

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2035  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

**Curriculum for differently-abled Students**

**2035. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any inclusive provisions for specially-abled, especially visually impaired students in the National Universities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the efforts taken by the Government to bring inclusive curriculum for the visually impaired students; and
- (c) whether the Government has given any orders to the National Universities for printing textbooks in braille script, making syllabus as audio books and to come up with tactile diagrams?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has been issuing instructions, guidelines and policy decisions to all the Universities with respect to persons with disabilities from time to time. UGC had also circulated the Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 to the Universities requesting them to strictly follow the provisions contained therein. In addition, UGC has requested universities to provide facilities of Braille books and talking books, sign language interpreter, special toilets, provision of ramps etc. to ensure barrier free access to persons with disabilities. The provisions of the aforesaid Act of 2016 may be seen at <http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/RPWD%20ACT%202016.pdf>

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