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# Soon, site to redress special kids' complaints

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**M**UMBAI: The state education department plans to setting up a website to invite suggestions and resolve grievances related to inclusion of children with special needs in schools across Maharashtra.

School education minister Vinod Tawde made the announcement at a workshop for educators and principals of city schools, said an official.

"An education department official will reply and address the complaints received through the portal within a week. The minister also said that the schools will set up an adult writers' bureau so that students can avail services of genuine people," said psychiatrist Dr Harish Shetty, who was present at the workshop. Recently, the state has introduced an updated list of exam provisions, which can be availed by children with special needs in accordance with their requirements. "The state has assured us that the government resolution is only a beginning and additions will be made as and when required. This could be done through the dedicated website," said Sonali Saini, chairperson, Sol's ARC, a learning centre for special children and a member of the committee that drafted the provisions.

The government resolution extends the provisions to school exams starting from Std I. Principals have welcomed the government's decision.

"Such decisions are the need of the hour. Maharashtra must take the lead. However, it is very important that the GR is implemented properly and there is enough awareness," said Father Francis Swamy, joint secretary of the Archdiocesan Board

of Education.