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Title: Regarding Development of Braille and Sign Language and GST on Cochlear Implant Devices -laid

SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER (PONNANI): Government should take emergent steps to develop the Braille language for the use of blind persons in the country. Similarly, sign language development is also required. We have to think that there are 63 Million deaf and dumb persons and over 18 Million blind people.

When the country thinks of an Inclusive growth, then these people deserve top most consideration.

It is also to be noted that the kids who underwent Cochlear implantation surgery now find it difficult to get devices required for the maintenance of the system. It is sad to say that GST at the rate of 18 % is levied on these devices which may be waived off on humanitarian consideration.