

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

Lifts and Escalators in Schools for Divyang Students

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

- (a) the number of Government schools/buildings where facility of lifts/escalators are provided for the divyang students in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines to all concerned Government institutions/ schools for having adequate arrangement of lifts or escalators for such students; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c):- The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha launched from 2018-19, subsumes the erstwhile centrally sponsored schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). The scheme covers all Children with Special Needs (CwSN) with one or more disabilities as mentioned in the Schedule of disabilities of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. One of the objectives of the Scheme, is removal of architectural barriers in schools so that CwSN have access to classrooms, laboratories, libraries and toilets in the school. In Government and Government aided schools (classes I to XII) across the country, as per UDISE 2019-20, there are 1408235 ramps with handrails and 350120 disabled friendly toilets for children with disabilities available. The data pertaining to lifts is not captured in the present UDISE format.

While executing infrastructure components, States and UTs are required to comply with the provisions contained in the “ Harmonized guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability and Elderly Persons” February, 2016” issued by the then Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.
