

Delhi and Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC) India shows that enrolment of disabled children is less than 1%. As per Unified-District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2013-14, 25.03 lakh children with Special Needs (CWSN) are enrolled in schools and also 2.06 lakh severe/ profound CWSN are covered under Home Based Education (HBE), which is 1.36% of total enrolment.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a number of interventions are taken up to enrol CWSN in schools, which include *inter-alia* early identification and assessment through camps, provision of aids and appliances, teacher training on handling of CWSN, appointment of resource teacher to support regular school teachers, barrier free access to schools, provision of Braille books and other essential teaching learning equipments apart from active engagement with the community and parents to send CWSN to schools.

Community College Scheme

2639. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has launched the Community College Scheme in 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been implemented in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has launched the Scheme of Community Colleges on pilot basis in 200 colleges/universities and polytechnics which are being implemented by University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. AICTE has approved the following polytechnics to run Community Colleges:

1. Govt. Polytechnic for Minorities, B. Thandrapadu, Distt. Kurnool.
2. Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Gujjanagundla, Distt. Guntur.
3. Govt. Polytechnic, Kancharapalem, Distt. Visakhapatnam.
4. Andhra Polytechnic, Yanam Road, Jagannaick Pur, Kakinada, East Godavari.
5. Govt. Polytechnic, Opp. Maris Stella College, Vijayawada, Distt. Krishna.