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**Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres**

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Will the Minister of **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched 14 Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centers at 7 National Institutes and 7 Composite Regional Centers (CRCs) and if so, the details thereof and aims and objectives behind the move;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such Centers in the coming years in the country in all States/UTs especially in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether these Centers will provide services to children with disabilities who are vulnerable to develop a disability and them early assistance to ensure optimal development of the child and if so, details thereof;
- (e) the estimated number of children with disabilities in age group of 0-6 year;
- (f) the number of disability centres functioning for children in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra; and
- (g) the other steps taken by Government to provide medical and rehabilitation services to all types of disabilities under one roof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State for SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**  
**(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

**(a)** Yes, Sir. The Ministry has set up 14 Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres at 7 National Institutes functioning under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, namely, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities - Mumbai, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities - Secunderabad, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities - Chennai, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities - Dehradun, National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities - Kolkata, Pandit Deenadayal Upadhyaya National Institute for the Persons with Physical Disabilities - New Delhi, and Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research - Cuttack and at 7 Composite Regional Centres located at Bhopal, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Nellore, Patna, Rajnandgaon and Sundernagar.

0-6 years of a child is a critical period that determines a person's well-being, productivity, achievements and quality of life. To prevent disability and to reduce its impact by providing early intervention services, Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres are set up with the aim to provide facilities for screening and early identification of risk cases, and providing appropriate therapeutic and rehabilitative interventions including counselling facilities under a single roof in a contiguous manner.

**(b) and (c)** The Ministry has decided to set up similar Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres at 14 Composite Regional Centres located at Agartala, Ahmedabad, Balangir, Davangere, Gangtok, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Imphal, Nagpur, Naharlaghun, Port Blair (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), Ranchi, Shillong, and Srinagar.

**(d)** Yes, sir. These Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres provide the following services:

- (i) Screening and identification of risk cases and referring for appropriate intervention services.
- (ii) Therapeutic services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech stimulation and therapy, behavioural management, and cognitive development.
- (iii) Parental counselling and training and peer counselling;
- (iv) School-readiness to improve communication, language and foundational literacy.

**(e)** As per the Census of India 2011, there are 20.42 lakh children with disabilities in the age group of 0-6 years.

**(f)** The following National Institutes (NIs), Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) and Regional Centres (RCs) of National Institutes (NIs) of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under this Ministry are functioning in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra:

- (i) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- (ii) National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- (iii) Composite Regional Centre, Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- (iv) Composite Regional Centre, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- (v) Regional Centre, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra (a centre of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Secunderabad).
- (vi) Regional Centre, Poonamalee, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (a centre of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities, Dehradun).

In addition, the following two extension centres of National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai also provide services to Persons with Disabilities:

- (i) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) Government Chengalpattu Medical College and Hospital, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu.

**(g)** The Ministry has set up National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres which provide comprehensive disability-specific rehabilitation services under one roof. Some of the National Institutes such as Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research - Cuttack and National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities - Kolkata also conduct corrective surgeries.

The Department also provides financial assistance to the District Disability Rehabilitation Centres set up by the States/UTs for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities.

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