

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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2629. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

IMPARTING EDUCATION IN BRAILLE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new schools in order to impart education in Braille script for the visually impaired Divyang children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which same will be done; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Section 31(1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides free education to children with benchmark disabilities between the age of six to eighteen years and shall have the right to free education in a neighborhood school, or in a special school of his choice.

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun is running a residential Model School for the Visually Handicapped (MSVH) imparting school education to children with visual impairment from preschool to class XII, in which the education is imparted in Braille.

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai is running Model School wherein it has Deaf Blind class providing Braille script to learn and impart education.
