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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.534
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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CHHATTISGARH

534 Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of enrollment of children with Special Needs in the State of Chhattisgarh in the last five years;
- (b) the detailed district-wise list thereof;
- (c) in what manner Government is leveraging technology to enhance the learning for students with Special Needs;
- (d) the details of availability and adequacy of assistive technologies in mainstream classrooms; and
- (e) the details of measures taken to address the digital divide for students with Special Needs?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The enrolment of children with special needs (CwSN) in the state of Chhattisgarh is 77249. The details of district-wise enrolment of CWSN from Pre-primary to Higher Secondary of state of Chhattisgarh in the state of Chhattisgarh is at **Annexure**.

(c) to (e) 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.

National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been creating curriculum based e-contents and transmitting these contents through 12 PMeVIDYA DTH TV channels (Classes:- 1 to 12) and 400 Radio Stations [11 Gyan Vani Radio Stations, 257 Community Radio Stations (CRS) and 132 All India Radio (AIR) stations] across the country. There are about 3,50,000+ e-contents available on DIKSHA portal and app for all children including the children with special needs.

Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET)- NCERT has taken following steps to address the digital divide for students with special needs:

- Talking Books: In all 377 NCERT textbooks from classes I to XII have been digitized in e-pub format and provided on e-Pathshala Mobile app which can be accessed by visually challenged person through a Text to Speech App which provides output in audio format.
- Audio Books: About 174 audio books containing 2866 chapters of NCERT textbooks have been recorded in audio format and uploaded on DIKSHA for learners including visually challenged.
- NCERT textbooks are being converted into Indian Sign Language (ISL): Till date 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. These are being continually disseminated through DIKSHA portal and PM eVidya (One Class, One Channel), DTH TV Channels, on regular basis to ensure coherent access of these e Contents.
- Guidelines for development of e-content for children with special needs have been developed and disseminated: This can be accessed from https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/CWSN_E-Content_guidelines_2021_new.pdf
- An interactive comic book “Priya- The Accessibility Warrior” brings the message of need of accessibility and helps guiding the students in the right path and flourish the ideologies of being kind, helpful and solicitous towards everyone. The comic book is available on DIKSHA Portal, E-Pathshala, and NCERT website (<https://ncert.nic.in/ptaw.php>) for everyone to access and read the comic book.
- On PMeVIDYA DTH TV Channels, 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) & (B) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 534 ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024 ASKED BY SMT RANJEET RANJAN, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CHHATTISGARH'.

District-wise enrolment of CWSN from Pre-primary to Higher Secondary of state of Chhattisgarh for the year 2021-22:

S. No.	District	Girls	Boys	Total
1	Gourela Pendra Marvahi	1042	1352	2394
2	Balod	1237	1643	2880
3	Balodabazar	1187	1528	2715
4	Balrampur	1171	1483	2654
5	Baster	878	1146	2024
6	Bemetara	1142	1053	2195
7	Bijapur	407	558	965
8	Bilaspur	5001	6091	11092
9	Dantewada	579	688	1267
10	Dhamtari	979	1190	2169
11	Durg	1169	1377	2546
12	Gariaband	706	930	1636
13	Janjgir - Champa	1970	2484	4454
14	Jashpur	1130	1287	2417
15	Kanker	594	812	1406
16	Kawardha	933	1428	2361
17	Kondagaon	793	825	1618
18	Korba	1687	2257	3944
19	Koriya	385	467	852
20	Mahasamund	1120	1313	2433
21	Mungeli	1037	1292	2329
22	Narayanpur	292	381	673
23	Raigarh	1703	1878	3581
24	Raipur	3224	3865	7089
25	Rajnandgaon	1376	1728	3104
26	Sukma	271	459	730
27	Surajpur	1164	1430	2594
28	Surguja	1415	1712	3127
	Grand Total	34592	42657	77249