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RCI MOU WITH ISRO AND NIOS

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for setting up an EDUSAT up-linking station and studio within the Institute's premises as reported in The Hindu dated September 9, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to up-link all non-governmental organizations working in the field of disability rehabilitation with EDUSAT facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether RCI has also signed a memorandum of understanding with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for facilitating children with disabilities in acquiring knowledge and skills apart for qualification at their own pace;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the benefits likely to accrue to the disabled persons therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

a)&(b) Yes Sir. The MOU will enhance the capacity of the Council in providing better training opportunities to the students, parents, professionals etc. to upgrade their knowledge and skills in disability prevention and rehabilitation.

(c)&(d) Presently there is no proposal to cover all non-governmental organisation working in the field of disability rehabilitation.

(e), (f) & (g) A Memorandum of Understanding with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has been signed to ensure that disabled person acquire academic and social skills at par with others. This MOU will help in setting up of approved accredited Centres of NIOS and will increase the spread of disability education through out the country.