

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1406
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 09/12/2025

SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN

1406. Shri Pradeep Kumar Singh:
Smt. Kamaljeet Sehrawat:
Shri Mahendra Singh Solanky:
Shri KhagenMurmu:
Shri Manoj Tiwari:
Shri Mukeshkumar Chandrakaant Dalal:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of accessibility assessments undertaken under the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, particularly with respect to public buildings, transportation systems and digital services;
- (b) the percentage of Central, State, and district-level Government buildings that currently comply with barrier-free standards;
- (c) whether any gaps have been identified in the accessibility features of the Central, State and district-level Government buildings; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps being taken by the Ministry to support States/UTs in upgrading remaining public infrastructure to meet accessibility norms, including timelines and performance indicators ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a) to (d) Since 'Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State' is a State subject, and as per Sections 41, 44 and 45 of The Rights Of Person with Disabilities Act, 2016, the appropriate government is responsible to take steps to ensure accessible built infrastructure, transport systems and accessible ICT for PwDs and is also responsible to conduct regular social

audits to ensure that different schemes meet accessibility requirements and these details are not being maintained centrally. To facilitate States/UTs, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements an Umbrella Scheme- Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SIPDA) Act, 2016 with a sub-component - “Scheme for Creation of Barrier Free Environment” (CBFE Scheme) through which financial assistance is provided to State/UT Governments only on demand basis for creation of barrier free environment in existing government buildings and establishments as per receipt of compliant proposals.

In a view to facilitate Governments and other service providers in undertaking accessibility audits, DEPwD has also empanelled some accessibility auditors in both built environment and web/digital domains. As on date, DEPwD has empanelled sixty (60) accessibility auditors for built environment and sixteen (16) accessibility auditors for web accessibility. The services of these empanelled accessibility auditors can be directly availed by any one on mutually agreed terms and conditions, for conducting accessibility audits of both public and private infrastructures as per requirements.

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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1411
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2025

ISSUANCE OF UDID CARDS

1411. Dr. Vinod Kumar Bind:
Shri Devusinh Chauhan:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of issuance of Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards in the country, including the total number of eligible persons yet to be covered;
- (b) whether any major challenges have been identified in achieving universal UDID coverage in various States and Union Territories;
- (c) if so, the details of corrective measures being taken by the Government to ensure timely issuance, verification and 100% saturation of UDID cards;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any recent review or assessment of the functioning and service delivery of District Disability Rehabilitation Centers (DDRCs);
- (e) if so, the key observations or findings from such reviews, particularly regarding infrastructure, staffing, outreach and service utilisation;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to strengthen, modernise or expand the network of DDRCs; and
- (g) if so, the details of any planned initiatives in this regard ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) As per the 2011 Census, there are about 2.68 crore persons with disabilities (PwDs) in India. Since the launch of the UDID project a total of 1,31,13,616 (as on 05.12.2025) UDID cards have been issued across the country by the hospitals authorised by the state/UT governments.

(b) Major challenges:

- (i) Shortage of medical experts to assess the disabilities of PwDs at the State/UT level,.
- (ii) Less number of authorised hospitals in the State/UT governments for issuance of UDID cards.
- (iii) Pendency of applications for UDID cards with hospitals.
- (iv) Lack of awareness among the PwDs.

(c) and (d) (i) Notification of revised disability assessment guidelines for assessment of Persons included under RPwD Act, 2016 was done on 12.03.2024 which provides for the provision of inclusion of private medical doctors in the medical board to cater to the shortage of specialist at the designated hospitals in the States/UTs.

(ii) Conducted 8 training programs on revised disability assessment guidelines with about 6000 medical professionals at various zones of the nation.

(iii) Regular training of the UDID Portal functionaries by the department.

(iv) Regular meeting by the senior officers of the department with the State/UT government for timely disposal of pending applications.

(e) The District Disability Rehabilitation Centers (DDRCs) are established and operated with the support of the State Governments and function under the overall supervision of the District Magistrate. Under the Scheme, the Central Government mainly provides financial assistance in the form of viability-gap support, while the day-to-day management, staffing arrangements, infrastructure support and operational activities fall within the responsibilities of the State Government and district administration. For the appraisal of the Scheme for its continuation in the forthcoming Finance Commission cycle, an impact evaluation study has

recently been undertaken. The study has brought out several findings including the contribution of DDRCs in providing district-level rehabilitation services, increasing local accessibility for persons with disabilities, facilitating early identification and intervention activities. The study report also shows the enabling role of DDRCs in strengthening linkages with district health and education systems and in improving awareness and outreach on disability-related services. Further, the report also shows that DDRCs largely function from government or hospital premises thus ensuring basic functionality. Further, outreach practices remain robust ensuring effective service delivery.

(f) and (g): The scheme's guidelines were revised incorporating strengthening and modernising efforts e.g. provision for more rehabilitation professionals/staff, improved facilities etc. Submission/acceptance of online proposals under DDRCs was started from FY 2024-25. Also, in July, 2025, a new dedicated online portal for submission and processing of proposals under DDRCs including DDRC has also been started.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1484
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2025

NATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY & ASSISTIVE-TECH MISSION

1484. Shri Shyamkumar Daulat Barve:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considered establishing a “National Accessibility & Assistive-Tech Mission” to ensure real “full inclusion” for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), under which a time-bound national plan can be formulated to implement structural reforms such as mandatory compliance with universal design norms, affordability of AI-based assistive devices, a disability- linked digital inclusion index, accessible public infrastructure audits, and disability-adjusted productivity norms in the employment sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government considered making disability impact assessments mandatory in all Central and State schemes so that policies are aligned with the specific needs of PwD since the inception of the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a) to (d) : Presently, there is no proposal for establishing a National *Accessibility & Assistive-Tech Mission in the Department*.

Department is already implementing various schemes such as “Creation of Barrier Free Environment”(CBFE) scheme for creation of barrier-free infrastructure, accessible Information & Communication Technology(ICT) systems and Transport systems accessibility, Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP Scheme) ADIP Scheme for distribution of different assistive aids/devices, based on modern technology , etc..

Also ‘Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State’ is a State subject, and as per Sections 41, 44 and 45 of The Rights Of Person with Disabilities Act, 2016, the appropriate governments are responsible to take steps to ensure accessible built infrastructure, transport systems and accessible ICT for PwDs and is also responsible to

conduct regular social audits/assessments to ensure that different schemes meet accessibility requirements.

For the continuation of Department implemented schemes, in compliance with Ministry of Finance's directives, a Third Party Evaluation of all Central Sector Schemes run by the department is conducted every five years, taking into account the efficacy of scheme outcomes for Divyangjans.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 1489

TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2025

BENEFITS TO WEAKER SECTIONS

1489. Shri Babu Singh Kushwaha:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Persons with disabilities, Senior citizens, Scheduled Castes and other disadvantaged sections are facing difficulties in getting benefits of welfare schemes like pension distribution, certificate generation, availability of assistive devices and rehabilitation services in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has recently undertaken any review of social justice schemes being run in various States to ensure progress, transparency and access to beneficiaries particularly in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes any new initiatives in the near future to further strengthen digital services and social security programmes for the disabled, senior citizens and weaker sections?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a) & (b) Relief to the disabled is a State subject. Hence all the efforts and details of Uttar Pradesh Government in terms of the implementation status of welfare schemes like pension distribution, disability certificates, assistive devices, and rehabilitation services to persons with

disabilities, senior citizens, scheduled castes and other disadvantaged sections is maintained by the State government.

As per available records in the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), over 16 lakh UDID cards have been generated and issued in State of Uttar Pradesh as of date. For persons with disabilities, under the ADIP Scheme, modern aids and appliances are provided through implementing agencies and permanent Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras including in nine (9) PMDKs in Uttar Pradesh. From 2022–2025, ADIP camps in Uttar Pradesh utilized over Rs.205 crore across 859 camps benefitting 1.4 Lakh beneficiaries. For 2022–2025, RVY (Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana) camps in Uttar Pradesh benefitted 68,967 senior citizens across 252 camps. An amount of Rs.46.44 crore stands disbursed under the Scholarship Scheme of DEPwD to 8918 students with disabilities in the State of Uttar Pradesh from 2023-24 to 2025-26. There are three (3) Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs) in Uttar Pradesh providing early screening, therapy and counselling for young children.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) implements schemes like PM-AJAY, scholarships, free coaching, SHRESHTA, SMILE etc. In respect of senior citizens DoSJE also supplements the State Government's efforts through its Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) components, under which 50 old-age homes are operational in Uttar Pradesh as on date.

The schemes are regularly reviewed by DEPwD with all concerned officials of different State departments. ADIP, Scholarship, DDRS, IPSrC, SMILE etc. are some such regularly monitored schemes.

(c) To strengthen digital services and social security programmes several initiatives are taking place. MeitY's SugamyaWeb accessibility testing tool in line with WCAG 2.1 AA, is helping accessibility audits and certifications of Government/private websites faster, Bhashini' initiative is helping to enhance multilingual access to e-services. DoSJE has launched a Senior Citizen Portal as a one-stop digital platform providing information on all welfare schemes, services, and grievance redressal mechanisms. ALIMCO under DEPwD is implementing AI Accessibility Mission and Mission AI-Driven Assistive Technology. National Scholarship Portal (NSP) under DEPwD has been strengthened with OTR, bio and face authentication, and NSP–UDID portal integration.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1518
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 09/12/2025

SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1518. Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy:
Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the total number of beneficiaries covered under the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan during the last five years, State and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh and especially in Prakasam and Nellore districts;

(b) the details regarding the total amount of funds allocated, released and utilised under the scheme over the last five years, including details of expenditure on infrastructure upgrades and service improvements in the country, State and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh and especially in Prakasam and Nellore districts;

(c) the details regarding the extent to which modern technologies such as digital accessibility tools, assistive devices and technology-enabled assessments have been developed or deployed to support beneficiaries under the scheme; and

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any steps to raise awareness about the scheme among persons with disabilities, implementing agencies and the general public, including details of outreach campaigns, training programmes and measurable outcomes; if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a) & (b): The Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) was launched on December 3, 2015 for creating universal accessibility in three verticals: the built-up environment, transportation system, and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) ecosystem. The campaign is target-oriented and the focus is towards making government buildings, public transport and websites accessible. Grants are given on receipt of only compliant proposals received by States/UTs. In 2025-26 FY , an amount of Rs. 31.00 lakhs has been released as first

instalment under the Creation of Barrier Free Environment(CBFE) Scheme for retrofitting of 02 State Government buildings in Andhra Pradesh.

(c)The Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, (ALIMCO)Kanpur, is the primary implementing agency supplying quality and modern assistive devices to persons with disabilities under the Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase or Fitting of Aids and Appliances Scheme. The Corporation has adopted several advanced technological interventions, including digital scanning for fabrication of three-dimensional printed prosthetic sockets, development of a low-vision assistive eyewear device, a lithium-ion battery-operated motorised tricycle and “Kadam” knee joint developed in collaboration with leading scientific institutions and is continuously improving its product designs through ToTs/partnerships with engineering institutes and product leaders in this field. Additionally, a Transfer of Technology agreement with Ottobock has enabled the production and fitment of international-standard prosthetic device for lower-limb amputees.

Further, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued the *Accessibility Standards for Health Care* notified on 4th May 2023, mandating accessibility measures all in healthcare facilities. The guidelines also emphasize accessibility of hospital and health-related websites to ensure seamless navigation using assistive technologies. In addition, the Indian Council of Medical Research has released the National List of Essential Assistive Products to promote universal access to essential assistive devices and support healthcare and rehabilitation services.

(d) Under the Department’s Awareness Generation & Publicity (AGP) Scheme, various awareness programmes are conducted through events organized by National Institutes (NIs), Composite Regional Centres (CRCs), Regional Centres (RCs) under the Department, Government Bodies, Educational Institutions, and registered NGOs/Organizations to create general awareness about the schemes and programmes of the Department for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and also to sensitise employers and other stakeholders about the special needs of persons with disabilities and promote their overall well being and empowerment.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1531
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 09/12/2025

ADIP AND NIRAMAYA SCHEMES

1531. Dr. Kadiyam Kavya:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the support provided for persons with disabilities under Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) and Niramaya schemes;
- (b) the details of elderly welfare initiatives, including pension enhancements; and
- (c) the details of awareness campaigns on rights and entitlements?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing Scheme of 'Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)' under which funds are released to assist eligible persons with disabilities for procuring durable, sophisticated, and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation and enhance their economic potential. Under the scheme, the various types of aids and appliances are provided with financial assistance up to ₹15,000, in case of high-end prosthesis upto ₹30,000/- and in case of motorized tricycles and wheelchairs , financial assistance of upto ₹50,000/- is being provided .

Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme implemented by Department since 2008, gives a health cover of Rs. 1 Lakh annually, to cover expenses related to Corrective Surgeries/Other Surgeries, OPD Consultations, Diagnostic Tests, Therapies, Alternative Medicine-AYUSH, etc. details of which are given at Annexure I . The scheme is implemented through Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd.. 66,356 Divyangjans are enrolled in 2025-26 and an expenditure of Rs.9.9 Crore has been made under the scheme till date.

(b) In alignment with the principles of active and healthy ageing and to ensure dignified living for the elderly, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) is implementing the umbrella scheme Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY). AVYAY seeks to provide comprehensive and integrated services through a convergence of various interventions for elderly welfare. The details of the components of the AVYAY Scheme are -

(i) Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC)

This component provides basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities and by encouraging productive and active ageing through providing support for capacity building. Assistance under the scheme is given to Panchayati Raj Institutions/local bodies and eligible Non-Governmental Voluntary Organisations. Since FY 2014–15, over 10.20 lakh senior citizens have been supported under this scheme.

(ii) State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC)-This scheme provides financial assistance to States/UTs to carry out State-specific activities such as awareness campaigns, sensitization programmes, cataract surgeries, and other welfare measures for senior citizens.

(iii) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY):This scheme was launched in 2017 to assist senior citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category or those with a monthly income not exceeding ₹15,000, who suffer from any age-related disability or infirmity. Under the scheme, assistive devices such as walking sticks, wheelchairs, spectacles, hearing aids, etc., are distributed free of cost.

(iv) Elderline – National Helpline for Senior Citizens (NHSC)-toll- free number (14567), operational since 01.10.2021 that provides free Information, Guidance, Emotional Support and Field Intervention in cases of abuse and rescues in order to improve the quality of life of senior citizens.

(v) Training of Geriatric Care Givers:To bridge the gap in supply and increasing demand in the field of geriatric caregivers so as to provide more professional services to the senior citizens and also to create a cadre of professional givers in the field of geriatrics. This scheme was launched in the FY 2023-24.

(vi) Other Initiatives for Senior Citizens

- MoU with the Ministry of AYUSH – to enable senior citizens to benefit from AYUSH systems of healthcare.
- MoU with Prajapita Brahma Kumaris – to promote holistic well-being of senior citizens through spirituality.
- Development of a “Vriddha Mitra Toolkit” (Elder Companion Toolkit).
- Organization of Grandparents-Teachers Meetings in schools to promote inter-generational bonding.
- Celebration of International Day of Older Persons through activities such as talk series, walkathons, and pledge events.

- MoU with Dementia India Alliance (DIA) – for improving the quality of life of elderly persons living with dementia in old age homes through online memory screening, training of staff, and analysis of data.
- MoU with Vyay Vikas (VV) – to enhance awareness and promote Government welfare schemes among senior citizens.
- Awareness and Educational Programmes – including workshops, seminars, podcasts, and community outreach to inform senior citizens about benefits and eligibility of schemes.
- Digital and Financial Literacy Curriculum – development of customized training material and structured sessions for digital and financial inclusion of senior citizens.
- Support for Old Age Homes – assisting old age homes in understanding and achieving the Minimum Standards, with a focus on soft interventions.

As far as pension to elderly citizens and persons with disabilities is concerned, National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is a social security programme implemented by Ministry of Rural Development for most vulnerable persons of society living below poverty line, both in rural and urban areas. Under the programme, the old aged, widows, and disabled persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and fulfilling eligibility criteria prescribed in the NSAP guidelines, are provided financial assistance, in form of pension, ranging from Rs.200/- to Rs.500/- p.m. and in the case of death of the breadwinner of such family, a lump sum assistance of Rs. 20,000/- is given to the bereaved family. One of the components under the scheme is Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme under which assistance of ₹ 200/- per month to persons in the age group of 60-79 years and ₹500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above is provided.

At present, no such proposal of pension enhancement is under consideration

(c) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment supports outreach initiatives by institutions, government bodies, educational institutions, and registered NGOs/organizations.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Ministry is implementing the Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY) and provides financial assistance to States/UTs to carry out State-specific activities such as awareness campaigns, sensitization programmes, cataract surgeries, and other welfare measures for senior citizens.

Annexure-I

| Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1531 to be answered on 09.12.2025 regarding “ADIP and Niramaya Schemes” | | | | |
|---|---|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Section | Sub-Section | Detail | Sub Limit | Overall |
| I | Overall Limit of Hospitalization | | | 55,000/- |
| | A | Corrective Surgeries for existing Disability including Congenital disability (Under SECI(A) a maximum capping of Rs. 15,000/- For other than the corrective surgeries for Existing Disabilities, which is included in the overall limit of Rs. 40,000/- of Sec I(A)) | 40,000/- | |
| | B | Non Surgical / Hospitalization | 15,000 | |
| * II | Overall Limit for Out Patient Department (OPD) | | | 19,000/- |
| | A | OPD Treatment including the medicines, pathology, diagnostic tests, etc. | 15,000/- | |
| | B | Dental Preventive Dentistry | 4,000/- | |
| ** III | Ongoing Therapies to reduce impact of disability | | | 20,000/- |
| IV | Alternative Medicine- AYUSH | | | 4,000/- |
| V | Transportation Costs | | | 2,000/- |
| OVERALL LIMIT OF THE COVERAGE OF A PERSON : Rs. 1,00,000/- | | | | |

* Need for original reports / films like MRI, X-ray, ultrasounds etc. – Original documents are required including the film for settling of Claims.

** Prescription for Ongoing Therapies- Doctor’s prescription at least once in Six months is essential in which the category of therapy and duration of therapy should be clearly mentioned. Thereafter other documents from Rehabilitation Professional for therapy and related bills will be acceptable. Doctor who prescribes the prescription should be a valid medical Practitioner with valid license/degree as per Medical council rules.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1535
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2025

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEENDAYAL DIVYANGJAN REHABILITATION
SCHEME**

1535. Shri S Jagathratchakan:
Shri K E Prakash:-

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Parliamentary Committee had flagged persistent underutilisation of funds and reduction in physical targets by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under key schemes for persons with disabilities such as the DDRS and if so, details thereof and the action taken in this regard;
- (b) the number of projects proposed under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) during the past five years and the number of such projects approved, State-wise;
- (c) the total funds allocated and released for projects under DDRS during the past five years, State-wise, along with reasons for any underutilisation of funds; and
- (d) the details of projects approved under DDRS during the last five years, including the name of the implementing organisation, district, nature of the project and the amount allocated to each project in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

- (a) The details of Expenditure for the projects under the DDRS for the years 2022-23 to 2024-25 is as follows:-

(₹ in crore)

| Financial Year | Expenditure |
|----------------|-------------|
| 2022-23 | 114.69 |
| 2023-24 | 129.98 |
| 2024-25 | 139.39 |

It is evident from above that budget expenditure under the DDRS has consistently increased over the years.

- (b) and (c) State-wise details of the number of projects funded under the Deendayal Divyangjan rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) during the past five years are placed at **Annexure-I**.

