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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1392  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2021

**Braille Books for Visually Impaired Student**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide Braille books to visually-impaired students;
- (b) if so, the steps that have been taken by the Government in this direction so far; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

(a) to (c): With a view to providing free of cost Braille text books and course material to visually impaired school going children, a Central Sector Scheme namely, 'Support for Establishment/Modernization/Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses' is being implemented since 2014-15. Under this scheme, 27 Braille Presses across the country have been provided non-recurring financial assistance in three categories -12 for setting up of new Braille Presses, 12 for modernization of existing Braille Press and 03 for capacity augmentation of existing Braille Presses.

These Braille Presses are also provided recurring financial assistance to enable them to provide free of cost Braille text books and course material to visually impaired school going children of class I to XII.

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