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Braille Script for Visually Impaired

The Government has approved the Central Sector Scheme of “support for establishment/modernization/capacity augmentation of Braille presses” for the benefit of visually challenged during the 12th Plan Period (effective from 2014-15). The objectives of the scheme are:

- (i) to establish 18 new Braille Presses
- (ii) to establish 03 small scale Braille printing units in UTs;
- (iii) to modernize 12 old Braille Presses
- (iv) to augment Braille printing capacity of 03 modern Braille printing presses

The Government has approved three proposals for establishment of new Braille press, three proposals for capacity augmentation of the existing press and eleven proposals for modernization of old Braille presses.

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has introduced a revised version of the Scheme “Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP)’. Under this Scheme the following IT devices are given at free of cost or at subsidized rate to visually impaired children:

- i) Smart phone with screen reading software
- ii) Tablet with Screen Reading Software
- iii) Tablet media player
- iv) Daisy book
- v) Smart cane
- vi) Mouse cam video magnifier
- vii) Smart phone with magnified apparatus
- viii) Hand held magnifier
- ix) Pocket size blue tooth key board for smart phone or tablet
- x) Spectacle magnifier
- xi) Audio labeler
- xii) Pill Dispenser
- xiii) Talking calculator
- xiv) Talking table clock
- xv) Talking wrist watch
- xvi) Optical magnifiers
- xvii) Talking glucometer

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 Lok Sabha here today.
