

Seats reserved for Physically Handicapped students in Universities

3505. SHRI N.K.SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of seats reserved for Physically Handicapped students that were left vacant for the academic year 2010-11 in each Central University;

(b) whether there is a provision for converting such vacant seats into general category seats; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make the University campuses more disabled friendly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Section 39 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995, three percent reservation in admission to various courses in Central Universities is applicable and the reservation is made horizontally in each category. In the Act there is no provision for converting vacant seats reserved for Physically Handicapped (PH) into general category seats. Since the relevant information for the academic year 2010-11 is not readily available, on the basis of the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the details indicating, University-wise, students enrolment, number of PH category students enrolled and their percentage against the overall enrolment, as on 31.3.2010, is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Universities are providing necessary facilities to Physically Handicapped students, *inter-alia*, disabled friendly toilets, ramps and lifts. The University Grants Commission in their XI Plan Guidelines for General Development Assistance to Universities have advised the Universities to furnish a certificate to the effect that the estimates of the building project include provision for ramps and toilets on the ground floor in the buildings wherever necessary to enable the use of the building for the differently abled (physically challenged) persons.

Statement

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Sl.No.	Name of University	Information as on 31.03.21010		
		Students Enrolment	No. PH students enrolled	% of PH students
1	2	3	4	5
1	Aligarh Muslim University	13443	114	0.85%
2	Banaras Hindu University	23325	284	1.22%
3	University of Delhi	17331	Not available	
4	University of Hyderabad	4160	105	2.52%
5	Jamia Millia Islamia	14731	211	1.43%
6	Jawaharlal Nehru Univ.	6153	122	1.98%
7	North Eastern Hill Univ.	3515	4	0.11%
8	Pondicherry University	3561	35	0.98%
9	Visva Bharati	5392	69	1.28%
10	Assam University	3083	8	0.26%
11	Tezpur University	1742	9	0.52%
12	Nagaland University	1433	0	0%
13	Mizoram University	1180	3	0.25%
14	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Univ.	1100	16	1.45%
15	Mahatama Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalay	276	0	0%
16	Maulana Azad National Urdu University	1490	8	0.54%
17	Allahabad University	20420	3	0.01%

1	2	3	4	5
18	Manipur University	2714	2	0.07%
19	Rajiv Gandhi University	1003	6	0.60%
20	The English & Foreign Language University	3214	34	1.06%
21	Tripura University	2071	9	0.43%
22	H.N.B. Garhwal University	9918	60	0.60%
23	Guru Ghasidas University	2929	0	0%
24	Dr Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya	6934	0	0%

Draft National Book Promotion Policy

3506. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the key objectives and features of the Draft National Book Promotion Policy;
- (b) whether there are any measurable targets under the policy;
- (c) whether Government has intention to draft a pricing policy for books; and
- (d) if so, the objectives of such policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) In the first meeting of reconstituted National Book Promotion Council (NBPC) held on 25th September, 2009, it was decided to constitute a 12 member Task Force to draft comprehensive National Book Promotion Policy. Accordingly, the Task Force was constituted on 5th February, 2010 and it has since prepared first draft of the National Book Promotion Policy whose objectives include:

- To have more and better books written on all subjects.
- To ensure that writers get their due and their rights are protected.
- Publishers be encouraged to work in a professional manner.