

Government of India
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Rajya Sabha

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Cross-disability early intervention centres

1110. Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched 14 cross disability early intervention centers across the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that these centers will support infants and young children at risk of disabilities or with disabilities;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering opening more centers soon in the remaining areas of the country and at district levels; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has set up 14 Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres at 7 National Institutes and 7 Composite Regional Centres 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 Composite Regional Centres located at Bhopal, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Nellore, Patna, Rajnandgaon and Sundernagar to support infants and young children (0-6 years) at-risk of disabilities or with disabilities to improve their physical, sensory and cognitive abilities.

Further, 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, Ranchi, Shillong, and Srinagar.
