

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3468
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015

Books for Blind Students

3468. SHRI C. S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that books with audio facility through special techniques are being provided to blind students studying in different universities, institutes and colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the colleges and university administration are providing all the required books and notes to the blind students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per the information furnished by the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped(NIVH), an autonomous body of the Department of Disability Affairs, speaking books/talking books are being provided to blind students studying in different Universities, institutes and colleges in the country by the NIVH and 38 other voluntary organizations, as on 18th December, 2015. A list of 39 talking book libraries in the country is enclosed at Annexure. Some of these are functioning from University/college premises. Also, 175 books in 6 languages have been converted, under a project in National Mission on Education through Information and Communications Technology(NMEICT), into "Accessible Study Material" in e-text DAISY format for the benefit of "Print Impaired Students".

(c) to (e): In addition to the facilities made available by the NIVH and the Department of Disability Affairs for the blind students under its scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons(ADIP), the University Grants Commission (UGC), under the component of "Providing Special Equipment to augment Educational Services for Differently-abled Persons" in its scheme of Higher Education for Persons with special Needs (HEPSN), encourages Universities and Colleges to procure devices such as computers with screen reading software, low-vision aids scanners, mobility devices etc. and provide facility of Readers to enrich the educational experiences of visually challenged students. The Guidelines of the Scheme are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1604485_person-with-disabilities-Uni.pdf and http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5471032_person-with-disabilities.pdf for Universities and Colleges, respectively.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3468 for 21.12.2015 asked by Shri C.S.Putta Raju regarding Books for Blind Students

Sl. No.	Name of the Organisation	Address
1	Saksham	486 Double Storey, New Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi-110060
2	Nab- Delhi	Sector 5, R. K. Puram New Delhi-110022
3	The Blind Relief Association	Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, New Delhi-110 003.
4	Score Foundation	17/107 Lower Ground Floor, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar-4 New Delhi-110024
5	St Xaviers Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged	Saint Xaviers College, 5, MahapalikaMarg, Mumbai-400001
6	Blind Peoples Association - Kol	6B Panchanantala Road, 2nd Floor, Kolkata - 700029
7	NAB- Chandigarh	Room No:2 Second Floor, Karuna Sadan Building, Sector-11B Chandigarh
8	Arushi	1 Shivaji nagar, Near Gas Rahat Court, Bhopal 462016
9	NAB- Mount ABU	East View , Coomie P. Merwanji Marg, Dilwara Road,, Mount Abu-307501 (Rajasthan)
10	Shubham	First Floor, Agarwal Bhawan, Jawaharlal Road, Muzaffarpur-842001 (Bihar)
11	University of Delhi	Central Library , University of Delhi, Delhi -110007
12	Mitra Jyoti	CA Site P - 22, 18th cross, 31st Main, - 1, HSR Layout, Behind NIFT College, Bangalore - 560 102
13	National Talking Book Library, National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun	116 Rajpur Road, Dehradun 248001
14	Samarthanam Trust	#11, Villasuchitha , 17 th "A" Main, 1st Cross, 2nd Phase, J.P. Nagar, Banglore-560078
15	NIVH Chennai	No: 522 Trunk Road, Near Karayan Chavadi, Poonamallee, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-56
16	Samrita Trust	Plot no: 54, Vayupuri, Secunderabad-500094
17	RSVI	A-303 Gopala Apartment, Narahi, Ramteerath Marg, Lucknow-226001
18	Chakshumathi	TC 28/145, Post Office Lane, KRA-66, Kaithmukku, Trivandrum 695024
19	Cheema Trust	House no: 64, Sector 9 A, Chandigarh-160009
20	AICB	Near Rajeev Gandhi Cancer Hospital, Sector 5, Rohini, Delhi-110085
21	Human Development Institute	Village- Dabala (MEW), P.O. Machadi Via Rajgarh, District- Alawar. (Rajasthan)
22	NAB-Karnataka	NAB Rehabilitation Complex, C.A. Site No.-4, NAB Road, Jeevan Bima Nagar, Bangalore-560 075.
23	TTI-Pune	109 Dr Helen Keller Road, Ramtekdi, Hadapsar, Pune-411013
24	L.V. Prasad Eye Institute	Road No-2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034 (Andhra Pradesh)
25	M.P. Welfare Society for the Blind	33, B/D Kila Maidan, Indore-452006

26	JNU	New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110067
27	Niwant Andh Mukht Vikasalaya	Survey No 33/1 Plot 75, Vidyanagar, Pune-411032
28	Vision Through Ears	Qtr No: II-3, APSSRDI Campus, APSSRDI, Kirikera, Hindupur, Anantapur Dist, Andhra Pradesh-515211
29	NAB- Kullu	National Association for the Blind, H.P State Branch, Kullu Mahila kalyan Bhawan, Sarwari Bazar, Kullu Himachal Pradesh 175101
30	C.H. Mohamad Koya Library	CH. Mohammed Koya Library, University of Calicut, PO Calicut University, Malappuram, Dist - Kerala-673635
31	IAB	SK-33, Sindhoran Kalan Village, Near Chowki No:2, Delhi-110052
32	Government Institute for the Blind	Braille Bhawan, Near power house, Chandigarh Road, Jamalpur, Ludhiana, Punjab-141011
33	Blind People's Association,	Vastrapur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
34	N.A.B (India)	Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Seaface, Mumbai, Maharashtra-400025
35	Talking Book Library, Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys Academy, Kolkata	Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys Academy, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, P.O. Narendrapur, Kolkata- 700103, India
36	Society for the Visually Handicapped	A.P.T.I.B 123, Dover Road, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal
37	National Federation of the Blind	Bahadurgarh, Harayana
38	Rotary Hellen Keller Talking Book, Library for Handicapped	Vizhyagam, Madurai-625010 Tamil Nadu
39	Talking Book Library,	Jyothi Sroat School, Bethany Society, Shillong Meghalaya