(d) The details of GIA released for the projects in the State of Tamilnadu under DDRS during the last five years is at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

State-wise details of the number of projects funded under the Deendayal Divyangjan rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) during the past five years

(Amount in Rs.)

| Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) and (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1535 to be answered on 09.12.2025 regarding "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEENDAYAL DIVYANGJAN REHABILITATION SCHEME" | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| S.N | State | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
| | | No. of projects | GIA released | No. of projects | GIA released | No. of projects | GIA released | No. of projects | GIA released | No. of projects | GIA released |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 64 | 160502267 | 52 | 172341567 | 70 | 260557306 | 68 | 270553016 | 73 | 265012208 |
| 2. | Assam | 5 | 6202482 | 7 | 13905825 | 7 | 16275702 | 4 | 12183175 | 5 | 16396646 |
| 3. | Bihar | - | - | 1 | 4189479 | 2 | 3354015 | 3 | 6864980 | 3 | 4896171 |
| 4. | Chattisgarh | 1 | 163059 | 1 | 4757545 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 7414799 |
| 5. | Delhi | 7 | 24767146 | 5 | 16273590 | 8 | 18550632 | 10 | 16688500 | 7 | 19170038 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 7 | 2332317 | 6 | 9616656 | 5 | 7092659 | 5 | 7422104 | 7 | 9350708 |
| 7. | Haryana | 9 | 14018636 | 7 | 10198584 | 11 | 12892567 | 11 | 17461407 | 10 | 14881889 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 5 | 5531584 | 5 | 6714621 | 5 | 4877076 | 5 | 6114188 | 9 | 7584587 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 3 | 8129854 | 3 | 13559548 | 4 | 13991978 | 1 | 7372690 | 3 | 9487447 |
| 10. | Kerala | 27 | 62830001 | 27 | 72530235 | 30 | 76240797 | 24 | 45520012 | 33 | 163224699 |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 15 | 21484645 | 13 | 25958865 | 14 | 31682276 | 13 | 33228017 | 13 | 26935843 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | 10 | 15433280 | 6 | 4395057 | 10 | 35027007 | 12 | 19487147 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. | Manipur | 21 | 53009234 | 20 | 69162255 | 25 | 99538392 | 23 | 85445224 | 31 | 103891853 |
| 14. | Meghalaya | 4 | 10537292 | 2 | 2964334 | 6 | 10176359 | 5 | 8786110 | 6 | 16554840 |
| 15. | Mizoram | 1 | 1173032 | - | - | 2 | 2922338 | 1 | 1725750 | 1 | 650850 |
| 16. | Nagaland | 1 | 2631857 | - | - | 1 | 3036173 | 1 | 3760650 | 1 | 3828450 |
| 17. | Odisha | 41 | 74203665 | 45 | 143638090 | 38 | 89917342 | 29 | 127643499 | 31 | 115596253 |

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| 18. | Pudducherry | 2 | 1848173 | 2 | 3588653 | 4 | 8526872 | 3 | 8065153 | 4 | 8275383 |
| 19. | Punjab | 4 | 9891853 | 5 | 13189661 | 6 | 15867527 | 7 | 18656231 | 8 | 24690410 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 9 | 14401441 | 12 | 24113068 | 12 | 20345507 | 10 | 28514207 | 11 | 30171977 |
| 21. | Tamil Nadu | 11 | 20824869 | 8 | 13705620 | 12 | 18469856 | 12 | 31215441 | 11 | 26088746 |
| 22. | Uttar Pradesh | 43 | 116131593 | 42 | 125420727 | 36 | 99143941 | 38 | 150996545 | 43 | 189630566 |
| 23. | Uttrakhand | 3 | 2937325 | 3 | 3744037 | 3 | 8487703 | 1 | 3307283 | 4 | 13039252 |
| 24. | West Bengal | 13 | 31165848 | 18 | 55334885 | 21 | 80048352 | 19 | 74818280 | 19 | 61028561 |
| 25. | Telangana | 36 | 114108617 | 38 | 143972187 | 48 | 151044761 | 43 | 209608729 | 40 | 172531977 |

Annexure-II

(Figures in Rs.)

| Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1535 to be answered on 09.12.2025 regarding "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEENDAYAL DIVYANGJAN REHABILITATION SCHEME" | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| S.No. | District | Implementing organization | Nature of project | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| 1 | CHENNAI | Balavidyalaya The School for young deaf children | Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training | - | - | 1020895 | 1059642 | 2107890 |
| 2 | CHENNAI | Carmel centre for mentally retarded | Special school for the ID | 3477196 | 1724293 | 1648118 | 4899106 | 2776173 |
| 3 | KANCHIPURAM | CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND INDIA | Braille Press | - | 2135579 | 4135448 | 2292512 | 2362664 |
| 4 | TIRUVALLUR | Development Education Centre | Special School for ID | 2690499 | 1578457 | - | 2764314 | 2372394 |
| 5 | CHENNAI | Pathway Centre for Rehabilitation and Education | Special school for ID | 2426963 | 737489 | 2374049 | 7938492 | 4882101 |

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|----|-----------------|--|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | for Mentally Retarded a Unit of Dr. D M C Trust | | | | | | |
| 6 | TIRU NELVELI | FLORENCE SWAINSON HR SEC. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF | Special school for HI | 902691 | - | 1420556 | 7938492 | 1722155 |
| 7 | Chennai (ERODE) | Kongu Arivalayam | Special School for ID | 2747723 | 4261916 | 2762467 | 2447717 | 5058293 |
| 8 | Tiruvallur | Life Aid Centre for the Disabled | Special School for HI | - | - | 734760 | 2316440 | 1359855 |
| 9 | MADURAI | M.S. chellamuthu trust and research foundation | Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally Ill Persons | 1560478 | - | 1383825 | - | - |
| 10 | CHENNAI | Madhuram Narayanan Centre For Exceptional Children | Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training | - | 91670 | - | 1504008 | 499914 |

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|----|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 11 | TIRU VALL UR | Manasa school for the special children | Special schools for ID | - | - | 443205 | 733257 | 1555862 |
| 12 | Thiruv allur | RASHTRI YA SEVA SAMITHI | Special School for ID | 2692602 | - | 1149120 | 2860774 | 2094075 |
| 13 | VIRU DHUN AGAR | Sapthagiri Rehabilitat ion Trust, Virudhuna gar | Special School for ID | 896900 | 836973 | 1305743 | 1346415 | - |

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1572
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2025

ACCESSIBLE IMPROVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

1572. Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of accessibility improvement in the Government buildings, bus stands, hospitals, etc., in Dahod; and

(b) whether the Ministry has sanctioned special projects in a tribal district like Dahod, if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a) to (b): Since ‘Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State is a State subject, and as per Sections 41, 44 and 45 of the Rights Of Person with Disabilities Act, 2016, the appropriate government is responsible to take steps to ensure accessible built infrastructure, transport systems and accessible ICT to ensure that different schemes meet accessibility requirements. District-wise details are not maintained centrally. To facilitate the States/UTs, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements an Umbrella Scheme- Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SIPDA) Act, 2016 applicable across India. It has a component - “Scheme for Creation of Barrier Free Environment” (CBFE Scheme) through which financial assistance is provided to State/UT Governments on demand basis for creation of barrier free environment in existing government buildings and establishments as per receipt of compliant proposals. Under this component, the Department has not received any compliant proposal for creation of barrier free environment at Dahod from the State Government of Gujarat.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1606
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2025

DISHA-CUM-VIKAAS SCHEME IN WEST BENGAL

1606. Shri Jyotirmay Singh Mahato:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of NGOs that have benefited under the Disha-cum-Vikaas Scheme (Day Care) during the last five years in West Bengal;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries supported at each NGO under this scheme, year wise;
- (c) the total amount of funds allocated and disbursed to each NGO in West Bengal under the scheme during the last five years; and
- (d) the steps being taken to monitor the effective utilization of funds and ensure the scheme's objectives are met in West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

- (a) The list of NGOs that have benefited under Disha-cum-Vikaas Scheme (Day Care) scheme during the last five years are as per **Annexure I**.
- (b) The number of beneficiaries supported at each NGO under this scheme, year-wise are as per **Annexure II**.
- (c) The total amount of funds allocated and disbursed to each NGO in West Bengal under the scheme during the last five years, are as per **Annexure III**.
- (d) Funds under the schemes are being released on monthly basis based on submission of on-line proposals by the Project Holders giving details of number of beneficiaries, etc. Inspection of scheme centres are done regularly through authorities like State/District Officials, Central Project Monitoring Committee (CPMU) Consultants, National Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD). The Board of the National Trust monitors the scheme implementation in its quarterly meetings.

Annexure I

| Sl. No | Name of the Organization | District | Address |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Dantan Manav Kalyan Kendra | Paschim Medinipur | Vill-Krishnapur.Po-Dantan. Ps-Dantan, Dist-Paschim Medinipur, Pin - 721426 |
| 2 | JhanjhaUnnayan Samity | Murshidabad | Correspondence Office- Vill- Choa (Tamaltala), P.O.- Choa, P.S.- Hariharpara, Dist-Murshidabad, State- West Bengal, Pin No- 742166 |
| 3 | Kalyani Life Institute | Kalyani | Opposite to B-3 Playground, Near 3, No Bazar, Kalyani, West Bengal 741235 |
| 4 | Malda KrishnapallyJanajagoran Society | Malda | Old Malda Road, Baghajatin Park, Po-Mangal Bari, Dist- Malda, PIN-732142 |
| 5 | Pratibandhi Sahayak Samity | Medinipur | P.O. Panskura, P.S.-Panskura, Dist.- Purba Medinipur, State – West Bengal, Pin-721139 |

Annexure II

| S. No | NGO Name | District | Beneficiaries | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
| 1 | Dantan Manav Kalyan Kendra | Paschim Medinipur | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 2 | JhanjhaUnnyan Samiti | Murshidabad | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 3 | Kalyani Life Institute | Nadia | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 4 | Malda KrishnapallyJanajagoran Society | Malda | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 5 | Pratibandhi Sahayak Samiti | Purba Medinipur | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |

Annexure III**(Rs. In Crore)**

| S. No | NGO Name | District | Funds allocated & disbursed during the last five years |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Dantan Manav Kalyan Kendra | Paschim Medinipur | 0.92 |
| 2 | JhanjhaUnnyan Samiti | Murshidabad | 0.72 |
| 3 | Kalyani Life Institute | Nadia | 0.84 |
| 4 | Malda KrishnapallyJanajagoran Society | Malda | 0.91 |
| 5 | Pratibandhi Sahayak Samiti | Purba Medinipur | 0.92 |

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(DIVYANGJAN)

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2059
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2025

Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan and empowerment of PwDs

2059. Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of "Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan" launched by Government for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs);

(b) the number of public buildings, transport facilities and websites that have been made accessible so far and the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes being implemented by Government to provide Assistive Devices to PwDs and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) & (b) The Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan; AIC) was launched on 03rd December, 2015 as a nation-wide flagship campaign for enhancing accessibility for Divyangjans in three verticals i.e. built environment, transport and Information & Communication ecosystem. During the Accessible India Campaign, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has released ₹564.50 crore to the State Government/Union Territories for retrofitting of 1835 government buildings. As accessibility is an ongoing and continuous process, the Department is actively pursuing with the concerned stakeholders for achieving universal accessibility.

Ministry of Railways has submitted that extensive accessibility improvements have been implemented across Indian railway stations, including: standard ramps at 5,639 stations, tactile

guidance surfaces for visually impaired passengers, accessible parking at 2,525 stations, accessible ticket counters at 313 stations, lifts at 683 stations, wheelchairs at 5,854+ stations, and accessible toilets at 4,829 stations. Navigation aids comprise Coach Guidance Systems at 947 stations, Train Indication Boards at 1,143 stations, and Public Address Systems at 6,133 stations to assist visually impaired passengers, creating a more inclusive travel environment for Divyangjans.

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has submitted that collaboration with 61 State Transport Undertakings across 24 States and UTs has resulted in significant accessibility improvements. Of 1,45,490 total buses, 51,041 buses (35% of fleet) now meet basic accessibility standards, comprising 25,216 intercity coaches (26%) and 25,825 intracity buses (53%). Additionally, 2,521 out of 3,363 bus stations (75%) across all STU networks have been made accessible through universal-design retrofitting of both fleets and terminals.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has submitted that 68 Central Govt websites were made accessible and certified by Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification (STQC). A total of 145 websites (123 Central, 4 State) now have valid STQC certifications for accessibility as per GIGW guidelines. 3000+ government websites have been on boarded on the s3waas platform till date. Also, 676 State/UT government websites have been made accessible under AIC.

(c) The Department is implementing the Scheme of ‘Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)’ under which funds are released to various Implementing Agencies to assist the eligible persons with disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities.

Under the provision of ADIP SSA (Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan) various types of aids and assistive devices are distributed to school going students including deaf individuals like Artificial limbs, Motorized Tricycle, Walking Stick, Hearing aids, Smart Phone, Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Kits and Smart Cane.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2060

ANSWERED ON - 17/12/2025

HOLISTIC REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

2060. SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI:
SHRI AMAR PAL MAURYA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to promote a holistic approach towards the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities;
- (b) the nature and scope of the research projects approved under the collaboration and the institutions involved in their implementation;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated for these projects and the specific focus areas which have been covered; and
- (d) the expected outcomes of this initiative on the well being and quality of life of PwDs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a): The Department promotes integrative rehabilitation through key schemes and initiatives. Ten National Institutes and 30 Composite Regional Centres provide rehabilitation services, early intervention, and skill development across India. Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP) Scheme provides assistive devices. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) manufactures and supplies Assistive devices through its camps and its Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras.

(b) & (c): Under the Research sub-scheme of SIPDA, DEPwD supports projects on assistive technology development, rehabilitation protocols and therapy modules, accessible learning and communication technologies, habilitation research, digital and ICT-based interventions, and

evidence-based prevalence and functional assessment studies. Recent projects are being implemented by PDUNIPPD, New Delhi; AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai; NIEPID, Secunderabad; NIEPVD, Dehradun; and NILD, Kolkata. Under the Research Sub-scheme of SIPDA scheme implemented by DEPwD, cumulative expenditure for FY 2020-21 to 2025-26 is ₹3.49 crore.

(d): These initiatives cater to enhance functional independence of persons with disabilities through technology-based, evidence-driven interventions and structured early childhood support, integration of therapy, involvement of caregiver, among others.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2062
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2025

4 per cent housing reservation policy for PwDs

2062. Dr. Kavita Patidar:

Dr. Parmar Jashvantsinh Salamsinh:

Dr. Anil Sukhdeorao Bonde:

Dr. K. Laxman:

Shri Mokariya Rambhai:

Shri Ryaga Krishnaiah:

Shri Narhari Amin:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of beneficiaries expected to avail the 4 per cent housing reservation policy for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) annually, and whether a State-wise implementation framework is being devised;

(b) the estimated financial outlay for infrastructure modification in accordance with the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan guidelines; and

(c) the measures proposed to address potential backlogs under the disability quota from previous years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) & (c) As per section 37 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016, the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall, by notification, make schemes in favour of persons with benchmark disabilities, to provide - (a) five percent reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes and development programmes, with appropriate priority to women with benchmark disabilities.

Since 'Land' and 'Colonization' are State subjects, therefore, schemes related to housing for their citizens are implemented by States/Union Territories (UTs). However, the

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under the vision of 'Housing for All', supplements the efforts of States/Union Territories (UTs), by providing Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U) since 25.06.2015 to provide pucca houses with basic civic amenities to eligible urban beneficiaries. As of today, the financial assistance amounting to ₹119.26 lakh has been provided to States/UTs for the sanction of 84,864 houses for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) under the PMAY-U scheme.

Under PMAY-U 2.0, preference is to be given to Widows, Single Women, Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Transgenders, persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, Minorities and other weaker and vulnerable sections of the society.

The Directorate of States, MoHUA shall be given priority for house allotment of General Pool Residential Accommodation which shall be up to 4% of the vacancies available in a month.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G), 2.00 crore additional rural houses are proposed to be constructed during the financial years 2024–25 to 2028–29. As on 04.08.2025, 3.85 crore houses have been sanctioned under PMAY-G. Out of these, 44,991 houses have been sanctioned to the persons with disabilities (PwDs).

Keeping in view the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016, the States, to the extent possible, may ensure that 5% of beneficiaries under PMAY-G at the state Level are from among persons with benchmark disabilities, with priority to women with benchmark disabilities. As per provisions of PMAY-G, while deciding the inter-se priority among the beneficiaries who are to be provided assistance, households with any persons with disabilities and no able-bodied adult member have been accorded additional deprivation score so that such households are given priority while allotting the houses. In case there are still some beneficiaries left out, the State Government will ensure that they are assisted through the Gram Panchayats or a ground functionary to get their house constructed.

(b) 'Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State' is a State subject, and as per Sections 41, 44 and 45 of The Rights Of Person with Disabilities Act, 2016, the appropriate government is responsible to take steps to ensure accessible built infrastructure, transport systems and accessible ICT for PwDs. The financial support to the States/UTs is provided under the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) for creating a barrier-free environment. In this regard, ₹73.12 crore has been earmarked for the financial year 2025–26.

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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No. *136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/07/2025

Representation of Divyangjans in Local Government

*136. Thiru Thanga Tamilselvan:
Dr. Ganapathy Rajkumar P:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to/has any proposal to bring out a Bill to provide representation to divyangjans in Local Government in the country on the lines and model of Tamil Nadu Government which recently passed a resolution in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(Dr. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 136 raised by Thiru Thanga Tamilselvan and Dr. Ganapathy Rajkumar P, Hon'ble MPs regarding 'Representation of Divyangjans in Local Government' for answer on 29.07.2025

(a) to (c) The elections to local bodies such as Panchayats and Municipalities is a State Subject by virtue of entry 5 of the State List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India meaning individual States have the authority to legislate on this matter. The 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments (1992) provide the States with the authority to legislate on local governance structures, including representation in rural and urban local bodies. The amendments require that seats in every panchayat/urban local bodies are reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in proportion to their population in that particular area. Further, at least one-third of all seats including those reserved for SCs and STs must be reserved for women, ensuring significant female participation. In addition, the amendments authorize State legislatures to make provisions for reservation in favor of Backward Classes, if deemed necessary. Therefore, the provisions for political reservations for PwDs in local bodies are determined by state-specific laws, and there is no uniform national mandate.

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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *167
TO BE ANSWERED ON:- 11.03.2025

DIVYANGJAN FRIENDLY INFRASTRUCTURE

*167 Shri Ashok Kumar Rawat:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether divyangjan friendly toilets are available in all the Government buildings of the States in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government proposes to build divyangjan friendly Government buildings at district level and if so, the steps taken in this regard.

ANSWER

Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment
(Dr. Virendra Kumar)

- (a) to (b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 167 raised by Shri Ashok Kumar Rawat, Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Divyangjan Friendly Infrastructure" for answer on 11.03.2025.

- (a) to (b) Sir, as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, both the Centre and States are mandated to take necessary steps for making all the Government buildings, both existing and new, accessible, including the facilities of permanent ramps, divyangjan friendly toilets, Braille signages, tactile flooring, lifts etc.

Since, "Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State" is a State subject, in order to facilitate the various State Governments, assistance in the form of Non-recurring grant-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UTs and to autonomous organizations/Institutions under the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA), for various activities relating to the Act, particularly for Creation of Barrier Free environment for Divyangjans.

Furthermore, the Central Government launched Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) as a nation-wide initiative for achieving universal accessibility for Divyangjans on December 3, 2015. The Campaign has three important verticals, namely - Build Environment, Transportation sector and Information and Communication Technologies ecosystem. Since 2014, the Govt. has released the grant-in-aid amounting to Rs. 686.6 Crores to the implementing agencies for making existing State/UT Government buildings accessible under the SIPDA scheme.

Besides that, the Central Government is closely co-ordinating with the concerned Ministries/State Governments/UTs through regular reviews for making the remaining buildings divyangjan friendly.

This has resulted in a positive impact in terms of divyangjan friendly infrastructure in various avenues. For instance, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is proactively implementing the "Accessibility Standards and Guidelines for Civil Aviation" to ensure barrier-free built environments and services, including the provisions of Wheelchair Services, Ramps, Accessible Restrooms, Tactile Paving and Flooring, lifts, designated parking etc for divyangjans throughout its 153 domestic and international airports.

With respect to availability of divyangjan friendly toilets in schools, as per UDISE+ report 2023-24, 97.17% of girls and co-ed schools have dedicated girls' toilet facilities, most of which are divyangjan friendly.

As mandated by the Election Commission of India, necessary steps have been taken to ensure the Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) including availability of permanent ramps and accessible (divyangjan friendly) toilets in all the 10,52,664 polling stations during the Lok Sabha elections 2024.

Indian Railways has more than 8700 stations and the Railways in compliance with RPwD Act, 2016 is making necessary efforts continuously to provide accessible facilities to divyangjans in railways stations, such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counter/help booths, toilets, sub-ways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts etc.

In addition to the above, the following steps have also been undertaken by the Government:

- To audit the accessibility of various sites, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has empanelled 59 accessibility auditors.

- Sugamya Bharat, a mobile application developed to raise issues related to accessibility, has been revamped and made more user-friendly by involving Divyang community.

Thus, the Ministry is making all efforts through close co-ordination and co-operation with the concerned Ministries/Departments as well as State/UTs governments to make all government buildings divyangjan friendly not only at district level but throughout the country.

