

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3158  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

**Schools with Facilities for Differently Abled Students**

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

- (a) the number of the Government schools where lift/escalator facility has been provided for the differently-abled students, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to issue instructions to all concerned for arranging adequate number of lifts or escalators in Government/educational institutions/schools; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c):- The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha launched from 2018-19, subsumes the erstwhile centrally sponsored schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). The scheme covers all CwSN with one or more disabilities as mentioned in the Schedule of disabilities of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. One of the objectives of the Scheme, is removal of architectural barriers in schools so that CwSN have access to classrooms, laboratories, libraries and toilets in the school. So far, 2,66,566 number of ramps and 1,42,238 number of CwSN friendly toilets have been sanctioned under the Schemes.

Under the Scheme, there is no provision for lift/escalator facility at schools for the CwSN. However, while executing infrastructure components, States and UTs are required to comply with the provisions contained in the “ Harmonized guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability and Elderly Persons” February, 2016” issued by Ministry of Urban Development, Govt of India.

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