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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.532
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EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

532 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any review/assessment regarding education of children with disability;
- (b) if so, the percentage of such children who are studying at present, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to provide maximum opportunity of education to the children with disability?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Education is implementing the Samagra Shiksha – an integrated scheme for School Education, under which children with special needs(CWSN) from Pre-Primary to Class XII, as per Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 are covered. As per UDISE 2021-22, the CWSN enrolment (Class I to XII), is 0.88% of total enrolled children. The State & UT-wise enrolment of CWSN in percentage is at **Annexure**.

Under Samagra Shiksha scheme, the inclusive education component provides for Student specific interventions, upto Rs.3,500 per CwSN per annum which includes (i) Provision of aids and appliances, (ii) Access to and development of teaching learning material as per requirement etc. (iii) Provision of facilities like transport/escort facilities for children with severe disabilities, assistive devices, support staff (readers, scribes) etc. (iv) Provision of large print text book, Braille books (v) Provision of home based education for children with severe &/ multiple disabilities.

Further, Support for CWSN girl students is provided @ Rs.200 per month for 10 months to encourage their participation in the school system. Identification and assessment

camps of children with disabilities at block level under which support is given upto Rs.10,000 per camp for identification of children with disabilities. Equipping Block Resource Centres (BRCs) by providing support upto Rs.2.00 lakh per BRC (once in 5 years) with equipments & Teaching Learning Materials for individualised learning support for CwSN.

The scheme also provides for engagement of Special Educators who may be posted at the block or cluster level as per the requirement and can operate in an itinerant mode, covering a group of schools where children with special needs are enrolled so that each child with special needs is adequately covered.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has proactively taken many initiatives to promote the accessibility of education such as: **PRASHAST** - A Disability Screening Checklist for Schools - a mobile app that covers the 21 disabilities, including the benchmark disabilities as per the RPwD Act 2016, has been developed for early screening and identification of children with disabilities at the school level. **Barkhaa** Series is a supplementary 'Graded Reading Series' formulated with the objective of enabling children to develop reading skills during the early years, as a pedagogic tool aimed at helping the children of Classes I and II in learning to read with meaning and to arouse in them the urge to read more and more. **Teaching Learning Resources in Indian Sign Language** - This initiative realizes and promotes inclusion of students with Hearing Impairment in mainstream education. More than 935 Universal Design of Learning (UDL) based textbook videos, prepared by NCERT are available on DIKSHA along with 10,500 ISL dictionary words. Audio **Books** - The textbook is available in e Pub talking book format which can be read through Text to Speech (TTS) app and also in audio format, using drama and sound of animals, picture description etc. are developed with the aim to enhance accessibility for Children with Visual Impairment (CwVI) and also for realizing the need of anytime and anywhere access. **PMeVIDYA** - Under PM eVidya, 12 DTH channels (one class, one channel) initiative many live programs are broadcast daily to facilitate students' learning through leveraging the ICT solutions. One of the live series is "Teaching Learning Interventions for Inclusive Classrooms". Each episode is of half an hour duration with a mandatory ISL interpreter. More than 741 episodes worth 370.5 hours broadcast time are available as archive on NCERT official YouTube channel.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 532 ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024 ASKED BY SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY'.

Percentage of CwSN studying in Schools (State and UT wise)

Total CWSN Enrolment -2021-22				
S.No.	States/Uts	Total Enrolment (Grade I to XII)	CWSN Enrolment	%
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	66976	512	0.76
2.	Andhra Pradesh	8167256	92243	1.13
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	328306	2987	0.91
4.	Assam	7101572	54213	0.76
5.	Bihar	27046438	177727	0.66
6.	Chandigarh	246568	3718	1.51
7.	Chhattisgarh	5764230	77096	1.34
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	128247	1173	0.91
9.	Delhi	4318482	26266	0.61
10.	Goa	282426	3629	1.28
11.	Gujarat	11377585	73366	0.64
12.	Haryana	5792034	25454	0.44
13.	Himachal Pradesh	1332148	6692	0.50
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	2323395	17946	0.77
15.	Jharkhand	7688207	51267	0.67
16.	Karnataka	11827353	98183	0.83
17.	Kerala	5854948	136884	2.34
18.	Ladakh	49070	906	1.85
19.	Lakshadweep	12004	204	1.70
20.	Madhya Pradesh	15427286	138593	0.90
21.	Maharashtra	22060834	257148	1.17
22.	Manipur	631471	4571	0.72
23.	Meghalaya	954938	4078	0.43
24.	Mizoram	277337	3904	1.41
25.	Nagaland	367175	3632	0.99
26.	Odisha	7527517	146364	1.94
27.	Puducherry	233028	2258	0.97
28.	Punjab	5352046	64201	1.20
29.	Rajasthan	17175003	80540	0.47
30.	Sikkim	116329	1188	1.02
31.	Tamilnadu	12167300	155552	1.28
32.	Telangana	6763649	39737	0.59
33.	Tripura	684179	3903	0.57
34.	Uttar Pradesh	46774404	326593	0.70
35.	Uttarakhand	2355768	4936	0.21
36.	West Bengal	17165114	152692	0.89
	India	255740623	2240356	0.88
	Source: UDISE+ 2021-22			