

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-4034**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 17/03/2026

**EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES**

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SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI:  
SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:  
SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:  
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SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether special education and rehabilitation services are being provided to the visually impaired and hearing impaired persons through the National Institutes established under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD);
- (b) if so, the steps taken for the expansion or upgradation of the said services;
- (c) whether similar specialized services are also being provided through dedicated National Institutes for other major categories of disabilities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total number of beneficiaries receiving education and rehabilitation services through the said National Institutes at present, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) & (b): National Institutes (NIs) under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) provide special education, vocational training, skill development, early identification and intervention, therapeutic and rehabilitation services, audiology and speech therapy, Braille literacy, assistive device support services to persons with visual and hearing disabilities. These services are provided through institutions such as National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun, the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) [AYJNISHD(D)], Mumbai and the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) [NIEPMD (D)], Chennai.

The Government has undertaken various measures for expansion, upgradation of services, including strengthening infrastructure, establishing Regional Chapters and Composite Regional Centres, offering new skill training programmes, adopting modern assistive technologies, digitization of learning materials, and expanding outreach programmes for early detection and intervention. These initiatives include establishment of smart classes, development of accessible digital learning resources, integration of AI-based assistive technologies, strengthening of assistive technology laboratories, and promotion of ICT-based accessible services to support inclusive education and rehabilitation.

Two (02) new National Institutes have been established during last ten (10) years, increasing the total number of National Institutes to nine. The numbers of Composite Regional Centres, an extended arm of the National Institutes which provide education and rehabilitation services to all types of disabilities have also been increased from eight (08) to thirty (30) during the last ten (10) years.

(c) & (d): Specialized education and rehabilitation services are provided through the other National Institutes, under the Department catering to various categories of disabilities. National Institutes & their Composite Regional Centres, all taken together, have been geared to cater to all twenty one (21) Notified Disabilities. These other National Institutes include:

- (i) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad – providing services related to intellectual disabilities including special education, early intervention, skill training and rehabilitation.
- (ii) Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi – to develop, promote and standardize Indian Sign Language (ISL).
- (iii) National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Divyangjan, Kolkata – providing services relating to locomotor disabilities including orthopaedic rehabilitation, physiotherapy, prosthetics and orthotics training.
- (iv) National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore- providing multidisciplinary mental health rehabilitation services.
- (v) Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack – providing rehabilitation services, training and research in the field of locomotor disabilities and blood disorders.
- (vi) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD), New Delhi – providing rehabilitation, therapy, training and assistive technology services for persons with physical disabilities.

These National Institutes also provide other services such as special education, skill training, therapeutic interventions, early intervention programmes, production and distribution of assistive devices, and training of rehabilitation professionals in their areas. A total of 12,65,764 beneficiaries have been provided with rehabilitation services by all National Institutes under the Department during current financial year (till date). The Institute-wise details of student intake for courses conducted and the rehabilitation services provided are given at **Annexure**.

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Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4034 raised by Shri Yogender Chandolia, Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, Shri Krishna Prasad Tenneti, Shri Chavda Vinod Lakhamshi, Shri Ravindra Shukla Alias Ravi Kishan, Shri Vijay Kumar Dubey, Shri Madhavaneni Raghunandan Rao, Shri Parbhuhai Nagarbhai Vasava and Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal regarding “Education and Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Disabilities”**

**Institute-wise details of student intake for courses conducted by the National Institutes and the rehabilitation services provided by them during the year 2025–26 (as on date):**

S.No.	Name NIs	Number of students intake	Rehabilitation Services provided
1.	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun,	776	110777
2.	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai,	763	116698
3.	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad	1076	227910
4.	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai	301	235329
5.	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) , New Delhi	258	79375
6.	Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttak	391	443385
7.	National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata	191	45891
8.	Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi	146	*
9.	National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore	187	6399
	Total	4089	1265764

\*ISLRTC does not provide rehabilitation services

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