

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1378
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

Information and Communication Technology in Education

1378. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Government to achieve inclusive education ;
- (b) the objectives set for each initiative including use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in education;
- (c) Whether the Government has set any time frame to achieve the objectives set for each initiative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

- (a): The focus of Samagra Shiksha is on providing inclusive education to children with disability wherein, children regardless of their abilities/disabilities participate and learn together in the same class, thus creating an enabling educational environment for all students. Under Samagra Shiksha, initiative is taken by the Government to achieve Inclusive Education by providing support to CwSN under Inclusive Education component through:
- (i) Student oriented Component (SOC)
 - (ii) Resource Support
- (b): Various initiatives have been taken with the objective of providing quality education to CwSN in the regular schools which includes activities under SOC such as :
- (i) Provision of identification & assessment camps to provide diagnostic support.
 - (ii) Provision of aids and appliances for enhancing mobility of CwSN.
 - (iii) Provision of Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) for addressing education needs of CwSN.

- (iv) Provision of Information Communication Technology (ICT) resources / solutions such as JAWS, SAFA, other technological solution in resource rooms, schools etc.
- (v) Provision of teaching aids, assistive devices, equipments etc for addressing diverse needs of CwSN. In service training of special educators and general teachers to address scholastic and co-scholastic needs of CwSN.
- (vi) Provision of sports events, escorts allowances, Transportation allowances to ensure enrolment and retention of CwSN.
- (vii) As Samagra Shiksha has special focus on girls with special needs therefore stipend of Rs. 2000/- for 10 months is provided to girls with special needs through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer).

Various initiatives under Resource support include provision of special educator and their training to address the scholastic and co-scholastic needs of CwSN through the support of general teachers, special educators and resource persons. Apart from the above, CwSN are provided therapy support at the block level resource room by trained therapists. Further, CwSN with severe impairment requiring individualized attention are provided home based education through special educators. Additionally, there is a provision of barrier free access, ramps and disabled friendly toilets in schools.

- (c): No time frame is feasible as Inclusive Education component is part of an ongoing scheme.
- (d): Question does not arise.