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Special Schools for Children with Disabilities

Section 26 (b) of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides that appropriate Government and local authorities shall endeavour to promote the integration of students with disabilities in the normal schools. Section 26(c) mandates the appropriate Governments and local authorities to promote setting up of special schools in Government and Private Sector for those in need of special education, in such a manner that children with disabilities living in any part of the country have access to such schools. While the Government's approach continues to be one of promoting inclusive education, special education should be available to those who need it.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri P. Balram Naik in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.