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STARRED QUESTION NO.*348
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2025

ADIP SCHEME

*348. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 80 percent disability is mandatory for divyangjans to avail the electric tricycle under Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) scheme;
- (b) if so, the provisions made by the Government to provide electric cycles to persons with 42 percent disabilities to make them independent along with the details thereof;
- (c) the details of special provisions laid down to encourage the said divyangjans for being engaged in industry and business so as to make them self-reliant and capable since the said people are dependent on others due to physical weakness;
- (d) the details of schemes being run by National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) to enable Divyangjans to start business; and
- (e) the details of special provisions made to provide vocational education along with the school education to Divyangjans?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*348 FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025 RAISED BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR REGARDING ADIP SCHEME

(a) and (b) Yes. Under the ADIP Scheme there is a provision for providing Motorised Tricycle to Persons with Disabilities(PwD) having at least 80% disability. However, ADIP Scheme in convergence with Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (Under the provision of ADIP-SSA), Motorised Tricycle is provided to school going students with at least 40% disability studying in Class 9 to Class 12 not below the age of 16.

(c) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing the National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP) to enhance skills and enable them to get employment, to become self-reliant, productive member of society and contribute towards the nation building.

(d) National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) provides loans at concessional interest rates for socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities across the country. NDFDC has two flagship schemes for providing loans at concessional interest rates through its partner agencies-

(i) Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana (DSY): This is an individual centric scheme where loan is provided to PwDs at concessional rate of interest for income generating activities, pursuing higher education/ vocational/skill training. In addition to this, loan is also provided for purchasing of assistive devices. Under this Scheme, the maximum limit of loan is Rs. 50.00 lakhs.

(ii) Vishesh Microfinance Yojana (VMY): This scheme is implemented through self-help groups and various partner agencies for welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in the country. Under this scheme, upto Rs. 60,000/- is made available to each person with disabilities at concessional rate of interest for providing prompt and need based credit for small/micro business and developmental activities.

(e) This Department is implementing the following schemes in order to provide Vocational Education and School Education to the Divyangjan:-

(1) Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)- Under this scheme financial assistance is provided to voluntary organisations for providing full range of services required for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities including early intervention, development of daily living skills, education and training, with special emphasis on education and training programmes, with a view to integrate the persons with disabilities into the mainstream of society and realizing their potential.

(2) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing the National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP) to enhance skills and enable them to get employment, to become self-reliant, productive member of society and contribute towards the nation building.

(3) Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is presently implementing an Umbrella Scheme 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities'. The main objective of the umbrella Scholarship Scheme is to empower students with disabilities to study further in order to earn their livelihood and to find a dignified place in the society, as they face several barriers - physical, financial, and psychological in pursuing studies and living with dignity. The umbrella Scholarship Scheme 'Scholarship for Students with Disabilities' comprises six components:

- i. Pre-matric (For Class IX & X)
- ii. Post-matric (For Class XI to Post-Graduated degree/diploma)
- iii. Top Class Education (For Graduated degree/ Post-Graduate Degree/ Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education)
- iv. National Fellowship (For M.Phil/Ph.D in Indian Universities)
- v. National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Doctorate in universities abroad)
- vi. Free Coaching (For recruitment examination for Group A, B & C and entrance examination for admission in technical and professional courses)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
(DIVYANGJAN)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 3728
FOR ANSWER ON- 12/08/2025

UDID Cards in West Bengal

3728. Shri Jagannath Sarkar:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of persons with disabilities in West Bengal as per Census 2011, disaggregated by category of disability;
- (b) the total number of Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards issued in West Bengal so far, and the reasons for the negligible issuance of UDID cards in the State;
- (c) whether the Ministry is aware of the challenges faced in the implementation of the UDID project in West Bengal; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed by the Ministry to increase the issuance of UDID cards in West Bengal including awareness campaigns, infrastructural support, or policy measures?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) As per 2011 Census, there are a total of 20,17,406 persons with disabilities (PwDs) in the state of West Bengal. The disability-wise distribution of PwDs in West Bengal is annexured.

(b) and (c) As of 6th August 2025, a total of 1,50,901 UDID cards have been issued in the State of West Bengal through the UDID Portal (Url: www.swavlambancard.gov.in).

The State Government of West Bengal got on-boarded to the centralized system in September 2024, whereas the Central Government launched the UDID Project in May 2016.

(d) The steps taken by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities to facilitate issuance of UDID cards in West Bengal include the following:

i) Release of funds to the tune of Rs. 23 lakh to the State Government of West Bengal for procurement of IT infrastructure during 2018-19 under the UDID sub-scheme.

ii) Senior officers of the Department hold regular meetings with concerned authorities of the State Government of West Bengal.

iii) Training has been provided to the medical professionals on the use of the UDID portal and the latest provisions of the revised disability assessment guidelines. The most recent training on the revised guidelines was conducted in Kolkata in March 2025.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3728 to be answered on 12/08/2025 regarding “UDID Cards in West Bengal”

Category-wise number of Persons with Disabilities in the State of West Bengal as per Census-2011

| Total number of persons with disabilities | In seeing | In Hearing | In Speech | In Movement | Mental Retardation | Mental Illness | Any Other | Multiple Disability |
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| 2017406 | 424473 | 315192 | 147336 | 322945 | 136523 | 71515 | 402921 | 196501 |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 282
TO BE ANSWERED ON : 04.02.2025

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

282. Shri Shafi Parambil:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allotted by the national trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities during the current financial year;
- (b) the details of NGOs and registered societies that received funds from the National Trust during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (c) the list of NGOs from Kerala that received financial assistance from the National Trust during the current financial year and the total funds received; and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to increase the funds allotted for the rehabilitation of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

- (a) The total funds allotted to the National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities during the current financial year is **Rs. 25 Cr.**
- (b) The details of Registered Organizations that received funds from the National Trust during the current financial year, State-wise is at **Annexure-A**.
- (c) From Kerala, One Registered Organization namely- Manovikas, Kollam has received an amount of Rs. 9.24 Lakh during the current financial year and the total fund received by the organization is Rs. 63.94 Lakh.
- (d) At present, no such proposal is under the consideration of the Government of India.

Annexure-A

Details of Registered Organizations received funds from the National Trust during the current financial year, State-wise: -

| Sl. No. | State | Registered Organisation | District | Scheme | Total amount released during current financial year (till 15-1-2025) (Rs. In Lakh) |
|----------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------|--|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | Kasinadhuni Durgamba Butchaiah Trust | Krishna | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 2 | | Prabhata Sindhuri Educational Society | Guntur | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 3 | | Sirisha Rehabilitation Centre | Krishna | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 4 | | Sreya Foundation | Visakhapatnam | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 5 | | Sunlight Educational Society | Srikakulam | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 1.84 |
| 6 | | Tadepallis Satya Sai Cheyutha Society | Vijayawada | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 12.12 |
| 7 | | Assisi Health Care Society | Krishna | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 12.66 |
| 8 | | Uma Educational and Technical Society | Chittoor | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 1.50 |
| 9 | | Velugu | Chittoor | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.00 |
| 10 | Assam | Deshbandhu Club | Cachar | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 6.30 |
| 11 | | Mrinaljyoti Rehabilitation Centre | Dibrugarh | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 4.95 |
| 12 | | Prerona Pratibandhi Sishu Bikash Kendra | Jorhat | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 8.12 |
| 13 | Bihar | Aarogyaa Foundation for Health Promotion and Community Based Rehabilitation | Sitamarhi | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 4.68 |
| 14 | | Aastha Charitable and Welfare Society | Patna | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 1.56 |
| 15 | | Koshi Kshetriya Biklang Bidhwa Bridh Kalyan Samiti | Saharsa | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) | 9.90 |

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| 16 | | Shama Vikas Samiti | Nalanda | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 13.10 |
| 17 | | Tapovan Bahuviklang Punarvas Sansthan | West Champaran | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 1.56 |
| 18 | Chandigarh | Indian National Portage Association (INPA) | Chandigarh | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 1.93 |
| 19 | Chattisgarh | SHANTI MAITRI GRAMIN VIKAS SANSTHAN | Dhamatipur | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 22.02 |
| 20 | | UNNAYAK SEVA SAMITI | Raigarh | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 20.15 |
| 21 | Delhi | Manovikas Charitable Society | East Delhi | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 5.93 |
| 22 | | Samadhan | Delhi | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 2.52 |
| 23 | Gujarat | Ankur Special School For Mentally Retarded Children | Bhavnagar | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 7.37 |
| 24 | | Ashirwad Trust for Disabled OR Ashirwad Viklang Trust | Surendranagar | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 12.73 |
| 25 | | JEEVANDEEP HEALTH EDUCATION AND CHARITABLE TRUST KODINAR | Kodinar | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 26 | | Samprat Education and Charitable Trust-Junagarh | Junagadh | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 18.13 |
| 27 | | Smt. Parsanben Narandas Ramji Shah (Talajawala) Society for Relief & Rehabilitation of the Disabled | Bhavnagar | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 28 | Haryana | Adarsh Para Medical Welfare Association | Bhiwani | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 1.16 |
| 29 | | Nav Prerna | Rewari | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 12.66 |
| 30 | | Tapan Rehabilitation Society | Karnal | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 3.96 |
| 31 | Himachal Pradesh | Ganpati Educational Society | Solan | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 4.91 |
| 32 | | Sakar Society For Differently Abled Persons | Mandi | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 5.98 |

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| 33 | Jammu & Kashmir | Voluntary Medicare Society | Sringaar | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 5.43 |
| 34 | | Muskan Foundation | Samba | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 13.10 |
| 35 | | Hope Disability Centre An Undertaking Of She Hope Society For Women Entrepreneurs | Ganderbal | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 5.78 |
| 36 | | Chotay Taray Foundation | Sringaar | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 1.95 |
| 37 | | Swamy Vivekanand Educational Trust | Vijaypur | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 13.70 |
| 38 | Karnataka | Ashadeepa Angavikalara Sarva Abhiwruddhi Seva Samsthe | Bagalkot | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 9.90 |
| 39 | | KARNATAKA PARENTS ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZENS (KPMR) | Bangalore Urban | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 3.60 |
| 40 | | Pragna Trust | Chikkaballapur | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 9.90 |
| 41 | | Samuha | Kopal | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 9.90 |
| 42 | | Seva-In-Action Association | Banglore | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 6.02 |
| 43 | Kerala | Manovikas School for Mentally Handicapped | Kollam | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 9.24 |
| 44 | Madhya Pradesh | Aadhar Foundation | Chhindwara | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 22.95 |
| 45 | | Aadhar Gyan Dhatri Samiti | Bhopal | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 3.35 |
| 46 | | Anjani Jan Kalyan Sansthan Samiti Bina | Sagar | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 18.90 |
| 47 | | Bargarh Mahavir Yuvak Mandal Samiti | Ratlam | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 13.10 |
| 48 | | BRAMHARSHI VASHISHTH SIKSHAN PRASIKSHAN AVAM SEWA SAMITI NARSINGHPUR | Narsinghpur | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 7.76 |

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| 49 | Digdarshika Institute Of Rehabilitation & Research | Bhopal | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 11.48 |
| 50 | Jainarayan Sarvodaya Vidyalaya Samiti | Betul | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 15.70 |
| 51 | Jan Jagran Educational and Health Welfare Society | Sagar | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 9.79 |
| 52 | Jigyasa Samaj Kalyan Sewa Samiti | BHOPAL | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 17.40 |
| 53 | Life Line Service Society | Sagar | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 10.12 |
| 54 | Maa Savasan Mahila Mandal | Betul | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.00 |
| 55 | Madhuri Aayaam Education and Welfare Society | Bhopal | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 12.22 |
| 56 | Madhya Pradesh Viklang Sahayata Samiti | Chandessara Po | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 11.34 |
| 57 | Mahila Bal Vikas Samiti | Bhind | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 17.16 |
| 58 | Moulana Azad Education Foundation | Jabalpur | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 11.96 |
| 59 | Nagda Zenith Social welfare Society | Ujjain | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 60 | Navodit Gram Utthan Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Samiti | Betul | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 20.40 |
| 61 | NISHAKT JAN AADHAR WELFARE SOCIETY | Indore | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.00 |
| 62 | Raj Rani Sewa Evam Shikshan Prashikshan Sansthan And Social Welfare Society | Rewa | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 15.60 |
| 63 | RAJEEV KUMAR SAMAJ KALYAN GRAM VIKESH SHOD SANTHAN | Katni | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 9.93 |
| 64 | Sarv Shri Maa Narmada Shiksha Avm Jan Kalyan Seva Samiti | Sagar | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 10.72 |
| 65 | Shri Shri Utkarsh Samity | Indore | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 9.10 |

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| 66 | | sneh mand buddhi avam mook badhir school unit of sneh shikshan avam manav seva sansthan | Rewa | Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness) scheme | 5.17 |
| 67 | | The Sun Foundation Samiti | Sagar | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 1.46 |
| 68 | | Ummeed Shikshan Samiti | Vidisha | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 9.26 |
| 69 | Maharashtra | R.S.S.JANAKALYAN SAMITI MAHARASHTRA PRANT (Sanvedana Cerebral Palsy Vikasan Kendra) | Latur | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 3.20 |
| 70 | | Smt.P.C. Alwani School for M.R. Children A Unit Of Rivka Sahil Akshar Institute | Satara | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 4.66 |
| 71 | Manipur | Handicapped Development Foundation | Imphal West | Disha (Early Intervention and Scheool Readiness) scheme | 8.58 |
| 72 | | The Malsawm Initiative Run By Centre For Community Initiative | Churachandpur | Disha (Early Intervention and Scheool Readiness) scheme | 8.91 |
| 73 | Meghalaya | Bethany Society | Shilong | Disha (Early Intervention and Scheool Readiness) scheme | 8.75 |
| 74 | Odisha | Association for Social Help in Rural Area | Balangir | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 22.95 |
| 75 | | Bharat Jyoti | Mayurbhanj | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 10.14 |
| 76 | | Centre For Rehabilitation Services & Research CRSR | Bhadrak | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 22.95 |
| 77 | | DR. BRAJA VIHARI MOHANTY MEMORIAL MENTALLY RETARDED BENEFIT TRUST | Cuttack | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 2.00 |
| 78 | | NILACHAL SEVA PRATISTHAN | Puri | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 22.95 |
| 79 | | Research Academy For Rural Enrichment (RARE) | Sonepur | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 80 | | Rural Organisation for Social Elevation | Mayurbhanj | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 18.90 |

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| 81 | | SADBHABANA | Kendujhar | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 17.80 |
| 82 | | Sri Sri Jadimahal Youth Club | Balasore | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.00 |
| 83 | Punjab | Confederation for Challenged | Fatehgarh Sahib | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 7.86 |
| 84 | Puducherry (Union Territory) | Integrated Rehabilitation and Development Centre | Puducherry | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 14.00 |
| 85 | Rajasthan | Deep Vidhya Mandir Samiti | Dausa | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 16.80 |
| 86 | Tamil Nadu | Arvi Special School A unit of Association for Rehabilitation of Village Impairment | Dindigul | Disha (Early Intervention and Scheool Readiness) scheme | 9.23 |
| 87 | | Asha School for the Mentally Retarded Children A unit of Asha Trust | Thiruvallur | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 11.79 |
| 88 | | Global Special School for the Mentally Challenged, A unit of Global Trust for the Differently Abled | Cuddalore | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 4.06 |
| 89 | | Sristi Special School a unit of Sristi Foundation | Viluppuram | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 11.64 |
| 90 | | St Judes School For Mentally challenged A Unit of Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre | Salem | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 19.30 |
| 91 | | Vidya Vikasini Opportunity School a unit of Vidya Vikasini Society | Coimbatore | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 10.43 |
| 92 | Telangana | Parents Association For The Mentally Handicapped Perosns (PAMENCAP) | Peddapalli | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 11.79 |
| 93 | | Shanthy Niketan Residential Institution For Mentally Handicapped | Hyderabad | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 9.41 |
| 94 | | Swayamkrushi | Hyderabad | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 17.30 |
| 95 | Uttar Pradesh | BHAGIRATH SEWA SANSTHAN | Ghaziabad | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 7.03 |
| 96 | | Deva International Society for Child Care | Varanasi | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 97 | | Gautam Buddh Shikshan Sansthan | Gonda | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 8.48 |

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| 98 | | Gramin Pragati Sansthan | Amethi(Chatrapati Sahuji Maharaj) | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.00 |
| 99 | | Gramodaya Vikas Sansthan | Barabanki | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 100 | | I Support Foundation | Lucknow | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 12.95 |
| 101 | | Integrated Institute of Rehabilitation for the Disabled (Viklang Samekit Punarvas Sansthan) | Agra | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 18.62 |
| 102 | | Jan Chetna Sansthan | Allahabad | Samarth (Respite Cere) scheme | 5.39 |
| 103 | | Kailashi Mahila Vikas Samiti | Azamgarh | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 22.95 |
| 104 | | Lok Jagriti Sansthan | Ambedkar Nagar | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 13.10 |
| 105 | | MANAV UTTHAN SAMITI | Mau | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 13.10 |
| 106 | | Pt Rajpati Pathak Vaidhy Balika Sikshan Sansthan | Varanasi | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 107 | | Rajeshwari seva sansthan | Auraiya | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.80 |
| 108 | | Rural Informative & Social Harmony Academy | Sultanpur | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.00 |
| 109 | | Sanchit Vikas Sansthan | Basti | Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) scheme | 20.23 |
| 110 | | Saraswati Gyan Mandir Shiksha Samiti | Shahjahanpur | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 4.22 |
| 111 | | SHRI RAM AASARE SINGH GRAM VIKAS SHIKSHA SAMITI | Fatehpur | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 13.10 |
| 112 | | Shubhasheesh Shiksha Evam Vikas Sewa Sansthan | Rae Baareli | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 11.64 |
| 113 | | Swami Vivekanand Shiksha and Samaj Kalyan Samiti | Sant Kabir Nagar | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 18.00 |
| 114 | Uttarakhand | Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre | Dehradun | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 10.40 |
| 115 | West Bengal | Asha Bhavan Centre | Howrah | Disha (Early Intervention and Scheool Readiness) scheme | 9.58 |

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| 116 | Dantan Manav Kalyan Kendra | Paschim Medinipur | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 117 | Jhanjha Unnayan Samiti | Murshidabad | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 118 | Kalyani Life Institute | Nadia | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 119 | Kenduadihi Bikash Society | Bankura | Disha (Early Intervention and Scheool Readiness) scheme | 8.33 |
| 120 | Malda Krishnapally Janajagoran Society | Malda | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 121 | Pratibandhi Sahayak Samiti | Purba Medinipur | Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day care) scheme | 14.04 |
| 122 | Rampurhat Spastics & Handicapped Society. | Birbhum | Gharaunda (Group Home for Adult) scheme | 8.00 |
| 123 | Santiniketan Ratanpally Vivekananda Adibasi Kalyan Samity | Birbhum | Disha (Early Intervention and Scheool Readiness) scheme | 9.90 |
| 124 | Uttarapara Ashraya - Parents Organization | Hooghly | Vikaas (Day Care) scheme | 12.44 |
| Total | | | | 14.25 |

In addition, **Rs. 10.76 Cr.** was spent under Niramaya (Health Insurance Scheme) being implemented through Oriental Insurance Company.

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DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 297
TO BE ANSWERED ON : 04.02.2025

INSURANCE FOR PwD

297. Shri Bhumare Sandipanrao Asaram:
Smt. Delkar Kalaben Mohanbhai:
Shri Gyaneshwar Patil:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the targeted health and life cover insurance scheme for Persons with Disabilities in operation in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme is still in operation and if so, the details of funds allocated and utilized thereunder during the last three years;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries under Niramaya Swasthya Bima Yojna in Sambhaji Nagar in the State of Maharashtra as on date; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to include Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

- (a) National Trust is implementing the Niramaya (Health Insurance Scheme) for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual disability) and Multiple Disabilities
- (b) Yes, Niramaya (Health Insurance Scheme) is operational. The details of funds utilized under the scheme during the last 3 years is as under: -

| YEAR | Fund Utilised (In Cr.) |
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| 2021-22 | 11.38 |
| 2022-23 | 18.14 |
| 2023-24 | 13.87 |

(c) The number of beneficiaries enrolled/renewed under Niramaya Swasthya Bima Yojana in Sambhaji Nagar in Maharashtra is 80.

(d) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is a flagship scheme of the Government which provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 Cr beneficiaries corresponding to 12.37 Crore families constituting economically vulnerable bottom 40% of India's population. With respect to the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) under AB PM-JAY, it may kindly be noted that the scheme's beneficiary base includes poor and vulnerable families identified in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC-2011). The SECC-2011 incorporates deprivation criteria for rural areas, one of which is "Disabled member and no able-bodied adult member".

