As per information available with the Ministry, there are 21 Braille Presses in the country. State/UT-wise details are attached at Annexure-A.
- (b) to (e) The Government on 25.11.2014 has approved Central Sector Scheme of "Support of establishment /modernization/capacity augmentation of Braille Presses" in the country. The States/UTs have been requested on 25.11.2014 itself to submit the detailed proposals/ applications along with relevant documents. No proposals have been received so far. The scheme will be implemented in phased manner during the remaining period of 12th Five Year Plan. The objectives of this Scheme are:-
  - (i) to establish 18 new Braille Presses in the States where strong organizations are already present;
  - (ii) to establish 03 small scale Braille printing units in UTs;
  - (iii) to modernize 12 old Braille Presses using traditional and low speed printing equipment;
  - (iv) to augment Braille printing capacity of 03 modern Braille printing presses by adding printing infrastructure.