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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2049**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**DIKSHA for children with disabilities**

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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any measures being adopted to ensure that children with disabilities have access to platforms like Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) for their education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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(a) to (c) DIKSHA is the platform for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades (**one nation, one digital platform**). DIKSHA complies with World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 level AA. This enables people with visual impairments to access the website using assistive technologies, such as screen readers.

Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube. In all 767 textbook based ISL videos have been recorded. Out of these 510 textbook based on ISL videos are uploaded on DIKSHA. The 10,000 word ISL dictionary has been uploaded on DIKSHA. **3,142** audio books chapters are also uploaded on DIKSHA.

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