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**Education of children with neurological disorders**

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

- (a) Whether Government has launched any project to support children with neuro-disorders in obtaining a good education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that many people lack awareness of these disorders which can lead to neglecting a child's needs; and
- (d) whether Government has planned to organise campaigns to raise awareness about these disorders?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (d) The Government is fully committed to ensuring that children with disabilities including children with neuro-disorders, as mentioned in Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, have access to quality and inclusive education. Education being in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, both the Central and State/UT Governments play an important role in this endeavor. Under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which is in alignment with the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, there is a dedicated Inclusive Education (IE) component for Children with Special Needs (CwSN). Financial assistance is provided for the following interventions namely,

- Identification and assessment camps,
- Provision of aids, appliances, and assistive devices,
- Transportation, scribe and escort allowance,
- Braille and large-print books,
- Stipends for girls with special needs,
- Sports & Exposure visits for CwSN
- Teaching-learning materials etc.

The Department extends support for establishing Block Resource Centres for CwSN, where special educators prepare Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) for children with multiple disabilities, including neuro-disorders. These centres also provide therapeutic services to enhance cognitive development. Furthermore, they conduct orientation and counseling sessions for parents of CwSN on

therapeutic care and cognitive training. Under Samagra Shiksha, assistance is also provided for capacity-building programmes for both general teachers and special educators.

The Department through NCERT has developed a Screening Tool, PRASHAST app, for early identification of children with special needs, including those with neuro disorders, which are being used by general teachers and special educators in schools. The shortlisted children, using the screening tool, are then sent for assessment for identification and certification of the disability. NCERT also conducts live interaction series “Teaching Learning Interventions for Inclusive Classrooms” on PM e-Vidya DTH channels, following Universal Design for Learning (UDL), with ISL interpretation, making sessions accessible for all CWSN.

In addition, the National Institutes under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) such as the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), and the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) are providing a range of services. These include early intervention, special education, comprehensive assessments, tele-rehabilitation, capacity building through diploma programmes, and access to multidisciplinary mental health and therapeutic services.

The Department provides funding under Samagra Shiksha to States/UTs for observing the International Day for Persons with Disabilities wherein, States/UTs conduct awareness sessions for Teachers, Head of Institutions, Parents, School Management Committee Members etc.

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