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**DIVYANG FRIENDLY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

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The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for barrier free access in the elementary schools for the benefit of Divyang children. As per Unified District Information System for Education, 2015–16 (provisional), 82.60% of all elementary schools have been provided with barrier free access and 79.33% have Divyang friendly toilets.

At the secondary level, Divyang children are provided assistance under the Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) component of the integrated Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, which inter alia provides for removal of architectural barriers to ensure that Divyang students have access to each classroom, laboratory, library and toilet in the school. The scheme supports development of accessible physical environment in existing secondary school buildings.

Out of 1136 Kendriya Vidyalayas running in the country as on date, 93.39% Kendriya Vidyalayas have ramps and 97.44% have special toilets. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has also taken a policy decision to provide special toilets & ramps to Divyang children, teachers & staff in all new KV buildings which will be constructed by KVS in future.

In Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas also, ramps and separate toilets for Divyang students has been made an integral part of building design.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued letters dated 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 and 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 to universities to ensure providing barrier-free environment in the buildings, which include provision of ramps, rails, lifts, adaptation of toilets for wheelchair user, brail signages and auditory signals, tactile flooring etc. UGC provides General Development Assistance to eligible institutions to promote such endeavours.

Under the SSA, ` 9736.48 lakh, ` 1691.42 lakh and ` 4490.34 lakh was sanctioned in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively to the States/UTs to make the elementary schools Divyang friendly.

During 2016-17, a total of ` 25203.40 lakh (recurring and non-recurring) has been allocated to States and UTs under IEDSS scheme which includes funds for removal of architectural barriers.

KVS has sanctioned a sum of ` 17.47 crore for providing ramps and special toilets for Divyang students in KV school buildings during last three financial years and current financial year.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Shri Upendra Kushwaha today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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