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-378
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 04/02/2025

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LOCOMOTOR DISABILITIES

378. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry withholding approval for the construction of a new state-of-the-art building (Basement + Ground + 6 floors) for National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD); Kolkata, and if so, the reasons for the delay;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the outdated and flood-prone infrastructure at NILD, Kolkata, and the hardships it causes to staff and patients and if so, the steps being taken to address this issue;

(c) whether the Ministry has considered allocating funds for the procurement of an MRI machine for NILD, Kolkata, to enhance its diagnostic and treatment capabilities for individuals with locomotor disabilities and if so, the estimated timeline for its procurement and installation; and

(d) whether the Ministry intends to restore the Institute's original name as "Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities" pending for over 20 years, and the current status and the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) No. The proposal for the construction of a new building at National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres is processed as per the prescribed procedures and in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, on the appraisal and approval of public-funded schemes/projects.

(b) The Department is cognizant of the infrastructural challenges at NILD. Proposals received from the institute for addressing these challenges are carefully considered, and immediate actions are taken to resolve any serious concerns brought to attention.

(c) No duly approved proposal, in this regard, has been received from the institute.

(d) This issue is under examination.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 426
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025

INITIATIVES FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF DIVYANGJANS

426. Shri Damodar Agrawal:
Shri Anurag Singh Thakur;
Shri Manoj Tiwari:
Shri Praveen Patel:
Shri Anup Sanjay Dhotre:
Shri Vijay Baghel:
Shri P P Chaudhary:
Smt. Kriti Devi Debbarmann:
Dr. Nishikant Dubey:
Smt. Aparajita Sarangi:
Shri Suresh Kumar Kashyap:
Ms Kangna Ranaut:
Shri Kali Charan Singh:
Smt. Smita Uday Wagh:
Shri Chandra Prakash Joshi:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to ensure that Divyangjans in remote or underserved areas are informed about the 16 initiatives launched to empower the Divyangjans across India which aims to ensure accessibility and equal opportunities for Persons with Disabilities along with the number of beneficiaries;
- (b) the details of steps taken to involve the private sector and Non-Governmental Organizations to create an inclusive environment for Persons with Disabilities in the country particularly rural & semi-urban areas like Jalgaon Lok Sabha constituency;
- (c) the details of measure to examine the long-term impact of these initiatives on the lives of Divyangjans in terms of empowerment and inclusion;

(d) whether any monitoring mechanism has been established to evaluate the impact of these initiatives on Divyangjans, if so, the steps taken to address gaps identified; and

(e) whether any dedicated helplines or assistance centers have been established to help Divyangjans access these initiatives, if so, the details thereof and number of persons assisted?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment marked International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 with launch of 16 groundbreaking initiatives to empower Divyangjan across India. Through these initiatives, the Department aim to ensure equal opportunities, accessibility and empowerment for every Divyangjan. List of Initiatives launched is at **Annexure**.

Widespread awareness has been done through print, electronic, digital and social media platforms to ensure that Divyangjan across India including those in remote or underserved areas are informed about these initiatives.

(b) The chapter IX of the RPwD Act 2016 provides for registration of institutes like NGOs, etc. that are working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities. It further states that the appropriate Government may within the limits of their economic capacity and development, grant financial assistance to registered institutions to provide services and to implement the schemes and programmes across the country including rural & semi-urban areas like Jalgaon Lok Sabha constituency, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act.

Most of the initiatives launched are in collaboration with private sector and Non-Governmental Organizations to create an inclusive environment for Persons with Disabilities in the country including Jalgaon Lok Sabha constituency. Such initiatives include launch of better aids and appliances for use of Divyangjan, MoUs with private companies to enhance employment opportunities for divyangjan, sharing codes for enhancing accessibility and Accessible Learning Materials etc.

(c) and (d) These 16 initiatives have been launched to ensure equal opportunities, accessibility and empowerment for every Divyangjan and to create an inclusive environment for Persons with Disabilities in the country. Periodic review and regular follow-ups with the stakeholders are done

by the Department for holistic improvement towards the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

To address identified gaps, Department is focused on strict policy implementation and enforcement, alongside strengthening monitoring mechanisms.

(e) Yes. The Department launched National Disability Information Helpline Service (NDIHS) on Short Code-14456 in January 2024. The helpline provides round-the-clock telephonic assistance in English and Hindi through an Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) and call attendant support during working hours.

NDIHS provides information about aids and assistive devices, Unique Disability ID (UDID) services, educational and economic empowerment programmes for persons with disabilities (PwDs), benefits, and concessions under Government schemes etc. Around 65,000 persons have been assisted through the helpline so far.

List of Initiatives launched on 3rd December, 2024

1. **Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan:** An online platform for empanelment of accessibility auditors for built environments was introduced, reflecting the government's commitment to creating inclusive infrastructure
2. **Sugamya Bharat Yatra:** A unique initiative in partnership with the Association for Persons with Disabilities, where Divyangjan will assess the accessibility of public spaces using the AI-enabled "Yes to Access" app.
3. **Pathways to Access – Part 3 Compendium:** The third installment of the series highlights key government documents on employment, financial services and healthcare for persons with disabilities, empowering them with knowledge and access to resources.
4. **High-Power Spectacles:** Developed by CSIR-CSIO, these glasses cater to individuals with low vision, offering superior optical clarity and improving quality of life.
5. **Divyasha E-Coffee Table Book:** ALIMCO's e-book, launched to commemorate its 50-year journey, showcases inspiring stories and achievements in providing assistive devices to Divyangjan.
6. **Kadam Knee Joint:** An indigenous innovation developed by IIT Madras and SBMT, offering enhanced mobility and durability, launched as a major leap in assistive technology.
7. **Awareness Generation and Publicity Portal:** A digital platform for seamless application under the Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme was inaugurated to enhance transparency and efficiency.
8. **Accessible Storybooks:** In collaboration with NIEPVD and NBT, 21 accessible books in Braille, audio and large print formats were launched to promote inclusive education.
9. **Standard Bharti Braille Code:** A draft for standardized Braille scripts in 13 Indian languages was introduced for public consultation, ensuring consistency and compatibility with Unicode standards.
10. **Braille Books Portal:** An online submission portal for creating Braille books was unveiled, fostering inclusive education.
11. **MoU with Infosys BPM:** A significant partnership to enhance employment opportunities for Divyangjan through the PM DAKSH portal's Divyangjan Rozgar Setu initiative.
12. **Employability Skills Book:** Released in 11 Indian languages, this book bridges the gap between education and employment for Divyangjan, promoting economic independence.
13. **Infosys Springboard Skill Programme:** Infosys Springboard in collaboration with Yunikee offered courses to help deaf learners across India to develop skills across various fields and acquire marketable abilities.

14. **Google Extension for Persons with Hearing Impairment:** SignUp Media and Yunikee partnered to provide robust, reliable, accessible source of sign language communication in entertainment, information and educational media for the Deaf community in India in accessing entertainment and other video content.
15. **E-Sanidhya Portal:** Tata Power Community Development Trust and NIEPID, Secunderabad developed Tata E-Sanidhya Neuro-Diversity Platform as a specialized online and offline (digital) service designed to assist individuals with neuro-diversity conditions, particularly those affected by autism.
16. **Computer-Based Indian Intelligence Test by NIEPID, Secunderabad:** NIEPID has developed an indigenous Indian Test of Intelligence, with the key strengths in its cultural relevance and sensitivity. The data from 4,070 children across different parts of India ensures that the test represents the Indian population accurately.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-430

ANSWERED ON- 04/02/2025

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

430. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA

SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI TAPIR GAO:

SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the skill development programmes being offered in CRC Madurai along with the manner in which these programmes align with employment opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs);
- (b) whether there are any such plans to collaborate with industries or organizations to provide job opportunities for trained disabled persons; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Madurai is presently offering following skill development programs:-

- (i) Assistant plant care taker (Gardner)- Divyangjan.
- (ii) Employability skill for Persons with Disabilities.

These programs enable Persons with Disability to seek employment by imparting requisite skill training.

(b) & (c) National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) make continuous efforts to collaborate with industries and organizations to enhance employment opportunities for skilled Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Additionally, the Department has developed the PM-DAKSH portal, where PwDs can register to seek employment, while industry partners can list job opportunities.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 435
TO BE ANSWERED ON : 04.02.2025

DEENDAYAL DISABLED REHABILITATION SCHEME

435. Shri Anto Antony:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide year-wise data of NGOs engaged under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme during the last five years;
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide year-wise data of beneficiaries reached under the scheme over the last five year;
- (c) the measures are being taken to improve the quality of education and training under the scheme;
- (d) the manner in which the Ministry assess the effectiveness of NGOs involved in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; and
- (e) the steps taken to expand the coverage or scope of the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) and (b): The year-wise data of the NGOs and that of the beneficiaries covered under Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme is made available on public domain through this Department's website (depwd.gov.in) and also through the Department's Annual Report every year.

(c) To improve the quality of the education, training and rehabilitation services being provided by the NGOs under the scheme, it is mandatory that the Special Educators and Rehabilitation Professionals appointed by the NGOs must be qualified and have valid registration under the Rehabilitation Council of India in the disability area of the targeted beneficiaries for the Project.

(d) This Department sponsors Impact Evaluation Studies/ performance evaluation studies from time to time through independent evaluation mechanisms, to assess the effectiveness of the Project Implementing Agencies(PIAs)/NGOs in providing educational and rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme.

(e) To expand the coverage or scope of the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme, new projects are considered only after recommendation of the Screening Committee of the Department. Projects in those districts are preferred where there is no model project running presently so as to expand the coverage of the scheme.

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LOK SABHA

Unstarred Question No.1170

To be answered on 11.02.2025

Braille Literacy

1170: DR. HEMANT VISHNU SAVARA;
SHRI YOGENDER CHANDOLIA;
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA;
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;
SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA;

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of plans to integrate Braille into mainstream educational institutions for children with visual disabilities;
- (b) the details of important initiatives for the Empowerment of visually impaired persons;
- (c) the details of plans to increase the Braille Literacy in India; and
- (d) the details of number of people benefited through different initiatives for visually impaired persons?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun, under the administrative control of DEPwD, is dedicated to supporting individuals with visual disabilities, with a primary objective of providing education and training. As part of this initiative, a Universal Design Centre for Reading is being established in collaboration with the National Book Trust to promote the use of Braille in educational materials and train educators to incorporate Braille into their teaching methodologies. Additionally, the institute conducts awareness programs and teacher training sessions to enhance the capacity of mainstream educational institutions in supporting students with visual impairments.

(b) to (d) The Government has undertaken several initiatives for the empowerment of visually impaired persons:

- I. **The Financial Support for Development of Accessible Learning Materials (DALM Project)** (formerly the Braille Press Project) under the **Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)** provides accessible learning materials free of cost. Since its inception in 2014, **1,63,390 students** have received free school textbooks and other learning materials in accessible formats. The objectives of the DALM Project include:
 - i. Providing financial support as a **Recurring Grant-in-Aid** to approved implementing agencies for offering free-of-cost Accessible Learning Materials to school-going children with visual impairment and students with visual impairment pursuing higher education. The accessible formats include Braille textbooks, Talking Books, E-Pubs/Digital Books, and Large Print Books.

- ii. Providing financial support as **Non-Recurring Grant-in-Aid** for:
 - a) Establishing new **Braille Presses** and modernizing existing Braille Presses.
 - b) Capacity augmentation and modernization of **existing Talking Book Studios**.
 - c) Setting up new **Digital Book Production Centres** and upgrading existing ones.
 - d) Establishing new **Large Print Production Centres** and modernizing existing ones.
- II. Under the **Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) Scheme**, Braille script equipment is provided to visually impaired individuals for their education and rehabilitation. In the last three years, **50,457 visually impaired persons** have benefited.
- III. The **National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs** aims to provide vocational training and improve employability. To facilitate its implementation, the **PM-DAKSH-DEPwD Portal** was launched in September 2023. Since its launch:
 - **157 visually impaired persons** and **29 persons with low vision** have completed skill training.
 - Currently, **144 visually impaired persons** and **10 persons with low vision** are undergoing skill training.
- IV. The **DEPwD issued guidelines on 08.11.2024** regarding the identification and reservation of posts for persons with benchmark disabilities (PwBDs), including those with visual impairments, in central government establishments.
- V. To further enhance Braille literacy in India, the following measures have been initiated:
 - Establishment of **Assistive Technology Rooms** and training facilities to promote Braille education.
 - Conducting **short-term specialized training programs** for students and teachers to enhance Braille literacy.
 - Raising awareness about **Braille literacy among educational institutions** and conducting job fairs in collaboration with companies to facilitate job placements for visually impaired individuals.
 - Offering **skill development programs** in various fields such as Data Entry, Assistive Technology, Computer Programming, Coping Skills for Work & Social Life, and Braille Shorthand (Hindi), ensuring proficiency in Braille-related skills.
 - NIEPVD released a '**Manual on Bharati Braille**' on **November 26, 2024**, serving as a comprehensive guide for enhancing understanding and practical application of Bharati Braille in educational and professional settings.
 - On **January 4, 2025**, the **DEPwD and NIEPVD released 'A Standard Bharati Braille Code'**, further standardizing Braille usage across India.
 - Braille teaching is a core component of the **Special Education (VI) programs**, school education, and various skill development courses, benefiting about **566 students** across different levels of education and training.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1205

TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/02/2025

SUPPORT TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

1205. Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing holistic support to children with special needs in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of schemes and initiatives that have been taken by the Government during the last two years in this regard; and
- (c) the details of such projects and sponsorship particularly in North-East?

ANSWER

Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) to (c) Section 40 of the RPwD Act 2016 focuses on making public spaces including schools/parks etc. accessible; promoting inclusive education through accessible learning materials, ramps, etc. The National Education Policy 2020 advocates for inclusive education for children with disabilities. Programs under Samagra Shiksha, PM Shri, and PM POSHAN are designed to integrate children with special needs into mainstream schools.

The Government supports children with autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, and multiple disabilities through legal and financial aid.

The Central Government has Launched National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP) with an aim to enhance the skills of PwDs with an age of 15 and above.

Under the ADIP scheme, the Government provides financial assistance to PwDs, including children with special needs. Over the past two years (FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24), 11,480 children with special needs in the North-East have benefited from the ADIP-SSA (ADIP-Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan) initiative.

DEPwD has launched single window, Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs) in its various national Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) to give focused attention to children in the age bracket of 0-6 years. Further, the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), under National Health Mission is a health programme for adolescents, in the age group of 10-19 years.

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**Unstarred Question No.1238
To be answered on 11.02.2025**

EMPLOYMENT FOR DIVYANGJANS

**1238. SHRI MITESH PATEL BAKABHAI
SHRI HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI PATEL**

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of skill development programmes being offered at CRC Madurai, and the manner in which the said programmes are likely to align with employment opportunities for divyangjans; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with industries or organisations to provide job opportunities for trained divyangjans and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)**

(a) Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Madurai is presently offering following skill development programs:-

- (i) Assistant plant care taker (Gardner)- Divyangjan.
- (ii) Employability skill for Persons with Disabilities.

These programs enable Persons with Disability to seek employment by imparting requisite skill training.

(b) National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) make continuous efforts to collaborate with industries and organizations to enhance employment opportunities for skilled Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Additionally, the Department has developed the PM-DAKSH portal, where PwDs can register to seek employment, while industry partners can list job opportunities.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1334
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/02/2025

ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

1334. Dr. D Ravi Kumar:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the significant gaps in the implementation of accessibility measures for disabled in public transport systems, such as buses, trains and metro stations, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government plans to ensure all new infrastructure projects, including Government buildings and private developments incorporate accessibility features for disabled individuals, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted research or assessments on the impact of inadequate infrastructure on the daily lives of disabled individuals; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps being taken to address the gaps identified, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (b) The Government of India has taken several measures to promote the cause of accessibility for Divyangjans in different public transportation systems. So far, all 35 International Airports and 55 Domestic Airports have been provided with accessibility facilities like Ramps, Toilets and Lifts. 709 A1, A and B categories of Railway Stations have been provided with many short-term facilities like Ramps, Toilets, Lifts, Helpdesk, Parking, Non-slippery walkways, Drinking Water facilities). As many as 42,000 and more buses have been made partially accessible and 8695 buses are fully accessible. Out of 3533 bus stations, 3120 have been made accessible across the country.

Under the Accessible India Campaign, Central Government conducted access audit of State/UT Government owned Public Buildings and provided financial assistance to State/UT Governments for making 1314 buildings accessible. In addition, Central Public Works Department, Government of India has retrofitted 211 numbers of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)-owned buildings and 889 buildings of other Departments/ Ministries maintained by CPWD.

To ensure incorporation of accessibility features several Ministries/Departments have taken many measures. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways(MoRTH) vide GSR 287(E) , GSR 367(E) , GSR 959(E) etc., notified AIS-052-Code for accessible Bus Body Design which contains special provisions for Disabled Passengers such as priority seats for persons with disabilities, seats designated for disabled passengers with appropriate sign(s), priority seats to be provided with appropriate facility for securing crutches, canes, walkers etc. to facilitate convenient travel for persons with disabilities with provision of handrails and / or stanchions. GSR 959 (E) mandates the verification provisions regarding accessibility features at the time of fitness certification. GSR 240 (E) notified the provision required for Alteration to Motor Vehicle for conversion into Adapted Vehicle.

Indian Railways has also notified “Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway Stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility” which has provisions of facilities for Divyangjans and passengers with reduced mobility such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counter/help booths, toilets, drinking water booth, sub-ways/foot over bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment, etc.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, in the Metro/RRTS projects have designed user-friendly mass transport system which can ensure accessibility to persons with disabilities, as well as people with temporary mobility problems and the elderly persons. The design standards for Metro/RRTS facilitates universal access to Public Transport Infrastructure including related facilities and services, information, etc. benefitting the people using public transport.

PM-eBus Sewa Tender specifies accessibility features and equipments as per AIS 052 & AIS 153 so as to deploy 100% 12m & 9m Buses with accessibility features including wheelchair accessibility.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir, the National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development conducted the review of the implementation of Accessible India Campaign as a third party evaluation. Some key findings of this evaluation were:

- During the study, it was seen that 80.51% of the buildings were funded for retrofitting.
- The campaign covered major government buildings across the country.
- A positive attitudinal change was observed amongst government functionaries and general public towards the right of persons with disabilities to safe and easy access to public places due to this campaign.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No:-1851
TO BE ANSWERED ON:- 11/03/2025

‘SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES IN ADULTS’

1851. Shri E Tukaram :

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any committee has been formed for studying the Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs) in Adults, if so, the details of the Committee;
- (b) the measures taken to ensure individuals with SLDs, who were adults when the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, was enacted, are issued disability certificates, given the lack of a diagnostic test for evaluating SLDs in adults;
- (c) whether the Ministry has decided to allocate fund for research for developing diagnostic test for SLDs in Adults, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry has decided to appoint NIMHANS to develop a diagnostic test for SLDs in adults, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of individuals employed by the Union Government under Section 34 (1) (d) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (covering autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness) year-wise, department-wise and disability-wise for this section?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- (a) No such Committee has been formed by the D/o Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).
- (b) The Department has notified the revised Guidelines for assessing the extent of specified disabilities. These guidelines will be used across all ages till such time until new scales are developed and validated for older children and adult.
- (c) The Ministry has allocated funds for research on developing a diagnostic test for Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) in adults under the Research & Development (R&D) component of the SIPDA scheme. A project titled “Development of Computer-Based Screening Test for Adults with Specific Learning Disabilities” by National Institute for the Empowerment of

Persons with Intellectual Disabilities , Secunderabad has been approved for total project cost of ₹15.20 lakh.

- (d) DEPwD has not appointed NIMHANS for the stated purpose.
- (e) The section 34 of RPwD Act 2016 provides for reservation in government jobs for autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness, among others, as specified under the Section. As per available data, 389 persons of category specified under section 34 (1)(d) and(e) are employed in the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government.

