

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2876
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2022**

DIKSHA Platform for Differently Abled Students

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the share of disabled children who are in schools compared to the total population of disabled children, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the proportion of disabled students who access platforms such as DIKSHA;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure that children with disabilities have access to platforms like DIKSHA for their education;
- (e) if so, the details of the measures taken by the Government thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether there are representatives from the disability sector/people with disabilities in the NEP task forces constituted in the States and if so, details of the same, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT ANNPURNA DEVI)**

- (a) A total of 22,49,069 CWSN students have enrolled for the year 2019-20 across the country (as per UDISE+ report). The State/UT wise data regarding “total number of enrolment of CWSN children, class-wise” is available at Id 4007 at the given UDISE+ link: <https://dashboard.udiseplus.gov.in/#/reportDashboard/sReport>
- (b) & (c) DIKSHA currently is an open-access platform for students, that means student does not need to register with any personal information to access the content on DIKSHA. To discover relevant content a learner (student, teacher, parent and

other) just need to fill Board, Medium and class. The data is not captured separately for disabled students who access DIKSHA. To make DIKSHA inclusive for all students, it has audio contents, ISL contents relevant to school education. DIKSHA does not capture the personal information of user of the platform.

(d) & (e) DIKSHA is the platform for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades **(one nation, one digital platform)**. DIKSHA complies with World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 level AA. This enables people with visual impairments to access the website using assistive technologies, such as screen readers. Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube. In all 1,855 textbook based ISL videos have been recorded, out of these 541 textbook based on ISL videos are uploaded on DIKSHA. A 10,000 word ISL dictionary has been uploaded on DIKSHA and **3,327** audio books chapters are also uploaded on DIKSHA.

(f) As per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, implementation of the Policy requires multiple initiatives and actions, which are to be taken up in a synchronized and systematic manner, by multiple bodies including Ministry of Education, CAGE, State/UT Governments, education-related Ministries, State Departments of Education, Boards, NTA, the regulatory bodies of school and higher education, NCERT, SCERTs, schools and HEIs.

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and responsibility of constitution of NEP implementation Task Force following prescribed norms and standards lies under the domain of the States and UT Governments. So far 31 States/UTs have constituted NEP implementation Task Force.
