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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3662
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Cross Disability Early Intervention Centers

3662. **SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:**
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched 14 Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centers at 7 National Institutes and 7 Composite Regional Centers (CRCs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more such centres in the coming year in all States and Union Territories and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the estimated number of children with disabilities in the age group of 0-6 years;
- (e) whether these Centres will provide services to children with disabilities or infants who are vulnerable to develop a disability and provide them early assistance to ensure optimal development of the child and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to provide medical and rehabilitation services to all types of disabilities under one roof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has set up 14 Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres at 7 National Institutes functioning under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, namely, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech And Hearing Disabilities - Mumbai, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities - Secunderabad, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities - Chennai, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities - Dehradun, National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities - Kolkata, Pandit Deenadayal Upadhyaya National Institute for the Persons with Physical Disabilities - New Delhi, and Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research - Cuttack

and at 7 Composite Regional Centres located at Bhopal, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Nellore, Patna, Rajnandgaon and Sundernagar.

0-6 years of a child is a critical period that determines a person's well-being, productivity, achievements and quality of life. To prevent disability and to reduce its impact by providing early intervention services, Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres are set up with aim to provide facilities for screening and early identification of risk cases, and providing appropriate therapeutic and rehabilitative interventions including counselling facilities under a single roof in a contiguous manner.

(c) Yes Sir. The Ministry has decided to set up similar Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres at 14 Composite Regional Centres located at Agartala, Ahmedabad, Balangir, Davangere, Gangtok, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Imphal, Nagpur, Naharlaghun, Port Blair, Ranchi, Shillong, and Srinagar.

(d) As per the Census of India 2011, there are 20.42 lakh children with disabilities in the age group of 0-6 years.

(e) Yes, Sir. These Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres provide the following services:

(i) Screening and identification of risk cases and referring for appropriate intervention services.

(ii) Therapeutic services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech stimulation and therapy, behavioural management, and cognitive development.

(iii) Parental counselling and training and peer counselling;

(iv) School-readiness to improve communication, language and foundational literacy.

(f) The Ministry has set up National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres which provide disability-specific rehabilitation services under one roof. Some of the National Institutes such as Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research - Cuttack and National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities - Kolkata also conduct corrective surgeries.

The Ministry also provides financial assistance to the District Disability Rehabilitation Centres set up by the States/UTs for providing rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities.
