

1	2	3	4	5
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli . . . . .	..	5.25	2.79
29	Daman & Diu . . . . .	..	..	3.09
30	Delhi	0.30	46.38	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 dis-
abled 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 EDU-
CATION AND DEPTT. OF CUL-
TURE) (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 child-
ren 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 nec-
essary 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 enrol-
ment of disabled children alongwith nor-
mal children. The Ministry of Welfare
is giving grants-in-aid to 320 organisa-
tions for education, training and reha-
bilitation 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.

Literacy rate in Bihar

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

(a) what progress has been made un-
der 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