

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION FOR DISABLED STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the Comprehensive Education Policy for the Disabled Students has totally failed to achieve its objectives;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Delhi High Court has ordered the Union and the Delhi Governments to prepare a Comprehensive Education Scheme and ensure transport facilities and supply of books to such students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide requisite benefits to the disabled children studying in various schools?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

a), b) & e) : The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) which has the primary objective of integration of mild to moderately disabled child in regular school has been providing the requisite facilities to such children. The response to the scheme has been encouraging. Under IEDC scheme, benefits of transport allowances, expenses on books, stationery and uniforms, readers allowance in case of blind children after Class V, escort allowance, cost of equipment, attendant for severely orthopaedically handicapped children, boarding and lodging charges for disabled children residing in school hostels are extended to disabled children.

c) & d) : No, Sir.