

1	2	3	4	5
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	5.25	2.79
29.	Daman & Diu	..	..	3.09
30.	Delhi	0.30	45.38	105.00
31.	Lakshdweep	..	..	..
32.	Pondicherry	..	..	17.44
TOTAL :		5657.419	7714.188	8271.469

#### Education for disabled children

1660. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI.  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-  
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of disabled children in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that 90 per cent out of them do not go to school;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to provide them proper education; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (Kumari SELJA): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), the number of handicapped children in the country at present is 10.39 million. The precise percentage of disabled children who do not go to school is not available.

(c) and (d) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Integrated Education for the Disabled Children is expected to cover 50,000 disabled children by the end of the 8th Plan. Under this scheme 100 per cent financial assistance is provided to States/Union Territories/ Voluntary, Organisations for creating necessary facilities for disabled children

in common schools and giving various allowances' to the disabled children, for books and stationery, transport, uniform, equipment etc. Special education has been launched as a component in pre-service training of teachers. Under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) there is provision for enrolment of disabled children alongwith normal children. The Ministry of Welfare is giving grants-in-aid to 320 organisations for education, training and rehabilitation of disabled children as well as for setting up of special schools for the disabled, State Government/Union Territories are also running special schools for disabled children.

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#### Literacy rate in Bihar

1661. SHRI JANARDHAN YADAV:  
Will the Ministry of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made under literacy programme in the country particularly in Bihar during the last three years.

(b) what are the details thereof in this respect state-wise.

(c) whether Bihar has a lower literacy rate among other states; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government with regard to reducing illiteracy in the state?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE