

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

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FACILITIES TO VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

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

(a) whether the Government provides any books and study material for the visually handicapped and blind persons and if so, the details thereof and the names of the places where these are made available;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard from the visually handicapped or blind persons and/or from the organisations representing them; and

(c) if so, the corrective action taken thereon by the Government?

**Answer**

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

(a): Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Braille and large print books are provided to the visually handicapped and blind children enrolled in primary and upper primary schools. In the year 2013-14, 33161 blind children were given Braille books and 31341 low vision children were given large print books. In the year 2014-15, 19652 Braille books were provided and 35045 large print books were given.

An amount of ₹ 3000/- per annum per child is provided under Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan Programme, which can be utilised in a flexible manner, depending on the needs of each child.

(b) & (c): Under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, States and UT's have set up decentralised grievance redressal mechanisms, including the State Commission for Protection of Child Right (SCPCR) / Right to Education Protection Authority (REPA), to address complaints.