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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5211
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

**REVIEW ON EDUCATION OF DISABLED CHILDREN AND STEPS
TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THEM**

5211. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any review/assessment regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- (b) if so, the percentage of such children who are studying at present, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the current Government for the education of handicapped and blind students along with the budgetary allocation in this regard till date;
- (d) the number of equipments distributed by the Government to divyangs and the blind; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to provide maximum opportunity for education to the children with disabilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education conducted the National Achievement Survey (NAS) of Classes III, V & VIII in 2017, Class X in 2018 and Class III, V, VIII and X in 2021. Through the survey in 2021, students in Government, Government-aided and Private unaided schools across 720 districts in all 36 States & UTs were assessed, based on the Learning Outcomes developed by NCERT. Over 34 lakh students including children with disability participated in the survey. The survey process incorporated provisions such as additional time, scribes and suitable adaptations as per the needs of children with disability in order to facilitate an equitable assessment of all children.

As per UDISE+ 2021-22, the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) enrolment is 0.9% of total enrolment of children from Grade I to XII. The State & UT-wise enrolment of CwSN from Grade I to XII in percentage is at **Annexure-I**.

(c) to (e) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha launched in 2018-19, has dedicated Inclusive Education component for the education of Children with Special Needs (CwSN) covering all CwSN with one or more disabilities, including visual impairment, as mentioned in the schedule of disabilities of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. It aims to look at education of CwSN in a continuum from Pre-Primary to Class XII studying in Government, Government-aided and local body schools.

Through this component, various provisions are made available for the educational needs of CwSN such as, provision of aids, appliances, assistive devices & teaching learning materials (TLMs), transportation, escort and scribe allowances etc. The component support also includes annual block identification and assessment camps and stipend for girls with disabilities etc. for supporting access to schools and completion of their schooling.

The focus of Samagra Shiksha is on providing inclusive education to children with special needs wherein, children regardless of their abilities/disabilities participate and learn together in the same class, thus creating an enabling educational environment for all students.

A separate provision for financial support of Special Educators has been made under Samagra Shiksha in order to appropriately address the educational requirements of children with special needs from elementary to higher secondary levels.

The details of estimated outlay of provisions for CwSN under Inclusive Education (IE) for CwSN Component of Samagra Shiksha for the year 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 is at **Annexure-II**.

The details of facilities provided to CWSN in Government Schools and Government Aided Schools, as per UDISE+ 2021-22 is at **Annexure-III**.

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Percentage of CwSN studying in Schools from Grade I to XII

S. No.	India/State/UT	Total Enrolment	CwSN Enrolment	%
	India	255740623	2240356	0.9
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	66976	512	0.8
2	Andhra Pradesh	8167256	92243	1.1
3	Arunachal Pradesh	328306	2987	0.9
4	Assam	7101572	54213	0.8
5	Bihar	27046438	177727	0.7
6	Chandigarh	246568	3718	1.5
7	Chhattisgarh	5764230	77096	1.3
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	128247	1173	0.9
9	Delhi	4318482	26266	0.6
10	Goa	282426	3629	1.3
11	Gujarat	11377585	73366	0.6
12	Haryana	5792034	25454	0.4
13	Himachal Pradesh	1332148	6692	0.5
14	Jammu and Kashmir	2323395	17946	0.8
15	Jharkhand	7688207	51267	0.7
16	Karnataka	11827353	98183	0.8
17	Kerala	5854948	136884	2.3
18	Ladakh	49070	906	1.8
19	Lakshadweep	12004	204	1.7
20	Madhya Pradesh	15427286	138593	0.9
21	Maharashtra	22060834	257148	1.2
22	Manipur	631471	4571	0.7
23	Meghalaya	954938	4078	0.4
24	Mizoram	277337	3904	1.4
25	Nagaland	367175	3632	1.0
26	Odisha	7527517	146364	1.9
27	Puducherry	233028	2258	1.0
28	Punjab	5352046	64201	1.2
29	Rajasthan	17175003	80540	0.5
30	Sikkim	116329	1188	1.0
31	Tamil Nadu	12167300	155552	1.3
32	Telangana	6763649	39737	0.6
33	Tripura	684179	3903	0.6
34	Uttar Pradesh	46774404	326593	0.7
35	Uttarakhand	2355768	4936	0.2
36	West Bengal	17165114	152692	0.9

Source: UDISE+ 2021-22

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Financial Estimated Outlay of provisions for Students with Special Needs under IE for CwSN Component of SamagraShiksha Scheme

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Provisions for CwSN	Financial estimated outlay		
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Girls Stipend	93.04	122.57	116.10
2	Aids & appliances (CwSN)	76.33	94.79	103.81
3	Braille materials/books (CwSN)	19.87	16.40	15.82
4	Assistive devices, equipment & TLM	18.57	28.24	19.26
5	Identification & assessment camps	17.18	190.92	12.86
6	transportation allowances (CwSN)	79.05	48.04	97.98
7	HBE (CwSN)	12.94	14.92	20.94
8	Financial Support (for Special Educators + BRPs)	676.17	699.44	716.60

Source: PRABANDH Portal

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Facilities provided to CWSN in Government Schools and Government Aided Schools

Type of Facility	Number of CwSN			
	Primary	Upper-Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
Braille books	75541	28815	12859	11267
Braille kit	17877	9628	1982	1089
Low vision	24090	36462	25735	19567
Hearing aid	29932	17701	5805	2224
Braces	3531	640	182	117
Crutches	3181	5443	1895	1121
Wheel chair	32030	12808	1828	2003
Tri-cycle	13762	6087	2839	1286
Caliper	7396	2405	830	416

Source: UDISE+ 2021-22
