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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
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Encouragement to Dumb and Deaf Students towards Education

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Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state.

- (a) the various steps taken by the Government in addition to welfare measures to encourage the deaf and dumb students to pursue study from class 1 to graduate and post-graduate level or any professional courses; and
- (b) the details of the schools available for the deaf and dumb students in the country, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha launched in 2018-19, has a dedicated Inclusive Education component for the education of Children with Special Needs (IE for CwSN) covering 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 including Hearing Impairment and Speech and Learning Disability. 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, CwSN are provided support via specific student oriented interventions such as identification and assessment camps, provision of aids, appliances and assistive devices, transportation, scribe and escort allowance support, Braille books and large print books for children with visual impairment, stipend for girls with special needs and teaching-learning materials etc. in order to appropriately address their unique educational requirements in general schools. Capacity building of general teachers and special educators on meeting learning needs to provide quality education to children with special needs and improve their learning outcomes, are also covered.

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has strived to provide inclusive and barrier free educational opportunities to interested learners since its inception in order to achieve its vision of sustainable inclusive learning. Indian Sign Language (ISL) has been introduced as a language subject at secondary level by NIOS. NIOS has already developed more than 978 videos in ISL at the Secondary and Senior Secondary level course and uploaded on its Youtube Channel.

National Council for Educational Research and Training has also developed E-content for visually and hearing impaired by developing 596 videos for Classes 1-5 in Indian Sign Language and uploaded 954 textbook based ISL videos on DIKSHA.

Further, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has the following major provisions/schemes to encourage the persons with disabilities including the deaf and dumb students:

(I) DEPwD is implementing Scheme of 'Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP)' under which funds are released to various Implementing Agencies for distribution of aids and assistive devices to eligible persons with disabilities including hearing & speech impaired, boys and girls throughout the country. Under the ADIP Scheme, there is a provision for Cochlear Implant Surgery for children with hearing impairment.

(II) For the welfare of hearing & speech impaired boys and girls, the scheme namely Financial Assistance to the existing deaf colleges in the country envisages financial assistance to colleges affiliated to the UGC approved State/ Central/ UT administered colleges in the country.

(III) An umbrella Scheme titled 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (including for hearing & speech impaired boys and girls) in the country is implemented. The six components of the Scholarship Scheme are : Pre-matric (Classes IX & X), Post-matric (Classes XI to Post Graduate Degree/Diploma), Top Class Education (Graduate and Post Graduate Degree/Diploma in notified Institutes of excellence in education), National Fellowship (M. Phil/Ph.D in Indian Universities), National Overseas Scholarship (Master's Degree and Ph.D in Foreign Universities) and Free Coaching (for competitive exams and entrance examinations for admission to technical and professional courses).

(IV) Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) is conducting a 'Diploma course in Teaching Indian Sign Language' for the deaf students where tuition fees are waived off for the deaf students registered with UDID. ISLRTC has also brought out a sign language dictionary of 10,500 words which is facilitating teaching learning process of deaf students and communication of persons with hearing impairment.

(V) Deendayal Divyanjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) is a Central Sector Scheme in which grant-in-aid is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) running projects like Pre-school and Early Intervention, Special Schools, Community Based Rehabilitation etc. for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) including deaf and dumb students, aimed at enabling them to maintain their optimal physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric or social functional levels.

The State/ UT -wise details of the schools for Hearing Impairments in the country, as per UDISE+2021-22 is at **ANNEXURE**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 1364 FOR 11.12.2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP, SHRI MALOOK NAGAR, REGARDING 'ENCOURAGEMENT TO DUMB AND DEAF STUDENTS TOWARDS EDUCATION'.

State/ UT -wise details of the schools for Hearing Impairment in the country, as per UDISE+2021-22

S. No.	State/UTs	Number of Schools
	INDIA	2669
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	185
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3
4	Assam	40
5	Bihar	310
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Chhattisgarh	60
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1
9	Delhi	5
10	Goa	18
11	Gujarat	82
12	Haryana	16
13	Himachal Pradesh	5
14	Jammu & Kashmir	7
15	Jharkhand	39
16	Karnataka	175
17	Kerala	218
18	Ladakh	0
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	105
21	Maharashtra	451
22	Manipur	3
23	Meghalaya	17
24	Mizoram	7
25	Nagaland	3
26	Odisha	155
27	Puducherry	1
28	Punjab	23
29	Rajasthan	145
30	Sikkim	2
31	Tamilnadu	136
32	Telangana	20
33	Tripura	8
34	Uttar Pradesh	254
35	Uttarakhand	9
36	West Bengal	165