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LOK SABHA

Unstarred Question No.1876
To be answered on 11/03/2025

INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

1876. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the percentage of the Indian population that are deaf and dumb and use Indian sign language;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans/initiatives to make Indian sign language as an official language, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to include Indian sign language in the educational curriculum of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans/initiatives to include Indian sign language as an optional subject in the education curriculum of the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the details regarding the steps taken by the Government to include Indian sign language as a mode of instruction for various professional and skill development courses; and
- (g) the details regarding the steps undertaken by the Government to promote the usage of Indian sign language in different forms of media?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- (a) The Government primarily relies on Census data for demographic statistics of PwDs. According to the Census 2011, a total of **2.68 crore persons** in India were reported as having disabilities out of which **19% have hearing disabilities.**

(b) The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 provides adequate provisions for the recognition, protection, and promotion of Indian Sign Language (ISL).

(c) to (e) In line with the RPwD Act, 2016 and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Government has undertaken various initiatives to incorporate Indian Sign Language (ISL) into the education system. The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi has undertaken the following key initiatives:

Conversion of NCERT Textbooks into ISL: Under an MoU signed between ISLRTC and NCERT in 2020 and renewed in 2023, NCERT textbooks from Classes 1 to 6 have been converted into ISL and made available on online platforms. Further, textbooks for Classes 1-3, developed under NEP 2020, have also been converted into ISL.

ISL as a Language Subject: ISLRTC, in collaboration with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), has developed a curriculum for ISL as a language subject at the secondary level.

ISL Dictionary: ISLRTC has developed an ISL dictionary that includes academic terms sourced from NCERT textbooks.

(f) To promote skill development among PwDs, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) is implementing the National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP). Under this plan:

Training in ISL is provided for Deaf PwDs through Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD) and certified trainers.

Various skill training programs, including basic ISL communication and employability courses, are conducted, with Deaf trainers imparting training through ISL.

ISLRTC has developed a two –year RCI-approved professional course called Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language course, where Deaf individuals are trained to become ISL teachers, with ISL as the mode of instruction.

(g) To enhance accessibility and promote the use of ISL in media, ISLRTC has developed several digital resources:

A dedicated website and mobile application "Sign Learn" for ISL Dictionary.

Educational content in ISL is made available through DTH Channel No. 31 under PM e-Vidya, which is also live-streamed on YouTube.

ISL resources and videos are regularly shared on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1887
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025

EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT BASED INCENTIVES FOR DIVYANGJAN

1887. Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy:
Shri Putta Mahesh Kumar:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details regarding the list of schemes (Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored) introduced, under consideration and presently being implemented by the Government regarding educational and employment based incentives/support for Divyangjan in the country during the last ten years;
- (b) the total number of Divyangjan benefitted from such schemes during the said period including Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh and State and district-wise;
- (c) the total amount of funding allocated and utilized for such schemes during the said period including Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh, State and district-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any promotional activities/campaigns to raise awareness of the schemes in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (c) The Government enacted Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 which came into force on 19.04.2017. The no. of disabilities has been increased from 7 to 21. The said Act provides rights and entitlements to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), which, inter-alia, include right to equality, non-discrimination, protection from cruelty, exploitation, right to live with family and community, access to justice, accessibility in voting, legal capacity, legal guardianship, health, education, employment, skill development, arts, sports, recreation, culture and participation in decision making process.

Section 34 of the said Act provides for 4 % reservation in the government employment to the persons with benchmark (40% or above) disabilities. Further, Section 32 of the said Act provides 5% reservation in government or government aided higher educational institutions for persons with benchmark disabilities. Furthermore, Section 37 of the said Act ensures 5% reservation in poverty alleviation and developmental schemes to persons with benchmark disabilities.

Though, relief to the disabled is a State subject by virtue of entry 9 of the State List of the Constitution of India, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments, regarding educational and employment based support, through its major schemes namely Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), Scholarship Schemes and National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities.

(i) Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):- Under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided to the voluntary Organizations for running various projects for the welfare/empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) including Special School for the Children with Visual, Hearing and Intellectual disability including Children with Cerebral Palsy etc., aimed at enabling them to maintain their optimal, physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric or social functional levels.

Total number of Divyangjan benefitted from the scheme and amount of fund utilized including Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh and State wise is given at **Annexure-I**.

(ii) Scholarship Schemes for Students with disabilities:

Under this Scheme, the Government provides scholarships for students with disabilities such as Pre-matric (for classes IX & X), Post-matric (from class XI up to Post Graduate degree/diploma level), Top Class Education (Post graduate degree/diploma in notified Institutes), National Fellowship (M.Phil and PhD courses in Indian Universities), National Overseas Scholarship (Masters Degree/ Ph.D in Foreign Universities). The scholarship amount is released directly to the Students' bank account in Direct Bank Transfer (DBT) mode.

Total number of Divyangjan benefitted from the scheme and amount of fund utilized including Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh and State wise is given at **Annexure-II**.

Further, this Department is implementing Free Coaching for students with disabilities (a component of Umbrella Scheme of Scholarship Scheme) having a minimum of 40% disability for providing coaching facilities to make them enable to appear in competitive examinations for government jobs and seek admission to various professional and technical courses. This scheme is being implemented by the Department through the National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres under the administrative control of DEPwD and through empanelled Universities/Institutes, State universities under the purview of the Central Government and State

Governments and any other government institutes working in the field of education of disabilities (Divyangjan).

Till date, Rs.20 lakh has been released for providing free coaching to 81 students with disabilities under Free Coaching for student with disabilities.

(iii) **National Action Plan for Skill Development (NAP-SDP)**: The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities launched the National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP) in 2015 to enhance skills, employability, and self-reliance among PwDs aged 15-59 years through training provided by empanelled Government and Non-Government Organizations nationwide. In September 2023, the **PM-DAKSH Portal-DEPwD** was introduced as a digital platform to streamline skilling and employment efforts. It includes two modules: **Divyangjan Kaushal Vikas**, offering skill training, and **Divyangjan Rozgar Setu**, connecting PwDs with geo-tagged employment opportunities across private companies in India. NAP-SDP Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme, under which fund is not given to State/UT directly. Further, it is a demand driven scheme. Funds under the scheme are released to empanelled organizations from across the Country on the basis of their demands/proposals. There is no separate budgetary allocation. Fund is notionally allocated for NAP from budgetary provisions.

Since the launch of the scheme, funds to the tune of Rs.156.94 crore has been released for conducting skill training of 1.42 lakh PwDs including Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh under NAP-SDP.

Besides, the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) under this Department provides concessional loans to empower Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Key schemes of NDFDC include **Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana (DSY)**, offering loans up to ₹50 lakh for income generation, education, or assistive devices, and **Vishesh Microfinance Yojana (VMY)** providing loans up to ₹60,000 for small businesses through Self-Help Groups and partner agencies.

Total number of Divyangjan benefitted from the schemes of the NDFDC and amount of fund utilized including Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh and State wise is given at **Annexure-III**.

(d) The Department is implementing "Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme (AGP)" across the country. The main objective of the scheme is creation of general awareness about the schemes and programmes of the Government for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to train and sensitize key functionaries of the Central/State Government/Local Bodies and other service providers on a regular basis on disability related matters through State/District/Block level workshops with the aim to raise awareness among employees and peer groups about capabilities of PwDs. Divya Kala Mela have been organized under AGP to provide platform to Divyangjan to promote the sale of the products made by them. For showcasing the extraordinary talents of Divyang artists, the Department organizes cultural programme titled

“Divya Kala Shakti” where Divyang Artists from different States, Cultural Societies, Institutions, civil societies with various disabilities participates. 24 Divya Kala Mela and 21 Divya Kala Shakti have been organized across the country so far.

Annexures referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1887 regarding “Educational and Employment based incentives for Divyangjan” for answer on 11.03.2025

Annexure-I

The total number of Divyangjan benefitted and total amount released under DDR Scheme during the last 6 years and current year in the Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh as under-

| Year | Fund released (In lakh) | Divyangjan benefitted |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2018-19 | 83.08 | 508 |
| 2019-20 | 260.77 | 541 |
| 2020-21 | 205.19 | 351 |
| 2021-22 | 219.80 | 448 |
| 2022-23 | 268.49 | 442 |
| 2023-24 | 262.67 | 442 |
| 2024-25 (As on 07.3.2025) | 259.96 | 425 |
| Total | 1559.98 | 3157 |

The total number of Divyangjan benefitted and total amount released under DDR Scheme during the last 9 years and current year State-wise is as under-

| S.No. | Name of the State | 2015-16 | | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 (as on 07.03.2025) | |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 826.83 | 5645 | 763.14 | 5284 | 1101.15 | 5635 | 1452.75 | 7268 | 2663.05 | 6187 | 1639.88 | 5620 | 1779.89 | 4620 | 2648.41 | 5605 | 2851.56 | 4604 | 2066.74 | 4419 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 6.74 | 0 | 9.64 | 0 | 1.58 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Assam | 88.92 | 341 | 94.01 | 206 | 88.98 | 249 | 90.86 | 469 | 124.72 | 603 | 90.70 | 248 | 167.76 | 488 | 261.34 | 753 | 136.87 | 327 | 167.12 | 237 |
| 4 | Bihar | 62.03 | 413 | 25.16 | 521 | 80.58 | 406 | 43.87 | 323 | 23.67 | 53 | 0.00 | 0 | 41.89 | 55 | 33.54 | 69 | 68.65 | 111 | 42.77 | 83 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 47.49 | 281 | 17.51 | 372 | 24.30 | 258 | 40.64 | 229 | 49.78 | 187 | 1.63 | 110 | 47.58 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74.14 | 158 |
| 6 | Delhi | 197.81 | 1444 | 82.16 | 811 | 196.37 | 1329 | 29.62 | 369 | 32.65 | 501 | 247.67 | 685 | 162.74 | 615 | 185.51 | 937 | 166.89 | 688 | 333.90 | 714 |
| 7 | Goa | 8.87 | 138 | 4.89 | 86 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.59 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 8 | Gujarat | 47.24 | 672 | 32.2 | 456 | 58.85 | 680 | 97.44 | 762 | 131.96 | 864 | 43.32 | 378 | 120.66 | 447 | 72.77 | 437 | 95.19 | 187 | 94.17 | 215 |
| 9 | Haryana | 117.94 | 642 | 116.24 | 824 | 119.50 | 945 | 130.74 | 935 | 154.81 | 512 | 140.19 | 505 | 101.99 | 292 | 128.93 | 444 | 174.61 | 377 | 75.74 | 185 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 20.53 | 68 | 24.16 | 49 | 24.84 | 105 | 55.72 | 100 | 71.77 | 302 | 69.20 | 212 | 67.15 | 144 | 69.05 | 89 | 84.13 | 119 | 87.76 | 154 |
| 11 | Jammu & Kashmir | 9.58 | 0 | 3.25 | 58 | 0.68 | 28 | 5.79 | 43 | 4.53 | 81 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 12 | Jharkhand | 2.45 | 58 | 0.94 | 70 | 0.00 | 0 | 1.59 | 0 | 10.39 | 64 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 26.09 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 13 | Karnataka | 77.52 | 684 | 96.73 | 518 | 83.86 | 866 | 86.05 | 675 | 41.31 | 339 | 81.30 | 373 | 135.60 | 389 | 139.92 | 685 | 73.73 | 104 | 94.88 | 294 |
| 14 | Kerala | 362.25 | 2829 | 446.16 | 3302 | 574.32 | 3170 | 584.86 | 3780 | 611.82 | 2112 | 628.30 | 1656 | 725.30 | 1883 | 762.41 | 2081 | 455.20 | 1549 | 1412.67 | 3429 |
| 15 | Ladakh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.44 | 0 | 0 | |
| 16 | Madhya Pradesh | 132.69 | 1075 | 99.75 | 1016 | 148.04 | 1320 | 162.96 | 1389 | 155.5 | 639 | 248.31 | 822 | 325.57 | 682 | 382.72 | 803 | 484.55 | 764 | 240.85 | 710 |
| 17 | Maharashtra | 141.47 | 874 | 221.47 | 845 | 321.64 | 1085 | 202.21 | 836 | 342.21 | 3036 | 180.11 | 2049 | 71.46 | 1677 | 383.87 | 523 | 311.19 | 1354 | 49.33 | 0 |
| 18 | Manipur | 284.38 | 1329 | 270.91 | 1287 | 448.30 | 1992 | 525.16 | 3209 | 974.01 | 2597 | 596.24 | 1523 | 741.55 | 1478 | 1016.29 | 2681 | 946.48 | 1942 | 765.03 | 1801 |
| 19 | Meghalaya | 45.86 | 492 | 65.16 | 462 | 23.21 | 485 | 54.32 | 645 | 32.59 | 443 | 105.37 | 322 | 29.64 | 84 | 101.76 | 361 | 87.86 | 352 | 139.21 | 392 |
| 20 | Mizoram | 11.25 | 215 | 7.38 | 221 | 9.44 | 42 | 19.88 | 153 | 33.9 | 168 | 11.73 | 20 | 0.00 | 0 | 29.22 | 61 | 17.26 | 60 | 23.18 | 86 |
| 21 | Nagaland | 0.41 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 2.49 | 30 | 2.48 | 30 | 26.32 | 47 | 0.00 | 0 | 30.36 | 60 | 46.83 | 48 | 23.76 | 53 |
| 22 | Odisha | 445.1 | 2462 | 329.31 | 2183 | 526.93 | 2822 | 732.76 | 3143 | 1001.05 | 3239 | 789.16 | 5953 | 1457.59 | 5306 | 929.80 | 4776 | 1382.09 | 2067 | 1050.33 | 2145 |
| 23 | Punjab | 46.23 | 416 | 68.95 | 976 | 86.58 | 830 | 45.54 | 595 | 133.65 | 588 | 98.92 | 272 | 149.27 | 505 | 168.06 | 682 | 211.68 | 697 | 243.14 | 643 |
| 24 | Rajasthan | 139.18 | 1030 | 136.12 | 1051 | 188.63 | 1353 | 152.21 | 1780 | 261.6 | 1096 | 150.58 | 370 | 286.26 | 528 | 239.28 | 546 | 320.06 | 513 | 244.74 | 422 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 25 | Sikkim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | Tamil Nadu | 234.29 | 1528 | 98.77 | 959 | 216.42 | 1087 | 272.19 | 1368 | 191.9 | 786 | 208.25 | 706 | 137.06 | 1267 | 184.70 | 1320 | 312.15 | 1052 | 214.61 | 1036 |
| 27 | Tripura | 1 | 30 | 12.09 | 140 | 2.84 | 70 | 0.27 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 15.57 | 44 | 51.67 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 550.16 | 4130 | 376.19 | 4284 | 557.57 | 3874 | 760.28 | 4623 | 1018.59 | 4105 | 1335.24 | 3580 | 1389.36 | 3604 | 1147.75 | 3249 | 1653.52 | 3017 | 1846.49 | 3934 |
| 29 | Uttarakhand | 41.47 | 474 | 28.01 | 319 | 26.52 | 248 | 28.65 | 320 | 84.07 | 197 | 102.68 | 144 | 68.67 | 142 | 87.29 | 125 | 80.48 | 62 | 95.38 | 184 |
| 30 | West Bengal | 304.34 | 2711 | 361.66 | 2466 | 384.90 | 1840 | 365.88 | 2417 | 335.46 | 3621 | 336.31 | 1935 | 606.89 | 1389 | 811.67 | 4424 | 782.79 | 7162 | 554.50 | 8146 |
| 31 | Telangana | 750.13 | 5334 | 700.88 | 5557 | 685.37 | 4874 | 1014.16 | 5968 | 1646.76 | 5513 | 1168.25 | 3932 | 1439.72 | 4397 | 1527.48 | 4389 | 2121.26 | 3271 | 154.61 | 3006 |
| 32 | Andman and Nicobar | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 33 | Chandigarh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 34 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 35 | Daman & Diu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 36 | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 37 | Puducherry | 14.83 | 117 | 7.16 | 108 | 18.36 | 106 | 40.42 | 234 | 32.61 | 141 | 18.48 | 80 | 35.89 | 71 | 85.27 | 205 | 80.65 | 162 | 60.04 | 158 |
| Total | | 5018.99 | 35461 | 4500.00 | 34431 | 5999.77 | 35729 | 6999.90 | 41803 | 10166 | 38004 | 8318.15 | 31542 | 10089.47 | 30173 | 11469 | 35349 | 12997.78 | 30589 | 10155 | 32604 |

Details of beneficiaries covered under the Scholarship Scheme and expenditure incurred during the last 10 years

(Rs. in Crore)

| Sr.No. | State/UT | 2013-14 | | 2014-15 | | 2015-16 | | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | |
|--------|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Ben. n. | Amount | Beneficiaries | Amount |
| 1 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 1 | 0.01 | 74 | 3.40 | 144 | 4.55 | 221 | 3.86 | 233 | 6.12 | 217 | 3.91 | 628 | 5.24 | 201 | 2.42 | 1343 | 4.75 | 3070 | 6.26 | 625 | 3.45 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 21 | 0.05 | 2 | 0.00 | 8 | 0.02 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.07 | 30 | 0.21 | 115 | 0.52 | 8 | 0.27 | 150 | 0.81 | 1089 | 2.15 | 19 | 0.75 | 783 | 2.02 | 71 | 0.67 | 322 | 1.07 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 0 | 0.00 | 16 | 0.83 | 42 | 0.94 | 430 | 1.72 | 409 | 2.28 | 1247 | 3.84 | 1771 | 6.56 | 902 | 3.68 | 2278 | 9.05 | 1257 | 5.43 | 1441 | 11.94 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 25 | 0.02 | 3 | 0.00 | 11 | 0.01 | 4 | 0.45 | 17 | 0.40 | 1 | 0.08 | 34 | 0.03 | 90 | 0.19 | 343 | 0.75 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.20 | 9 | 0.14 | 120 | 0.17 | 275 | 0.49 | 417 | 0.71 | 344 | 0.68 | 7 | 0.13 | 1125 | 1.53 | 612 | 3.01 | 456 | 0.76 |
| 8 | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 8 | 0.01 | 1 | 0.00 | 15 | 0.01 | 28 | 0.03 | 5 | 0.01 |
| 9 | DAMAN & DIU | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.00 |
| 10 | DELHI | 1 | 0.01 | 5 | 0.26 | 144 | 0.75 | 25 | 0.85 | 394 | 1.85 | 337 | 2.24 | 476 | 1.99 | 8 | 1.14 | 313 | 1.03 | 502 | 1.66 | 149 | 1.29 |
| 11 | GOA | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.00 | 11 | 0.02 | 6 | 0.04 | 26 | 0.06 | 25 | 0.04 | 26 | 0.03 |
| 12 | GUJARAT | 0 | 0.00 | 7 | 0.14 | 56 | 0.55 | 132 | 0.47 | 674 | 1.80 | 310 | 1.12 | 250 | 1.27 | 1379 | 3.24 | 1577 | 2.76 | 1240 | 2.56 | 1034 | 2.63 |
| 13 | HARYANA | 0 | 0.00 | 12 | 0.54 | 56 | 0.61 | 76 | 0.70 | 143 | 0.94 | 252 | 0.92 | 239 | 0.90 | 111 | 0.57 | 275 | 1.07 | 285 | 1.29 | 136 | 0.95 |
| 14 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.07 | 39 | 0.11 | 106 | 0.20 | 144 | 0.32 | 94 | 0.36 | 142 | 0.38 | 78 | 0.49 | 186 | 0.58 | 179 | 1.31 | 204 | 1.09 |
| 15 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.06 | 5 | 0.23 | 155 | 0.45 | 400 | 1.11 | 229 | 1.30 | 206 | 1.01 | 545 | 2.44 | 594 | 1.77 | 547 | 1.88 | 291 | 2.18 |
| 16 | JHARKHAND | 0 | 0.00 | 8 | 0.27 | 8 | 0.25 | 117 | 0.56 | 53 | 0.47 | 665 | 1.71 | 286 | 1.20 | 99 | 0.79 | 145 | 0.99 | 762 | 8.32 | 331 | 3.43 |
| 17 | KARNATAKA | 0 | 0.00 | 14 | 0.58 | 107 | 1.22 | 2564 | 4.42 | 1009 | 2.77 | 1686 | 4.81 | 1100 | 5.05 | 1239 | 5.44 | 3331 | 16.93 | 3026 | 16.29 | 3428 | 23.20 |
| 18 | KERALA | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.07 | 1207 | 1.29 | 829 | 1.35 | 2415 | 2.64 | 2873 | 3.76 | 3669 | 5.48 | 4192 | 4.10 | 5095 | 7.22 | 4932 | 7.62 | 3992 | 6.29 |
| 19 | LADAKH | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 20 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 21 | MADHYA PRADESH | 0 | 0.00 | 6 | 0.27 | 309 | 0.80 | 657 | 6.26 | 642 | 6.42 | 509 | 7.59 | 5429 | 9.04 | 400 | 4.60 | 566 | 9.73 | 876 | 18.03 | 1293 | 3.93 |

