

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2140
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

Home Schooling for Differently Abled

2140. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

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

- (a) the number of differently abled children in the country receiving home schooling in the country; and
- (b) the number of them out of need/ preference instead of absence of choice due to inaccessible public transport?

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

(a) & (b):- The Central Government has launched an Integrated Scheme for School Education - Samagra Shiksha from the year 2018-19, which aims to look at the educational needs of all children including Children with Special Needs (CwSN), as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level. The Scheme focuses on providing inclusive education to CwSN in nearby elementary and secondary schools where all children learn together in the same class.

The intervention for home based education is provided to those children who have severe intellectual and physical disabilities and who cannot access neighbourhood school owing to their condition. The child is recommended home schooling after a comprehensive assessment by a team of doctors and specialists. Under Samagra Shiksha, during the year 2018-19, an outlay of Rs 922.42 lakh covering 43,996 CwSN has been approved for home based education in all States and Union Territories.

As part of the student oriented interventions, there is also a provision of transport as well as escort allowance for CwSN who require assistance to access schools.
