

EDUCATION:

1. Schools for the Hearing Impaired:

The Department runs 4 residential special schools for children with Hearing Impairment at Gulbarga, Mysore, Bellary and Belgaum. In these schools free food, shelter, education is provided to students. Belgaum school for Hearing impaired is run exclusively for girls.

2. Schools for the Visually Impaired:

The Department runs 4 residential special schools for the Visually Impaired Children at Gulbarga, Mysore, Davanagere and Hubli. These Schools provide free food, shelter and education to children. Davanagere school for visually impaired is set up exclusively for girls.

3. 1982 Grant-in-Aid Code Special Schools:

Voluntary Organizations are imparting special education in 34 Special Schools for the children with hearing impairment, visual impairment and mental retardation across the State of Karnataka. Grant-in-aid is disbursed through Zilla panchayath, for these Special Schools.

B) Financial Assistance to NGO's Running Special Schools:

(Child Centric scheme):

Financial Assistance under child centric scheme is provided to 141 NGOs running residential & non residential Special schools for Mental Retarded (Cerebral Palsy, Autism), Visually Impairment & Hearing Impairment. Financial Assistance is provided in accordance with the number of children in each school.

B) Furthermore 8 special schools/Job Training Centers are functioning under Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) of "Financial assistance to voluntary organizations for the disabled persons" 90% grant from Government of India and remaining 10% is borne by the NGOs themselves.

4. Scholarships to students with disabilities:

The students with disabilities irrespective of income who are studying from Std. 1st to Post graduation are eligible for scholarships under this scheme and 2001-02 they are exempted from income limit.

5. Scheme of Incentive Award to Meritorious students with Disabilities:

Incentive Awards are provided to meritorious students with disabilities who secure 60% and above marks in public exams. The scheme has been extended to TCH. B.Ed., and M.Ed students.

6. Reimbursement of fees for Differently Abled students for Higher and Technical Education:

Students pursuing Higher Education after S.S.L.C such as Higher Education, Vocational Courses, Technical Education, Post Graduation and Professional education are eligible for fees reimbursement. No income limit is fixed for availing the facility under this scheme. The student should possess a Medical certificate duly issued by competent Govt. Medical authority as prescribed in the rules. The actual fees reimbursement includes Examination fees/Tuition fees, Lab fees, Sports fees and Library fees.

7. Braille Printing Press:

Braille books required for the Visually Impaired students are printed and supplied by the Government Braille Printing Press at Mysore throughout the state.

8. Teachers Training Centre for Special Education:

2 Training centers to train teachers in special education for visually impaired and hearing impaired are established at Mysore.

9. Day Care Centres for the Mentally Retarded, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Multiple Disabilities:

Two Day Care Centers are established in Bangalore urban area through NGOs to cater to the needs of children above three years suffering from mental retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Multiple Disabilities, and Rs.10,000/- per child monthly financial assistance is given to the NGOs for the period of 10 months in a year towards maintenance of Day Care Center.

10. Talking Laptop Scheme for Visually Impaired: Blind Students studying in 10th Standard and pursuing higher education will be provided Talking Laptop with latest technology for their educational empowerment.

11. Braille cum Talking Library: Action has been initiated to setup Braille cum Talking Library in Bangalore and Kalaburgi for the benefit of Visually Impaired students and other blind persons.

12. Braille Kit: Action has been initiated to distribute Braille Kits to 500 Visually Impaired students, the kit includes mobile, Braille watch, walking stick etc., to enable them to be self-reliant in their day to day activities.