

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-74
ANSWERED ON-01/12/2025**

Braille Equipment Scheme

74. Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether visually impaired students in colleges are being provided with Braille-enabled laptops, screen readers and other assistive learning devices under the Braille Equipment Scheme or any other initiative of the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have benefited from the said scheme across the country during the last five years, State-wise and district-wise for Jharkhand;

(c) the details of implementation of these schemes during the last five years, including the nature of equipment distributed; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under the Braille Equipment Scheme or related programmes during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (d): Under 'Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP)' Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, funds are released to various Implementing Agencies for providing aids and assistive devices to eligible persons with disabilities including visually impaired persons throughout the country. The learning materials provided to the visually impaired persons under the ADIP Scheme are Braille Kit, Accessible Smart Phone, Smart Cane, TLM (Teaching Learning Material) Kit for various classes. State-wise, details of number of visually impaired beneficiaries covered & funds utilised under the ADIP Scheme during the last 05 years is at **Annexure I** and district-wise details of visually impaired persons covered under the ADIP scheme during the last 05 years in the State of Jharkhand is at **Annexure II**.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 74 answered on 01.12.2025 asked by Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram regarding “Braille Equipment System”

State -wise details of visually impaired persons covered and funds utilised under the ADIP Scheme during the last 05 years .

State Name	Number of beneficiaries covered	Funds utilized (Rs.in Lakhs)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	5	0.29
ANDHRA PRADESH	1826	114.48
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	39	5.07
ASSAM	3631	221.91
BIHAR	1768	83.36
CHANDIGARH	300	29.76
CHHATTISGARH	693	75.11
DELHI	2498	310.97
GOA	179	17.25
GUJARAT	7195	491.33
HARYANA	939	100.79
HIMACHAL PRADESH	414	29.63
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1202	91.70
JHARKHAND	1764	71.57
KARNATAKA	2666	205.63
KERALA	669	67.09
LADAKH	18	1.05
LAKSHADWEEP	7	0.96
MADHYA PRADESH	5657	420.70
MAHARASHTRA	13301	976.31
MANIPUR	387	61.54
MEGHALAYA	194	12.68
MIZORAM	43	2.35
NAGALAND	122	7.52
ODISHA	3408	236.82
PUDUCHERRY	148	12.95
PUNJAB	1741	142.24
RAJASTHAN	2702	260.26
SIKKIM	52	3.39
TAMIL NADU	4402	301.88
TELANGANA	891	49.62
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	88	8.88
TRIPURA	713	43.99
UTTAR PRADESH	8916	465.23
UTTARAKHAND	7664	100.48
WEST BENGAL	2370	103.71
Grand Total :	78612	5128.50

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 74 answered on 01.12.2025 asked by Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram regarding “Braille Equipment System”

District -wise details of visually impaired persons covered under the ADIP Scheme during the last 05 years in the State of Jharkhand.

State Name	District Name	Number of Beneficiaries covered
JHARKHAND	BOKARO	101
	CHATRA	41
	DEOGHAR	65
	DHANBAD	64
	DUMKA	108
	EAST SINGHBUM	47
	GARHWA	62
	GIRIDIH	136
	GODDA	94
	GUMLA	110
	HAZARIBAGH	16
	JAMTARA	39
	KHUNTI	66
	KODERMA	67
	LATEHAR	46
	LOHARDAGA	43
	PAKUR	69
	PALAMU	155
	RAMGARH	23
	RANCHI	165
	SAHEBGANJ	73
	SARAIKELA KHARSAWAN	104
	SIMDEGA	18
	WEST SINGHBHUM	52
	Grand Total :	1764