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|----|---------------|---|------|----|------|------|------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | | | | | 4 | | 2 | | 0 | | | | 3 | | 1 | | 5 | | | | |
| 22 | MAHARASHTRA | 0 | 0.00 | 18 | 0.89 | 83 | 1.36 | 326 | 1.91 | 93 | 2.61 | 863 | 2.98 | 1082 | 4.04 | 459 | 2.49 | 1490 | 5.83 | 691 | 5.99 | 1757 | 6.73 |
| 23 | MANIPUR | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.04 | 29 | 0.15 | 3 | 0.00 | 30 | 0.08 | 0 | 0.00 | 12 | 0.03 | 7 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.00 | 32 | 0.11 | 27 | 0.16 |
| 24 | MEGHALAYA | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.00 | 60 | 0.07 | 27 | 0.05 | 9 | 0.02 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 6 | 0.06 | 5 | 0.01 | 22 | 0.05 |
| 25 | MIZORAM | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 33 | 0.04 | 35 | 0.08 | 2 | 0.00 | 26 | 0.04 | 5 | 0.00 | 11 | 0.02 | 12 | 0.14 | 2 | 0.07 |
| 26 | NAGALAND | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 15 | 0.02 | 5 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 45 | 0.05 | 6 | 0.01 | 2 | 0.00 | 7 | 0.01 |
| 27 | ODISHA | 4 | 0.02 | 16 | 0.73 | 1911 | 1.93 | 629 | 1.16 | 2307 | 3.80 | 2076 | 4.88 | 3341 | 7.45 | 1495 | 3.01 | 2699 | 5.40 | 3168 | 6.11 | 1467 | 4.36 |
| 28 | PUDUCHERRY | 1 | 0.01 | 3 | 0.12 | 7 | 0.26 | 5 | 0.14 | 22 | 0.23 | 33 | 0.20 | 79 | 0.39 | 27 | 0.27 | 95 | 0.29 | 46 | 0.30 | 7 | 0.39 |
| 29 | PUNJAB | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.11 | 54 | 0.42 | 72 | 0.34 | 106 | 0.80 | 531 | 0.93 | 444 | 1.23 | 1019 | 1.55 | 1393 | 2.12 | 1094 | 1.74 | 608 | 2.35 |
| 30 | RAJASTHAN | 0 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.16 | 77 | 0.51 | 125 | 0.70 | 725 | 2.03 | 1222 | 2.75 | 1567 | 3.95 | 76 | 1.43 | 1856 | 4.08 | 1084 | 3.54 | 1007 | 3.51 |
| 31 | SIKKIM | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 12 | 0.01 | 55 | 0.04 | 13 | 0.04 | 3 | 0.00 | 7 | 0.05 | 3 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 |
| 32 | TAMIL NADU | 1 | 0.00 | 31 | 1.11 | 51 | 1.95 | 189 | 0.64 | 1260 | 2.09 | 1506 | 3.59 | 1181 | 4.42 | 2000 | 5.26 | 4384 | 9.15 | 6448 | 13.46 | 4046 | 10.69 |
| 33 | TELANGANA | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 27 | 0.43 | 108 | 1.13 | 135 | 2.07 | 138 | 1.64 | 328 | 1.84 | 95 | 6.05 | 1340 | 6.40 | 2936 | 8.86 | 879 | 6.76 |
| 34 | TRIPURA | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.02 | 2 | 0.12 | 262 | 0.28 | 192 | 0.38 | 81 | 0.23 | 159 | 0.36 | 66 | 0.10 | 186 | 1.19 | 245 | 0.48 | 329 | 1.86 |
| 35 | UTTARAKHAND | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 42 | 0.05 | 3 | 0.003 | 1 | 0.05 | 37 | 0.17 | 391 | 1.48 | 142 | 0.46 | 259 | 0.96 | 229 | 1.05 | 64 | 0.45 |
| 36 | UTTAR PRADESH | 6 | 0.04 | 58 | 2.69 | 1898 | 4.75 | 703 | 5.63 | 2756 | 11.25 | 5564 | 25.59 | 18205 | 45.73 | 7177 | 36.76 | 5115 | 32.90 | 2318 | 24.33 | 4477 | 24.86 |
| 37 | WEST BENGAL | 1 | 0.01 | 16 | 0.60 | 96 | 1.41 | 760 | 2.13 | 892 | 3.42 | 4722 | 9.71 | 485 | 2.18 | 660 | 4.42 | 512 | 3.49 | 459 | 4.49 | 596 | 5.22 |

Annexure-III

The details of fund released by NDFDC and number of beneficiaries during the last ten financial years:-

(Rs. In Lakh)
(as on 06.03.2025)

| S.N | Name of State / U.T.s | 2014-15 | | 2015-16 | | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
|-----|-----------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. | Disb. | Benef. |
| 1 | Arunchal Pradesh | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.20 | 1 | 17.69 | 2 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 9.83 | 2 | 6.49 | 1 | 5.59 | 2 | 700.00 | 700 | 1.19 | 1 | 2500.00 | 6764 | 1501.72 | 1098 | 0.00 | 0 | 1922.83 | 3575 | 224.52 | 166 | 517.46 | 501 |
| 3 | Assam | 0.00 | 0 | 17.28 | 1 | 125.00 | 125 | 50.00 | 50 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.25 | 1 | 18.85 | 16 | 22.00 | 21 | 20.00 | 20 |
| 4 | Bihar | 0.00 | 0 | 523.00 | 523 | 3.97 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 4.97 | 4 | 5.22 | 2 | 6.02 | 6.88 | 1 | 5.20 | 2 | 0.00 | 0 | 1.19 | 1 | |
| 5 | Chandigarh | 1.60 | 7 | | | 4.90 | 22 | 4.20 | 18 | 7.85 | 37 | 7.40 | 30 | 1.75 | 7 | 2.25 | 9 | 2.50 | 10 | 3.00 | 12 | 29.46 | 12 |
| 6 | Chhattisgarh | 1654.56 | 1074 | 936.27 | 842 | 1762.41 | 1671 | 827.50 | 827 | 827.50 | 827 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 205.00 | 119 | 1.45 | 0 | 3.66 | 1 | 80.66 | 12 |
| 7 | Delhi | 16.53 | 1 | 15.78 | 4 | 19.00 | 15 | 33.72 | 23 | 33.10 | 13 | 83.98 | 29 | 19.12 | 2 | 26.88 | 85 | 58.82 | 101 | 98.84 | 16 | 78.68 | 9 |
| 8 | Goa | 0.00 | 0 | 5.99 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 10.36 | 1 |
| 9 | Gujarat | 0.00 | 0 | 245.00 | 245 | 1070.91 | 1045 | 300.00 | 300 | 150.00 | 150 | 355.00 | 351 | 55.00 | 51 | 380.41 | 378 | 29.48 | 1 | 100.00 | 100 | 172.04 | 153 |
| 10 | Haryana | 606.00 | 708 | 611.94 | 602 | 630.22 | 613 | 1323.58 | 1311 | 1309.00 | 1300 | 20.17 | 3 | 1369.17 | 1316 | 1311.33 | 1309 | 1389.11 | 1372 | 505.14 | 457 | 586.29 | 552 |
| 11 | Himachal Pradesh | 574.48 | 546 | 446.29 | 419 | 224.91 | 204 | 200.00 | 200 | 250.00 | 250 | 300.00 | 300 | 400.00 | 400 | 500.00 | 500 | 500.00 | 500 | 700.00 | 700 | 308.45 | 302 |
| 12 | Jammu & Kashmir | 343.50 | 378 | 172.00 | 172 | 350.00 | 350 | 254.00 | 254 | 775.00 | 624 | 987.57 | 976 | 153.88 | 144 | 737.50 | 737 | 614.65 | 615 | 846.50 | 826 | 10.36 | 1 |
| 13 | Jharkhand | 50.00 | 50 | 173.39 | 173 | 200.00 | 200 | 301.33 | 301 | 117.45 | 102 | 100.00 | 100 | 5.00 | 5 | 100.00 | 100 | 94.18 | 55 | 16.49 | 3 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 14 | Karnataka | 4.00 | 1 | 4.00 | 1 | 5.64 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 1.26 | 1 | 1.12 | 1 | 0.25 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 25.46 | 4 | 9.18 | 2 | 5.70 | 1 |
| 15 | Kerala | 324.00 | 420 | 345.90 | 345 | 444.00 | 444 | 534.85 | 525 | 717.15 | 705 | 1058.00 | 1055 | 4504.00 | 4504 | 2263.50 | 2254 | 1.70 | 0 | 2007.22 | 2002 | 2588.65 | 2570 |
| 16 | Lakshadweep | 20.00 | 20 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 40.00 | 40 | | | 19.00 | 19 | 19.00 | 4 | 31.50 | 7 |
| 17 | Madhya Pradesh | 35.94 | 17 | 1.44 | 1 | 308.72 | 302 | 7.10 | 1 | 10.00 | 1 | 20.64 | 3 | 125.63 | 86 | 82.09 | 36 | 59.80 | 24 | 12.90 | 2 | 29.65 | 4 |
| 18 | Manipur | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 33.52 | 19 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 19 | Maharashtra | 2225.82 | 1574 | 3072.61 | 2969 | 616.80 | 573 | 18.04 | 6 | 16.12 | 5 | 12.65 | 3 | 10.53 | 1 | 3.98 | 2 | 18.90 | 3 | 573.35 | 561 | 952.34 | 782 |
| 20 | Meghalaya | 100.00 | 100 | 50.00 | 50 | 50.00 | 50 | 50.00 | 50 | 70.00 | 35 | 50.00 | 50 | 20.00 | 20 | 50.00 | 50 | 0.00 | 0 | 30.00 | 30 | 30.00 | 30 |
| 21 | Mizoram | 0.00 | 0 | 4.25 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 20.00 | 20 | 21.00 | 21 | 26.00 | 26 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 22 | Nagaland | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.40 | 2 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 23 | Orissa | 1.27 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 20 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 9.22 | 1 | 1.75 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 32.81 | 3 | 14.53 | 1 |
| 24 | Pondicherry | 418.36 | 520 | 268.39 | 329 | 207.70 | 332 | 301.52 | 300 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 25 | Punjab | 125.00 | 190 | 0.00 | 0 | 146.50 | 146 | 16.35 | 12 | 92.65 | 84 | 139.00 | 136 | 113.00 | 113 | 94.82 | 107 | 162.73 | 166 | 80.99 | 58 | 44.27 | 32 |
| 26 | Rajasthan | 356.09 | 196 | 579.32 | 200 | 814.16 | 241 | 470.28 | 250 | 816.84 | 813 | 1025.37 | 1017 | 619.94 | 601 | 1224.78 | 1202 | 1237.62 | 1203 | 1200.00 | 1200 | 26.71 | 5 |
| 27 | Sikkim | 50.00 | 50 | 100.00 | 100 | 100.00 | 100 | 100.00 | 100 | 100.00 | 50 | 0.00 | 0 | 21.00 | 21 | 50.00 | 50 | 50.00 | 50 | 100.00 | 100 | 100.00 | 100 |

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| 28 | Tamil Nadu | 2999.22 | 8586 | 3005.00 | 11001 | 1500.64 | 7501 | 3000.00 | 6000 | 2005.56 | 4002 | 2501.26 | 5001 | 3000.00 | 6000 | 3000.00 | 6000 | 4500.36 | 9000 | 4506.25 | 9002 | 4005.06 | 8002 |
| 29 | Telangana | 0.00 | 0 | 1.50 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 1000.00 | 3485 | 1000.00 | 3485 | | | 24.85 | 2 | 61.53 | 3 |
| 30 | Tripura | 200.00 | 200 | 50.00 | 50 | 100.00 | 100 | 100.00 | 100 | 100.00 | 50 | 0.00 | 0 | 70.25 | 70 | 0.00 | 0 | 55.00 | 55 | 64.05 | 16 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 31 | Uttar Pradesh | 0.00 | 0 | 2452.65 | 2501 | 2009.87 | 2013 | 366.62 | 369 | 2106.78 | 2104 | 2112.14 | 2075 | 287.28 | 337 | 204.84 | 263 | 1360.53 | 1853 | 1148.22 | 1216 | 277.82 | 275 |
| 32 | Uttarkhand | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 50.00 | 50 | 50.00 | 50 | 46.50 | 42 | 37.00 | 37 | 0.50 | 1 | 6.83 | 0 | 5.37 | 3 | 6.23 | 4 | 29.11 | 5 |
| 33 | West Bengal | 32.49 | 62 | 20.00 | 20 | | | | | 1.00 | 1 | 5.20 | 2 | 8.55 | 2 | 0.00 | 0 | 5.47 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 30.37 | 3 |
| | Total | 10148.6 | 14703 | 13108. | 20552 | 10750. | 16101 | 9014.0 | 11767 | 9598.44 | 11221 | 11321.7 | 17935 | 13361.81 | 18326 | 11274 | 16713 | 12182 | 18655 | 12335.20 | 16504 | 10042.19 | 13384 |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No:- 2020
TO BE ANSWERED ON:- 11/03/2025

‘EMPOWERMENT OF DIVYANGJANS’

†2020. Shri Ajay Bhatt:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government for empowerment of persons with State (Divyangjans);
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to impart skill development training to Divyangjans particularly in Uttarakhand;
- (c) the percentage of Divyangjans got employment after receiving the said training along with the details thereof; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by the Government for upliftment of Divyangjans along with the achievements made in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) The Government enacted Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 which came into force on 19.04.2017. The number of disabilities has been increased from 7 to 21. The said Act provides rights and entitlements to PwDs, which, inter-alia, include right to equality, non-discrimination, protection from cruelty, exploitation, right to live with family and community, access to justice, accessibility in voting, legal capacity, legal guardianship, health, education, employment, skill development, arts, sports, recreation, culture and participation in decision making process.

Section 34 of the said Act provides for 4 % reservation in the government employment to the persons with benchmark (40% or above) disabilities. Further, Section 32 of the said Act provides 5% reservation in government or government aided higher educational institutions for persons with benchmark disabilities. Furthermore, Section 37 of the said Act ensures 5% reservation in poverty alleviation and developmental schemes to persons with benchmark disabilities.

Though, relief to the disabled is a State subject by virtue of entry 9 of the State List of the Constitution of India, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through its major schemes namely Assistance to persons with disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP), Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA), Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and Scholarship Schemes.

(b) & (c) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities implements the National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP). Under NAP-SDP, skill training is imparted to persons with disabilities in the age group of 15 to 59 years through various Government and Non-Government Organizations across the country, empanelled with the Department as training partners (ETPs). Under the NAP-SDP scheme, skill training is being

provided to the persons with disability through the Government and Non-Government Organizations across the country including State of Uttarakhand. It is a demand driven scheme and funds are released to empaneled training partners based on their proposals.

Till date, this Department has provided the skill training to 1.42 lakh PwDs at a cost of Rs. 156.94 crore. Out of these, 28000 PwDs have been placed in wage-employment/self-employment.

(d) Although relief to the disabled is a State subject by virtue of entry 9 of the State List of the Constitution of India, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through its following major schemes:-

(i) **Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliance (ADIP):** Under ADIP funds are released to various Implementing Agencies to assist the eligible persons with disabilities in procuring standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation. Various types of aids and assistive devices distributed to different types of disabilities are Motorized Tricycle, Wheelchair, Prosthesis and orthosis, Walking Stick, Accessible Smart Phones, Smart Cane, Low Vision Aids, Hearing Aids, Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Kits etc.

(ii) **Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA):** Under this Scheme, assistance is provided to State Governments and autonomous organizations/Institutions under Central or State Government/various implementing agencies for activities relating to the implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Some of the components of Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) are:-

- (a) **Creation of Barrier Free Environment for PwDs,**
- (b) **National Action Plan for Skill Development,**
- (c) **Unique Disability Identity Card, and**
- (d) **Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme.**

(iii) **Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):-**

Under the Scheme grant-in-aid is provided to Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) for running the projects relating to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. During the last three years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24), 96,111 PwDs were benefitted under the Scheme.

(iv) **Scholarship Schemes for Students with disabilities:** Under this Scheme, the Government provides scholarships for students with disabilities such as Pre-matric (for classes IX & X), Post-matric (from class XI up to Post Graduate degree/diploma level), Top Class Education (Post graduate degree/diploma in notified Institutes), National Fellowship (Ph.D. courses in Indian Universities) and National Overseas Scholarship (Masters Degree/ Ph.D in Foreign Universities/Institutes). During the last three years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24), 1,15,667 PwDs were benefitted under the Scheme.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2045
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR DIVYANGJANS

2045. Shri Dulu Mahato:
Ms Kangna Ranaut:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities can easily access financial assistance scheme under the Government initiatives;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure long-term employability of persons with disabilities apart from job fairs;
- (c) whether there is any plan to expand the scope of subsidized financial assistance programmes for persons with disability in rural areas of Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) The Government enacted Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 which came into force on 19.04.2017. The no. of disabilities has been increased from 7 to 21. The said Act provides rights and entitlements to PwDs, which, inter-alia, include right to equality, non-discrimination, protection from cruelty, exploitation, right to live with family and community, access to justice, accessibility in voting, legal capacity, legal guardianship, health, education, employment, skill development, arts, sports, recreation, culture and participation in decision making process.

The Government has taken several measures to ensure that persons with disabilities can easily access financial assistance schemes under its initiatives. These include:-

- Simplified and Accessible Application Process – Online options have been made user-friendly and accessible.
- Dedicated Assistance Centers – Special help desks and facilitation centers have been established to assist persons with disabilities.
- Accessible Infrastructure – Government offices and financial service centers are equipped with ramps, elevators, and other facilities to ensure ease of access.
- Digital Accessibility – Websites and mobile applications have been made screen-reader friendly and compatible with assistive technologies.
- Awareness Campaigns – Outreach programs are conducted to inform persons with disabilities about available schemes and how to apply.
- Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) initiative aimed at streamlining the delivery of subsidies and benefits directly to the bank accounts of beneficiaries.
- Dedicated Helplines – Toll-free numbers and support teams provide assistance throughout the application process.

(b) To ensure the long-term employability of persons with disabilities beyond job fairs, the Government has taken several steps. These include:-

- Skill Development and Vocational Training –The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities launched the National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP) in 2015 to enhance skills, employability, and self-reliance among PwDs aged 15-59 years through training provided by empanelled Government and Non-Government Organizations nationwide. In September 2023, the PM-DAKSH Portal-DEPwD was introduced as a digital platform to streamline skilling and employment efforts. It includes two modules: Divyangjan Kaushal Vikas, offering skill training, and Divyangjan Rozgar Setu, connecting PwDs with geo-tagged employment opportunities across private companies in India. Special training programs have been introduced to enhance job skills and entrepreneurship opportunities.

- Reservation in Government Jobs – Section 34 of the RPwD Act, 2016 provides for 4 % reservation in the government employment to the persons with benchmark (40% or above) disabilities for ensuring greater job security. Further, Section 32 of the said Act provides 5% reservation in government or government aided higher educational institutions for persons with benchmark disabilities. The Department has issued comprehensive guidelines for identification of posts for persons with benchmark disabilities to ensure that the reservation policy is implemented effectively and uniformly. Furthermore, Section 37 of the said Act ensures 5% reservation in poverty alleviation and developmental schemes to persons with bench mark disabilities.
- Self-Employment Support – Subsidized loans, grants and training are provided to encourage self-employment and entrepreneurship. The National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) under this Department provides concessional loans to empower Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Key schemes of NDFDC include Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana (DSY) offering loans up to ₹50 lakh at concessional rate of interest for income generating activities, pursuing higher education/vocational/skill training, purchase of assistive devices and Vishesh Microfinance Yojana (VMY) providing loans up to ₹60,000 at reasonable rate of interest for providing prompt and need based finance for small/micro business and developmental activities.
- Free Coaching for students with disabilities for providing coaching facilities to make them enable to appear in competitive examinations for government jobs and seek admission to various professional and technical courses.
- Inclusive Workplace Policies – Awareness programs and guidelines are implemented to promote inclusive hiring and workplace accommodations.

