

**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 Government is implementing Saksham scholarship scheme for differently abled, needy and meritorious students in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the scheme ; and
- (c) the details of the scholarships distributed/likely to be distributed under the scheme during the current financial year ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Ministry is implementing Saksham scholarship scheme through All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to provide encouragement and support to 1000 differently abled students to pursue technical education in a year. The amount of scholarship is tuition fee of Rs.30000/- or at actual, whichever is less and Rs. 2000/- per month for 10 months as incidentals. This scholarship is for those differently abled students whose family income is less than Rs 6 lakhs per annum. The candidates will be selected on merit at the qualifying examination to pursue technical education from amongst such candidates. The candidates should have been admitted to 1st year of the Degree or Diploma programme in any of the AICTE approved institute during the academic year 2014-15 through centralized admission process of the State/Central Government.

(c) : The Saksham Scholarship Scheme has been launched on 11th November 2014, and only 84 differently abled students have applied for scholarship under the scheme till date.