

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

**LOK SABHA**

**Unstarred Question No.4460  
To be answered on 23.03.2021**

**INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

**4460. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:**

- (a) whether the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Education for release of NCERT material in sign language;
- (b) if so, the funds sanctioned for the same as well as the proposed timeline of completion;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for the development of Indian Sign Language for the year 2021-22;
- (d) the number of schools or institutions teaching Indian sign language and the funds allocated for the promotion of such institutions during the last two years, State and year-wise; and
- (e) the details and the number of awareness drives conducted across the country to promote the use of Indian sign language?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)**

- (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi signed an MoU with National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) on 06.10.2020 to convert the textbooks of classes I-XII and other teaching material into Indian Sign Language (ISL). No separate funds have been sanctioned for the same and the proposed timeline to complete the conversion of the textbooks and other teaching material into ISL is 2026.
- (c) Government has set up the ISLRTC to develop Indian Sign Language. During 2020-21, Rs.3.88 crore has been released to ISLRTC as Grant-in-Aid. For 2021-22, Grant-in-Aid would be provided to the ISLRTC as per requirement from the budget provision for National Institutes under this Ministry.
- (d) Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi has granted approval to 08 Institutions to conduct Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI) and Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language (DTISL) Courses as per State-wise list of these Institutions at Annexure. Out of these 08 Institutions, Grant-in-Aid has been provided to the following 03 Institutes by this Ministry:-

Name of the Institutes	Grant-in-Aid released during the last two years (Rs. in crore)	
	2018-19	2019-20
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech & Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai.	38.30	35.71

Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi.	4.85	4.20
Composite Regional Centre, Nagpur.	1.63	8.42

(e) ISLRTC promotes the use of Indian Sign Language (ISL) through various activities which include, conducting Diploma courses and Short-Term Training Programmes, organizing workshops and webinars, holding ISL competition for deaf students and celebrating International week of the Deaf.

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4460 for answer on 23.03.2021**

List of RCI approved institutes offering Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI) and Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language (DTISL) courses.

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Institute	State	Name of the Course(s)	Academic session for which approval granted
1	Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC), (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, A-91, Nagpal Business Tower, Okhla Phase-II, New Delhi	Delhi	D.I.S.L.I.	2016-17 to 2020-21
			D.T.I.S.L.	2019-20 to 2023-24
2	Deaf Dumb Association Indore, H. S. School and Multipurpose Training Institute for the Deaf, Scheme No.71-B, Behind Ranjeet Hanuman, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	D.I.S.L.I.	2005-06 to 2020-21
			D.T.I.S.L.	2019-20 to 2023-24
3	National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH), Karimanal, NISH Road, Akkulam, Sreekaryam, P.O. Trivandurum, Kerala	Kerala	D.I.S.L.I.	2016-17 to 2020-21
4	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Kishenchand Marg, Bandra (W), Mumbai- 400050, Maharashtra	Maharashtra	D.I.S.L.I.	2010-11 to 2020-21
5	Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Nagpur Krida Prabodhini Hall, Yashwant Stadium, Dhantoli-Nagpur, Maharashtra		D.I.S.L.I.	2020-21 to 2024-25
6	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Regional Training Centre, B.T. Road, Bon-Hooghly, Kolkata, West Bengal	West Bengal	D.I.S.L.I.	2009-10 to 2021-22
7	Faculty of Disability Management and , Special Education, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (RKMVU), SRKV Post, IHRDC Campus, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu	Tamilnadu	D.I.S.L.I.	2014-15 to 2020-21
8	Haryana Welfare Society for Persons With Speech & Hearing Impairment, Opposite House No. 275, Sector -16, Punchkula, Haryana	Haryana	D.T.I.S.L.	2020-21 to 2021-22