(c) & (d) Financial assistance schemes are reviewed regularly by the Department across the country including the rural areas of Jharkhand for the holistic improvements for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and to foster a more inclusive, equitable society.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2047
TO BE ANSWERED ON:- 11/03/2025

'DISABILITY PENSION CRITERIA'

†2047. Shri Patel Umeshbhai Babubhai:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether earlier in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, pension was provided for 40% disability;
- (b) if so, the reasons of the said pension is not being provided at present including the details thereof;
- (c) the purpose of increasing the standard/criteria of 40% to 80% in the said pension scheme;
- (d) the number of people benefitted from 40% disability criteria along with the total funds spent on the said scheme per month; and
- (e) the number of people being benefitted after implementation of 80% disability criteria along with the total funds spent on the said scheme per month?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (c) Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme was formally launched in February 2009 with the criteria of 80% as disability level.

IGNDPS introduced in 2009 under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) does not have universal coverage. Out of the disabled persons, in terms of scheme guidelines, the most vulnerable category of persons with severe or multiple disability belonging to BPL category in the age of 18 years and above is eligible for assistance under IGNDPS. As per guidelines, in view of the limitation of funds available, if there are more deserving beneficiaries, the State/UT has the option to give them pension from its own resources.

(d) and (e) Under NSAP, there is Scheme/State-wise cap of beneficiaries. At present, a total of 8.8 lakh beneficiaries are covered under IGNDPS across the country. Financial assistance of ₹300/-per month to persons aged 18-79 years with severe or multiple disabilities and ₹ 500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above is given under IGNDPS. Funds under this Scheme is sanctioned to State/UT up to the number of digitized beneficiaries or the State/UT cap, whichever is lower.

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LOK SABHA

Unstarred Question No.2786

To be answered on 18/03/2025

INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

2786. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline for the conversion of 500 NBT books into Indian Sign Language (ISL);
- (b) the manner in which the schools and special education institutions be integrated into this initiative;
- (c) whether there are any training programs planned for teachers and educators on how to use ISL-based storybooks in classrooms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) The conversion of National Book Trust (NBT) books into Indian Sign Language (ISL) commenced on 20th January 2025. As of 7th March 2025, the recording of 24 books has been completed. The process of conversion is being carried out in a phased manner. Additionally, five NBT books from the Veergatha series have been launched for use by schools, parents and the general public.

(b) The Veergatha series books are available on social media platforms and the official YouTube channel of ISLRTC, where a dedicated playlist has been created. ISLRTC is a partner of NCERT in the PM e-VIDYA DTH ISL channel, and these books have been telecasted on the ISL TV channel, ensuring wider outreach to schools, special education institutions, parents, and teachers. The PM e-VIDYA DTH ISL channel is also available on YouTube. Recently, a program titled "Speak with Your Hands, Connect with Heart" was conducted in collaboration with NCERT to enhance accessibility for stakeholders.

(c) and (d) The Veergatha series books have been included in various training, awareness and orientation programs of ISLRTC. The details of the conducted programs are as follows:

(i) Five Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) have been conducted for teachers, parents and principals.

(ii) Three training programs were conducted for the Army Welfare Education Society, covering special educators, counselors, parents and principals.

(iii) Schools, special schools, and voluntary organizations working in the disability sector were oriented on these books during the International Week of the Deaf (IWD) 2023.

(iv) Public awareness about these books was raised through ISLRTC exhibition stalls at events such as Divya Kala Mela, IITF and Purple Fest Goa.

(v) The World Book Trade Fair featured a dedicated inclusive stall where these books were exhibited for public awareness.

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Unstarred Question No.2907

To be answered on 18.03.2025

ASPERGER'S SYNDROME

2907. SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanisms in place to assess the effectiveness and awareness initiatives in improving societal inclusivity and understanding of Asperger's Syndrome;
- (b) whether the Government is launching specific skill development and employment programmes tailored for individuals with Asperger's Syndrome to promote workplace inclusivity, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has engaged with private organizations or NGOs to amplify the outreach and effectiveness of such awareness programmes, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) observes all defined disabilities including Asperger's Syndrome (Autism Spectrum Disorder) under Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act) in the form of disability-related calendar days annually through its National Institutes (NIs), Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs). To ensure comprehensive documentation and impact assessment of these events, the Department has developed a JotForm-based reporting mechanism. This requires all participating institutions to submit pre and post-event reports, including photographs, details of activities conducted.

These reports form the basis for social media dissemination, press releases and promotional campaigns coordinated by the Department and its associated institutions. Additionally, the Department works closely with the Press Information Bureau (PIB) to amplify awareness initiatives across relevant media platforms.

(b) To enhance skills of Persons with Disabilities; to enable them to have gainful employment and to become self-reliant, productive and contribute members of society and stand up on their own feet, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing the National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP). Under NAP-SDP, skill training is imparting to persons with disabilities including Asperger's Syndrome (Autism Spectrum Disorder) in the age group of 15 to 59 years. Training under the NAP-SDP scheme is being provided through various Government and Non-Government Organizations, empanelling as training partners (ETPs) with the Department. These Government and Non-Government Organizations provide skilling across the Country.

The Department has developed PM-DAKSH Portal-DEPwD for effective implementation of National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP). This portal is a one-stop digital destination for PwDs, who need skilling and employment and for Training organizations and Employers/job aggregators of PwDs.

- (i) Divyangjan Kaushal Vikas:- Skill training is conducted for PwDs through the portal across the country.
 - (ii) Divyangjan Rozgar Setu:- The platform aims to act as a bridge between PwDs and employers having jobs for PwDs. The platform provides geo-tagged based information on employment/earning opportunities within private companies as well as PwDs across India.
- (c) The National Institutes working under the aegis of DEPwD actively collaborate with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and local administrations, state and district administrations and NGOs specializing in disability rehabilitation to train grassroots-level workers and for expand awareness programs including orientation programs on Asperger's Syndrome (Autism Spectrum Disorder).

On International Asperger's Day (February 18, 2025), National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) has organized a webinar titled 'Asperger's and Adulthood' under its E-Information Series – 16. The session, led by an expert in special education, provided insights into challenges faced by individuals with Asperger's Syndrome and strategies for inclusion. The webinar witnessed active participation with 107 attendees joining via Google Meet and additional outreach through YouTube.

These efforts collectively contribute to fostering awareness, early intervention and workplace inclusivity for individuals with Asperger's Syndrome.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3927
TO BE ANSWERED ON-25.03.2025

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

3927. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Kerala has only 11 clinical psychologists for UDID card issuance, causing significant delays for persons with disabilities;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial and administrative support to the Kerala Social Justice Department to recruit more clinical psychologists in all districts;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) funds for special schools in Kerala have been pending for the last four to five years;
- (d) whether the Government has taken by steps to clear these arrears and ensure the timely allocation of funds in the future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- (a) The State Governments are the nodal authority to appoint medical professionals responsible for issuance of disability certificate in their respective states. The Department has notified the revised disability assessment guidelines in collaboration with Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Government of India on 12.03.2024. In order to cater the need of shortage of medical professionals and to reduce delay in issuance of disability certificates and UDID cards across the country, a provision to include a private practitioner/Doctor in the medical assessment board with the Government Doctor as a Head of the Board has been made.
- (b) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.
- (c), (d) and (e) Department release funds to Voluntary Organization as per Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS). The details of Grant in Aid(GIA) released in the last 5 years including the current financial year to Voluntary organization for running the projects under the DDRS in Kerala is given below-

| Year | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 (as on 20.03.2025) |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| GIA (in Crore Rs.) | 6.28 | 7.25 | 7.62 | 4.55 | 16.61 |

The Department has been releasing the GIA to Voluntary Organization in the State of Kerala regularly.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3950
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2025

DIVYANGJANS FRIENDLY INFRASTRUCTURE

3950 Dr. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) the key challenges in ensuring full compliance with accessibility standards in public and private infrastructure, despite such provisions under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016;
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to address gaps in accessibility in public transportation, particularly in metro stations, buses, and railway networks across tier-2 and tier-3 cities;
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that accessibility audits of public buildings, including hospitals, educational institutions, and Governments Offices, lead to actual infrastructural improvements rather than just compliance reports;
- (d) the extent to which urban planning policies can be better aligned with accessibility guidelines to ensure that new developments, including smart cities, are truly inclusive for persons with disabilities; and
- (e) the mechanisms in place to increase accountability and ensure that funds allocated for disabled-friendly infrastructure under schemes like SIPDA (Scheme for implementing of Persons with Disabilities Act) and Accessible India Campaign are utilized effectively?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. Verma)

(a) to (e): Since, “Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State” is a State subject, the Central Government plays a crucial supportive role in assisting States to ensure compliance with accessibility standards. In order to facilitate the various State Governments, assistance in the form of Non-recurring grant-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UTs and to autonomous organizations/Institutions under the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of

Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA), for various activities relating to the Act, particularly for Creation of Barrier Free environment for Divyangjans. Further, the Central Government is closely coordinating with the concerned Ministries/State Governments/UTs through regular reviews for making the buildings divyangjan friendly.

The Central Government has notified the Accessibility Standards and Guidelines for Civil Aviation, Accessibility Standards for Bus Body Code and Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjan) and passengers with reduced mobility in the RPwD Rules framed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Further, The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur for the development of courses on Inclusive Urban Planning and Accessible Built Environment for students of B. Plan and B. Tech (Civil Engineering) in AICTE model curriculum. Training course on accessibility has been prepared in collaboration with Council of Architecture.

To increase accountability and ensure that funds allocated for divyangjan-friendly infrastructure under schemes like SIPDA (Scheme for implementing of Persons with Disabilities Act) and Accessible India Campaign are utilized effectively, the Department regularly follow ups with the implementing agencies to submit the progress report and utilization certificates.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3959
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25/03/2025

NATIONAL ACCESSIBLE LIBRARY INITIATIVE

3959. Shri Naveen Jindal:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether steps have been taken to increase the number of libraries under the National Accessible Library Initiative, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of libraries established or upgraded for Braille accessibility during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken measures to increase the production of books in Braille, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to expand the linguistic range of Braille literature under the Braille Production Initiative; and
- (e) the timeline and future targets for expanding Braille libraries and multilingual literature for visually impaired readers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) : The Government has implemented significant measures to expand the number of libraries under the National Accessible Library Initiative, ensuring that visually impaired individuals have access to learning materials in various accessible formats. Currently, 16 libraries are empanelled with Sugamya Pustakalaya, a digital repository of accessible books. The National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) has partnered with the DAISY Forum of India (DFI) to facilitate this online repository for persons with visual disabilities.

To further enhance accessibility, NIEPVD has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with several leading universities and institutions, including Vardhman Mahaveer Open University(Kota, Rajasthan), Subhas Open University (Kolkata), Uttarakhand Open University, and Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE), University For Teacher Education Gandhinagar (Gujarat State University of Teacher Education). These partnerships aim to develop accessible book collections in their respective libraries for individuals with visual impairments.

In collaboration with National Book Trust (NBT), New Delhi, NIEPVD has established a Universal Design Centre for Reading in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. This center showcases NBT's extensive collection of accessible publications for visually impaired persons. Additionally, NIEPVD has partnered with NAB, Delhi, to create Shraavan, an IVR-based audio library for the visually impaired.

To raise awareness and increase the number of accessible libraries, NIEPVD Dehradun regularly organizes seminars and conferences involving government, semi-government, college, university, and NGO stakeholders. These ongoing efforts demonstrate the government's commitment to improving access to literature and educational resources for visually impaired individuals across India.

(b): The National Accessible Library (NAL) plays a vital role in increasing institutional membership across India, thereby enhancing access to inclusive reading resources. During the last 3 years, the number of institutional memberships has reached 18, covering the following States/UTs: *West Bengal-07, Maharashtra-03, Uttar Pradesh-01, Mizoram -01, Punjab-01, Haryana-01, Kerala-02, Uttarakhand-01 and Jammu Kashmir- 01*).

(c), (d) & (e): The Government is providing free of cost Braille Text-Books, and educational materials in Braille format and other accessible formats (E-Pub, Talking Book, Large print) under "Project on Financial Support for Development of Accessible Learning Materials (DALM; erstwhile Braille Press Project)" through 25 implementing agencies spread all over the country. Since 2014, 13,68,01,098 Braille pages have been embossed and distributed to students with visual impairment under the DALM project.

Furthermore, to expand the linguistic range of Braille literature, the Standard Bharati Braille Codes mapped with Unicode for 13 Indian languages has been published on 4th January 2025 in collaboration with NIEPVD, Dehradun.

The Government is actively pursuing the expansion of Braille libraries and multilingual literature for visually impaired readers through initiatives such as:

- Increasing the number of digitally accessible libraries under the National Accessible Library Initiative.
- Enhancing the availability of books in Braille and other accessible formats across multiple Indian languages.
- Strengthening partnerships with organizations like the National Book Trust (NBT), Suganya Pustakalaya, and Daisy Forum of India to expand the scope of accessible literature.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3966
TO BE ANSWERED ON-25.03.2025

ADIP SCHEME

3966. Shri S Jagathratchakan:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reduced or delayed the allocation of grants under the ADIP scheme for the distribution of aids and appliances for persons with disabilities in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the allocation and utilization of funds under the scheme during the Financial Year 2023-24;
- (c) whether the State of Tamil Nadu has requested additional assistance to meet the rising demand for assistive devices in rural districts; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure timely delivery of aids and appliances, particularly in underserved regions of the State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) and (b) The Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP Scheme) is a Central Sector Scheme. There is no state-wise allocation of funds under the ADIP Scheme. The Budget Estimate(BE) and Actual Expenditure (AE) during the financial year 2023-24 for the ADIP Scheme is as under:-

| Financial Year | Budget Estimate (Rs. in Crore) | Actual Expenditure (Rs. in Crore) |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2023-24 | 245.00 | 290.60 |

(c) and (d) Under the ADIP Scheme, Grant in aid is released to various implementing agencies such as Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)/ National Institutes/Composite Regional Centres/Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Centres/Non Government Organizations etc. No such request for additional assistance to meet the rising demand for assistive devices in rural districts from the State of Tamil Nadu has been received. ALIMCO is the major Implementing Agency of ADIP Scheme across India. As far as ALIMCO is concerned, in order to extend the reach and delivery of Aids and Appliances the corporation has opened Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) in Chennai and Madurai ,which are walk in centres for availing aids and appliances by senior citizens and divyangjan. The corporation has also opened ALIMCO's Regional Marketing Centre in Chennai to provide benefit of aids and appliances. Also, the Corporation is in swift coordination with state government for organising camps under the provisions of ADIP scheme. The corporation has also approached to the district administration of identified aspirational Blocks in the state of Tamil Nadu for organising camps under the provision of ADIP Scheme.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3983
TO BE ANSWERED ON : 25.03.2025

DEENDAYAL DISABLED REHABILITATION SCHEME

3983 Shri Vishnu Datt Sharma:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP Scheme), Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), National Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities and Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities; and

(b) whether these schemes have positively impacted the life of beneficiaries in the districts of Panna, Katni and Khajuraho of Chhatarpur district and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) Yes, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme), Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), National Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities and Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities.

i. Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme)- The Department is implementing the Scheme of 'Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)' under which funds are released to various Implementing Agencies to assist eligible persons with disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that helps to promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhancing their economic potential throughout the country.

ii. Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is implementing Central Sector schemes namely,

Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), under which financial assistance is provided to Non-Government Organizations for various projects for the welfare/empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) under which financial assistance is provided to set up and operate DDRCs at District level.

iii. National Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing an Umbrella Scheme titled ‘Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)’ which comprises six components viz;

- Pre-matric (Classes IX & X),
- Post-matric (Classes XI to Post graduate Degree and Diploma),
- Top Class Education (Graduate and Post graduate Degree/Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education),
- National Overseas Scholarship (Masters Degree/ Ph.D in Foreign Universities),
- National Fellowship for PwDs (M Phil and Ph.D in Indian Universities),

iv. Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities- This Department is implementing Free Coaching scheme which is a component of Umbrella Scheme of Scholarship, for students with disabilities having a minimum of 40% disability. The Scheme provisions coaching facilities to make eligible Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) enable to appear in competitive examinations for government jobs and seek admission to various professional and technical courses. This scheme is being implemented by the Department through the National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres under the administrative control of DEPwD and through empaneled Universities/Institutes under the purview of the Central Government and the State Governments and any other government institutes working in the field of education of disabilities (Divyangjan).

(b) The Department conducts impact assessment on all India basis and therefore details of the impact specifically on each district is not available. However, Scheme wise details of the beneficiaries of the Districts of Panna, Katni and Khajuraho of Chhatarpur district are as follows-

i. Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme)-

The number of beneficiaries benefitted under the ADIP Scheme in the districts of Panna, Katni and Khajuraho of Chhatarpur District of Madhya Pradesh for the last three years is as follows -

| Sl. No. | District | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024- till date |
|---------|------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| 1. | Katni | 390 | 633 | 234 |
| 2. | Panna | 62 | 914 | 120 |
| 3. | Chhatarpur | 415 | 201 | 1253 |

ii. Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)- Under the DDRS , the Department is releasing funds to District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs). DDRC was set up in each district of Katni, Panna, and Chhatarpur. The total funds released to these DDRCs under the DDRS scheme is amounting to Rs. 19,77,500/-.

iii. National Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities- All the above schemes are Central Sector Scheme and implemented pan India basis. Being a Central Sector Scheme, the scholarship amount is not allocated State/District wise and released directly to the Students' bank account in DBT mode. However, all the districts mentioned belong to Madhya Pradesh State and the number of beneficiaries and funds released in Madhya Pradesh State during the last 2 years is provided as follows :-

| Sl. No. | Year | Beneficiaries | Amount (Rs. in Cr) |
|---------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. | 2022-23 | 4003 | 4.60 |
| 2. | 2023-24 | 5661 | 9.73 |

iv. Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities- Under the scheme, 331 SwDs have been given free coaching since the implementation of the scheme. This scheme is being implemented across the country including Patna, Katni and Khajuraho.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4028
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 25/03/2025

INCREASE IN DISABILITY PENSION

†4028. Shri Amra Ram:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the Government's share in the pension amount of persons with disability from Rs. 300 to Rs. 5000;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide legal guarantee of pension to persons with disability and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to release the outstanding pension share of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) & (b) The central pension under the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is Rs. 300/- per month per beneficiary for age of 18-79 years and Rs 500/-per month for age of 80 years and above. States/UTs Government have been advised to contribute at least an equal amount from their resources. At present disabled beneficiaries are getting pension between Rs. 300/- to Rs. 4016/-depending on the State pension Top-up amount which varies from State to State.

While considering the continuation of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) schemes for the 15th Finance Commission cycle (2021-26), the revision in beneficiary coverage and rate of assistance under the schemes were considered by the Government. However, considering the available financial space, the Government has approved continuation of NSAP schemes in its present form.

At present, no proposal to increase the rate of assistance under NSAP is under consideration.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) In the current financial year i.e. 2024-25, funds amounting to Rs. 608.67 crore has been released to the State of Rajasthan under NSAP schemes for all 4 Quarters of FY 2024-25 and pending liabilities of previous years.

At present, no proposal of State of Rajasthan for release of funds under NSAP is pending.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4140
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2025

DIVYA KALA MELA

4140. MS. BANSURI SWARAJ

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organize Divya Kala Melas on a larger scale, keeping in view the broader interests of persons with disabilities in the country, If so, the details thereof, including any schemes or plans in this regard;

(b) the details and number of persons who have been benefitted from Divya Kala Mela in recent years for employment generation and economic empowerment; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the budget allocation for Divya Kala Mela in view of its success, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (c) The Government is organizing Divya Kala Melas on a larger scale under the Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme [sub-scheme under Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA)] for awareness generation and to provide a platform to Divyangjan to promote the sale of the products made by them.

So far, 24 Divya Kala Melas have been organized since December, 2022 across the country. Around 1550 Divyang entrepreneurs and artisans have benefitted through participation in these Divya Kala Melas wherein sales worth Rs 16.80 crore were made by them. During these Melas, loans worth Rs.17.42 Crore were sanctioned to 919 Divyangjan under the National Divyangjan Finance Development Corporation (NDFDC) loan scheme.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4838
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/04/2025

ACCESSIBLE INDIA CAMPAIGN

4838. Shri Asaduddin Owaisi:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Accessible India Campaign launched in 2015 to make Government buildings fully accessible to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs);
- (b) the number of Government buildings that have been retrofitted with PwD-friendly features so far, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has met its target of making at least fifty percent of all Government buildings in the National capital and State capitals accessible by June 2022;
- (d) if not, the reasons for the delay and the revised timeline for achieving this target; and
- (e) the monitoring mechanism in place to ensure that retrofitting works comply with harmonized guidelines for universal accessibility?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (d) Sir, the Accessible India Campaign (AIC) was launched in December 2015 to help create universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in built environments, transportation systems, and Information & Communication technology ecosystems. Since '*Works, lands and buildings are vested in or in the possession of the State*' is a State subject, the details of buildings of States/Union Territories are not being maintained centrally. However, as per the available data, a total of 1748 government buildings have been made accessible, which includes 1100 Central Government buildings and 648 State/UT Government buildings. The State-wise details pertaining to the State/UT Government buildings made accessible are available at Annexure.

