

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3445
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

Introduce Indian Sign Language

**3445. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

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

- (a) whether the CBSE is considering to introduce Indian Sign Language and Braille in their curriculum for students with special needs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prepare interpreters who can help/train the hearing and speech impaired in the schools having students with special needs?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that the Board introduces a language or any other subject if there are good number of schools interested to offer the subject with adequate number of students interested to study it.

As the Board has not received requests from the schools affiliated to CBSE committing to appoint teachers and provide other facilities to teach Indian Sign Language and Braille, CBSE is presently not considering to offer Sign and Braille languages in its 'Scheme of Studies'.

(c): Yes, Sir. The "Samagra Shiksha" (SS) scheme of Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD, has a component of "Inclusive Education for CwSN" (IE for CwSN) which caters to the diverse needs of Children with Special Needs in regular

schools from Class I to Class XII, across all 21 disabilities, as per Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016. Under the IE for CwSN component of Samagra Shiksha (SS) provides funds to all the States and UTs for Student Oriented Component (SoC) and Resource Support.

Student oriented component includes activities such as teaching learning material, assistive devices, readers, scribes, escort allowances, transportation allowances, corrective surgeries, aids and appliances, identification and assessment camps, training programs for special educators and general teachers on curriculum adaptations, etc. The Government has approved 27774 (Special Educators and Block Resource Persons) who help/ train the hearing and speech impaired in the schools.
