

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

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NEW EDUCATION POLICY FOR VISUALLY CHALLENGED
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a new education policy for the visually challenged in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount likely to be spent on the said scheme, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) : The Minister of Human Resource Development had made a Statement on the floor of the Rajya Sabha on 21.3.2005 regarding a Comprehensive Action Plan on the Inclusive Education for Children and Youth with Disabilities. The existing scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC) will be being revised and renamed as Inclusive Education for Children and Youth with Disabilities. Further, it has been decided to set up a Standing Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) for monitoring the implementation of the action plan for the children and youth with special needs.