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Encouragement for enrolment of disabled children

As per information provided by Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Department of School Education and Literacy, under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, the States & UTs are supported to identify, assess, enroll Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in schools and provide them with appropriate assistive devices and supportive teaching learning materials and resource support. Efforts are also made under the SSA to persuade parents and communities to bring such children to schools, through appropriate training and school-parent interaction.

Their scheme titled “Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS)” enables all students with disabilities after completing eight years of elementary schooling to pursue further four years of secondary schooling (Class IX-XII) in an inclusive and enabling environment.

Under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, States and UT’s have set up decentralized grievance redressal mechanisms, including the State Commission for Protection of Child Right (SCPCR)/Right to Education Protection Authority (REPA), to address complaints.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha here today.