It is noteworthy that post March 31, 2024 AIC has been subsumed under the "*Scheme for Creation of Barrier Free Environment(CBFE)*" sub-scheme under SIPDA to ensure long-term continuity of ongoing accessibility efforts wherein grants are released only on demand basis received from different States/UTs for creation of barrier free environment in existing government buildings and websites.

(e) The following monitoring mechanisms are in place to ensure compliance with harmonized guidelines for universal accessibility:

i. Sugamya Bharat App: Launched on March 2, 2021, this crowdsourcing mobile application allows citizens to report accessibility issues in buildings, transportation, and ICT systems for resolution by appropriate authorities.

ii. Screening Committee: A committee consisting of Joint Secretary (SIPDA), Director/Deputy Secretary (SIPDA), and two experts in the field of disability examines proposals for release of Grant-in-Aid(GIA) under the Barrier Free and Accessible India component.

iii. Empaneled Accessibility Auditors: 59 accessibility auditors for the Built Environment have been empaneled with the Department and can be engaged by different departments to conduct accessibility assessments of public infrastructure. In addition, 10 web accessibility auditors have also been empaneled for engagement by state players for conducting access audits of the Information and Communication Technology(ICT) infrastructure.

iv. Regular follow ups: The Department conducts regular follow ups with the concerned stakeholders to expedite the release of GIA under the Creation of Barrier Free(CBFE)/Accessible India Campaign(AIC) component of the Umbrella Scheme SIPDA

Annexure

| S.No. | States/UT | Buildings made accessible under AIC | Amount released (In Rs. Lakhs) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 25 | 1436.33 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 1523.69 |
| 3 | Assam | 12 | 1320.33 |
| 4 | Bihar | 21 | 925.14 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 21 | 2768.58 |
| 6 | Goa | 0 | 543.83 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 24 | 592.31 |
| 8 | Haryana | 3 | 1598.36 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 0 | 439.46 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir | 7 | 1995.29 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 0 | 1166.85 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 0 | 2708.64 |
| 13 | Kerala | 0 | 429.98 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 0 | 3047.56 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 135 | 2490.76 |
| 16 | Manipur | 0 | 1587.75 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 17 | 3367.52 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 22 | 715.71 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 10 | 923.86 |
| 20 | Odisha | 26 | 1975.46 |
| 21 | Punjab | 2 | 1981.75 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 78 | 3813 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 30 | 578.13 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 15 | 4608.93 |
| 25 | Telangana | 7 | 919.23 |
| 26 | Tripura | 0 | 2625.04 |
| 27 | Uttarakhand | 9 | 538.5 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 89 | 4907 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 21 | 1692.23 |
| 30 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 23 | 1080.9 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 39 | 415.38 |
| 32 | Delhi | 12 | 1393.77 |
| 33 | Puducherry | 0 | 273.15 |
| Total | | 648 | 56384.42 |

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4849
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

VIDEO RELAY SERVICE

4849. SHRI CHANDAN CHAUHAN
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- a. The steps being taken by the Government to enable deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals to get information by Video Relay Service (VRS) under the National Helpline Number in the rural remote areas;
- b. whether the Government proposes to link VRS to other emergency and essential services like police, health service and disaster management so that deaf or hard-of hearing individuals could get immediate help;
- c. if so, the details thereof;
- d. whether the Government is cooperating with private telecommunication companies, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) or other stakeholders to improve the access and efficiency of VRS; and
- e. if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) The Video Relay Service (VRS) is already accessible across India for individuals with hearing impairments through QR code on National Disability Information Helpline Service (14456). This service is operated with the support of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), a national institute under the administrative control of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan).

(b) and (c) No sir.

(d) and (e) No sir

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4892
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN

4892. Shri Arun Kumar Sagar:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether work is being carried out and the current status in the country particularly in Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh under Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan; and
(b) the total funds allocated and utilized in this regard during the last three years as on date, State and year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (b): Under the Accessible India Campaign, the Union Government has released Grant-in-Aid to State/UT Governments, including the State of Uttar Pradesh, for the retrofitting of 1,314 identified buildings across 49 cities. Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency was not included in the list of identified cities of the campaign. Funds are not allocated but released as per proposals received from States/UTs under the Accessible India Campaign sub-scheme of the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The States/UTs, whose proposals were received and their year-wise status of Grant-in-Aid released during the last three years is provided below:

(₹ in Lakh)

| S.No. | State/UT/Years | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|-------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | 734.42 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Assam | 0 | 542.34 | 80.16 |
| 3 | Goa | 0.00 | 99.21 | 0 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 477.95 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Madhya Pradesh | 2074.06 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Manipur | 1379.15 | 208.61 | 0 |
| 7 | Meghalaya | 1320.82 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 95.65 |
| 9 | Tamil Nadu | 648.69 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | West Bengal | 297.50 | 0 | 0 |

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 4944
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 01.04.2025

DEENDAYAL DISABLED REHABILITATION SCHEME

4944 Smt. Geniben Nagaji Thakor:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS);
- (b) whether this scheme is functional in the State of Gujarat;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated for such scheme in Gujarat State;

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is implementing Central Sector schemes namely, Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), under which financial assistance is provided to Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) for various projects for the welfare/empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) under which financial assistance is provided to set up and operate DDRCs at District level. The objective of the scheme is to create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities and to encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

(b) Yes, DDRS scheme is functional in Gujarat State.

(c) Details of funds released and number of beneficiaries benefitted during the last 3 years and current year in the State of Gujarat is as follows:

| Year | Fund released (Rs. in lakh) | Number of beneficiaries |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 2021-22 | 120.66 | 447 |
| 2022-23 | 72.77 | 437 |
| 2023-24 | 95.19 | 187 |
| 2024-25 (as on 27.03.2025) | 124.09 | 215 |

(d) Under DDRS, there is no provision under the scheme for state wise allocation of funds. Grant in Aid (GIA) is released to NGOs on the basis of State Government Recommendation, Audited Accounts and Scheme Norms.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2743
FOR ANSWER ON-05/08/2025

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

2743. Shri E T Mohammed Basheer:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any major projects or initiatives in recent years for the welfare, skill development and inclusive infrastructure for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that several such projects are facing delays or remain incomplete due to insufficient budget allocations and funding shortfalls;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the number of pending projects or the funds sanctioned and required in this regard;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to address the funding gap and ensure timely implementation for the benefit of PwDs in the country; and
- (e) the details of the Budget and expenditure during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (e): The Government of India has undertaken several initiatives for the empowerment and upliftment of Divyangjans. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, effective from 19.04.2017, expanded disabilities from 7 to 21 and ensures rights like equality, education, employment and accessibility.

Although relief to the disabled is a State subject by virtue of entry 9 of the State List of the Constitution of India, the Central Government supports the efforts for welfare, skill development and

inclusive, accessible India through its major initiatives and schemes that inter alia include the following: -

(1) Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP): Under ADIP Scheme modern and scientifically manufactured aids and assistive devices are provided to eligible Divyangjans like wheelchairs, hearing aids, prosthetics, smart canes, motorized tricycles and low-vision devices to enhance their mobility, independence and rehabilitation. Funds are disbursed to implementing agencies for distribution of aids and assistive devices to eligible beneficiaries. Recently, Department through ALIMCO which is the major Implementing Agency of ADIP Scheme has set up 76 Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) which act as a walk-in centres to provide assistive devices to persons with disabilities under ADIP Scheme.

(2) Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):- Under Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided to the voluntary Organizations/ State Project Implementing agencies for (i) setting up of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) and (ii) running various projects for the welfare/empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) including Special School for the Children with Visual, Hearing and Intellectual disability including Children with Cerebral Palsy etc., aimed at enabling them to maintain their optimal, physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric or social functional levels.

(3) Scholarship Schemes for Students with Disabilities: Department is implementing Umbrella Scheme 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities' comprising six components viz., Pre -matric, Post -matric, Top Class Education, National Overseas Scholarship, National Fellowship for PwDs and Free Coaching schemes with an objective to remove financial, physical and psychological barriers, enabling the Divyang students to pursue education and live with dignity. Funds are disbursed directly to students' bank accounts (DBT mode) pan -India.

(4) SIPDA: The Ministry has been implementing SIPDA a Scheme for Implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 as amended from time to time and to provide financial assistance for activities outlined in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act. The SIPDA Scheme is an umbrella "Central Sector Scheme" comprising of following sub-schemes:

(i) UDID scheme: The UDID (Unique Disability ID) Scheme provides a single digital ID card for Persons with Disabilities, streamlining access to government benefits. It eliminates redundant documentation, ensures transparency, and promotes inclusivity by linking welfare schemes directly to beneficiaries, empowering PwDs with easier access to rights and opportunities.

(ii) National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP -SDP) : To enhance skills of Persons with Disabilities, to enable them to have gainful employment and to become self -reliant, productive and contributing members of society, Department is implementing Skilling scheme, namely, the National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP -SDP). Under the scheme, skill training is imparted to persons with disabilities in the age group of 15 to 59 years through various Government and Non - Government Organizations, empaneled as training partners (ETPs) with the Department.

(iii) Accessible India Campaign: The Department has conceptualized the Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) as a nation -wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility to enable PwDs to gain access for equal opportunity and live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life in an inclusive society. The campaign targets at enhancing the accessibility of built environment, transport system and information & communication eco -system.

(iv) Actual and Financial Achievements under the Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEIC): The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched the scheme for Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs). These centres have been established in various National Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) across the country to provide comprehensive support to children with special needs. The main objective of these centres is to ensure early identification, screening and timely rehabilitation services for children aged 0 to 6 years. These services are critical to minimizing the impact of disabilities and enhancing the potential development of children at the earliest possible stage.

(v) AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY and IN -SERVICE TRAINING SCHEME

This Central Sector scheme namely Awareness Generation & Publicity and In -Service Training Scheme is being implemented for creation of general awareness about the schemes and programmes of the Department for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to train and sensitize key functionaries of the Central/State Government/Local Bodies.

Divya Kala Mela have been promoted as special project under AGP to provide platform to Divyangjan to show case their talent and to promote the sale of the products made by them. DKMs are being organized across the country since November, 2022.

Scheme -wise Budget Allocation and Expenditure is at Annexure-I

State -wise details of the budget sanctioned under various schemes is at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2743 to be answered on 05/08/2025 regarding "Persons with Disabilities"

Scheme -wise Budget Allocation and Expenditure**(Rs. in crore)**

| Programme / Scheme | 2020 -21 | | | 2021 -22 | | | 2022 -23 | | | 2023 -24 | | | 2024 -25 | | |
|---|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE |
| Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Schemes (DDRS) | 130.00 | 85.00 | 83.18 | 125.00 | 105.00 | 100.90 | 125.00 | 105.00 | 114.69 | 130.00 | 130.00 | 129.98 | 165.00 | 139.00 | 139.39 |
| Assistance of Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances(A DIP) | 230.00 | 195.00 | 189.13 | 220.00 | 180.00 | 198.70 | 235.00 | 230.00 | 242.29 | 245.00 | 305.00 | 290.60 | 315.00 | 350.00 | 348.81 |
| Scholarship for Students with Disabilities | 125.00 | 100.00 | 97.40 | 125.00 | 110.00 | 120.32 | 105.00 | 145.00 | 142.00 | 155.00 | 155.00 | 130.07 | 142.68 | 80.00 | 89.71 |
| Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SIPDA) | 251.50 | 122.89 | 103.43 | 209.77 | 147.31 | 108.44 | 240.39 | 100.00 | 65.59 | 150.00 | 67.00 | 76.79 | 135.33 | 111.00 | 44.16 |

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2743 to be answered on 05/08/2025 regarding “Persons with Disabilities”**State -wise details of the budget sanctioned under various schemes**

Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)

(Rs.in Lakhs)

| S. No. | Name of the State / UTs | 2020 -21 | 2021 -22 | 2022 -23 | 2023 -24 | 2024 -25 |
|--------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar | 8.29 | 8.06 | 7.23 | 0.06 | 14.50 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 303.32 | 1194.80 | 686.16 | 2084.39 | 1686.58 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 14.90 | 20.79 | 1003.06 | 4.57 | 10.13 |
| 4 | Assam | 639.01 | 341.62 | - | 1302.62 | 1075.56 |
| 5 | Bihar | 645.19 | 496.22 | 1076.87 | 2427.1 | 785.37 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 31.68 | 9.76 | 39.12 | 31.39 | 186.78 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 403.22 | 118.44 | 152.36 | 37.42 | 231.70 |
| 8 | Delhi | 38.33 | 268.36 | 247.13 | 423.51 | 907.76 |
| 9 | Goa | 156.50 | 2.24 | 0 | 40.66 | 33.18 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 946.82 | 993.29 | 443.07 | 1539.78 | 3244.66 |
| 11 | Haryana | 134.94 | 338.85 | 678.06 | 1077 | 750.92 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 169.70 | 68.74 | 143.74 | 153.25 | 157.36 |
| 13 | Jammu and Kashmir | 151.22 | 311.89 | 507.60 | 542.88 | 328.60 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 104.80 | 380.45 | 851.16 | 629.64 | 836.88 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 92.15 | 249.31 | 421.81 | 1248.22 | 1324.58 |
| 16 | Kerala | 425.57 | 168.60 | 222.35 | 563.87 | 152.72 |
| 17 | Ladakh | - | - | 1.89 | 28.79 | 13.39 |
| 18 | Lakshadweep | - | - | - | 1.66 | 18.83 |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 1995.08 | 2693.85 | 1732.72 | 4283.69 | 2520.72 |
| 20 | Maharashtra | 8511.82 | 7913.55 | 1568.47 | 4211.25 | 2636.50 |
| 21 | Manipur | 73.15 | 47.25 | 47.93 | 21 | 43.97 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 7.45 | 19.94 | 172.87 | 3.87 | 50.84 |
| 23 | Mizoram | - | 5.78 | 0.13 | 10.41 | 29.78 |
| 24 | Nagaland | 6.55 | 28.47 | 23.82 | 3.16 | 47.82 |
| 25 | Odisha | 982.29 | 882.07 | 784.57 | 953.44 | 1579.03 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 5.98 | 37.73 | - | 24.37 | 102.59 |
| 27 | Punjab | 326.70 | 1281.55 | 902.06 | 1703.61 | 2029.32 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 731.50 | 452.83 | 667.52 | 2155.48 | 1697.81 |
| 29 | Sikkim | 7.91 | 0.00 | 3.15 | 4.27 | 2.68 |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu | 623.28 | 1336.24 | 859.85 | 1137.29 | 416.12 |
| 31 | Telangna | 355.19 | 1134.44 | 420.54 | 1389.14 | 1417.24 |

| | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 32 | The Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 17.79 | 5.42 | 21.13 | 4.78 | 54.05 |
| 33 | Tripura | 46.05 | 59.54 | 292.69 | 89.49 | 90.32 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 2750.69 | 2855.02 | 3823.14 | 7479.29 | 9244.49 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 80.32 | 132.48 | 185.59 | 275.44 | 401.98 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 715.28 | 267.67 | 1587.88 | 958.23 | 1358.66 |
| | Total | 21502.66 | 24125.24 | 19575.68 | 36845.02 | 35483.41 |

Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

(Rs. in Lakh)

| S. No. | Name of the State | 2020 -21 | 2021 -22 | 2022 -23 | 2023 -24 | 2024 -25 |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1639.88 | 1779.89 | 2648.41 | 2851.56 | 2728.44 |
| 2 | Assam | 90.7 | 167.76 | 261.34 | 136.87 | 238.29 |
| 3 | Bihar | - | 41.89 | 33.54 | 68.65 | 61.27 |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | 1.63 | 47.58 | - | - | 74.14 |
| 5 | Delhi | 247.67 | 162.74 | 185.51 | 166.89 | 220.24 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 43.32 | 120.66 | 72.77 | 95.19 | 120.09 |
| 7 | Haryana | 140.19 | 101.99 | 128.93 | 174.61 | 155.19 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 69.2 | 67.15 | 69.05 | 84.13 | 103.98 |
| 9 | Jharkhand | - | - | 26.09 | - | - |
| 10 | Karnataka | 81.3 | 135.6 | 139.92 | 73.73 | 94.881 |
| 11 | Kerala | 628.3 | 725.3 | 762.41 | 455.2 | 1737.41 |
| 12 | Ladakh | - | - | - | 0.44 | - |
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh | 248.31 | 325.57 | 382.72 | 484.55 | 344.3 |
| 14 | Maharashtra | 180.11 | 71.46 | 383.87 | 311.19 | 111.28 |
| 15 | Manipur | 596.24 | 741.55 | 1016.29 | 946.48 | 1162.44 |
| 16 | Meghalaya | 105.37 | 29.64 | 101.76 | 87.86 | 202.67 |
| 17 | Mizoram | 11.73 | - | 29.22 | 17.26 | 41.28 |
| 18 | Nagaland | 26.32 | - | 30.36 | 46.83 | 38.28 |
| 19 | Odisha | 789.16 | 1457.59 | 929.8 | 1382.09 | 1293.27 |
| 20 | Punjab | 98.92 | 149.27 | 168.06 | 211.68 | 304.1 |
| 21 | Rajasthan | 150.58 | 286.26 | 239.28 | 320.06 | 418.05 |
| 22 | Tamil Nadu | 208.25 | 137.06 | 184.7 | 312.15 | 267.91 |
| 23 | Tripura | - | - | 15.57 | 51.67 | - |
| 24 | Uttar Pradesh | 1335.24 | 1389.36 | 1147.75 | 1653.52 | 2167.99 |
| 25 | Uttarakhand | 102.68 | 68.67 | 87.29 | 80.48 | 165.37 |
| 26 | West Bengal | 336.31 | 606.89 | 811.67 | 782.79 | 658.53 |
| 27 | Telangana | 1168.25 | 1439.72 | 1527.48 | 2121.26 | 1781.43 |
| | Total | 8318.14 | 10089.49 | 11469.06 | 12997.79 | 14573.6* |

*About Rs. 6.7crore returned to CFI from TSA account on 31.03.2025.

Scholarship Schemes for Students with Disabilities

(Rs. in crore)

| S. No. | State/UT | 2020 -21 | 2021 -22 | 2022 -23 | 2023 -24 | 2024 -25 |
|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. | ANDHRA PRADESH | 2.42 | 4.75 | 6.26 | 3.45 | 1.28 |
| 2. | ASSAM | 0.75 | 2.02 | 0.67 | 1.07 | 0.27 |
| 3. | BIHAR | 3.68 | 9.05 | 5.43 | 11.94 | 6.44 |
| 4. | CHANDIGARH | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.19 | 0.75 | 1.65 |
| 5. | CHHATTISGARH | 0.13 | 1.53 | 3.01 | 0.76 | 1.20 |
| 6. | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI | - | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 | - |
| 7. | DELHI | 1.14 | 1.03 | 1.66 | 1.29 | 0.55 |
| 8. | GOA | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.07 |
| 9. | GUJARAT | 3.24 | 2.76 | 2.56 | 2.63 | 2.84 |
| 10. | HARYANA | 0.57 | 1.07 | 1.29 | 0.95 | 0.27 |
| 11. | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 0.49 | 0.58 | 1.31 | 1.09 | 0.74 |
| 12. | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 2.44 | 1.77 | 1.88 | 2.18 | 0.35 |
| 13. | JHARKHAND | 0.79 | 0.99 | 8.32 | 3.43 | 1.03 |
| 14. | KARNATAKA | 5.44 | 16.93 | 16.29 | 23.20 | 7.52 |
| 15. | KERALA | 4.10 | 7.22 | 7.62 | 6.29 | 6.52 |
| 16. | MADHYA PRADESH | 4.60 | 9.73 | 18.03 | 3.93 | 3.93 |
| 17. | MAHARASHTRA | 2.49 | 5.83 | 5.99 | 6.73 | 4.00 |
| 18. | MANIPUR | 0.01 | - | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.17 |
| 19. | MEGHALAYA | - | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.12 |
| 20. | MIZORAM | - | 0.02 | 0.14 | 0.07 | - |
| 21. | NAGALAND | 0.05 | 0.01 | - | 0.01 | - |
| 22. | ODISHA | 3.01 | 5.40 | 6.11 | 4.36 | 6.02 |
| 23. | PUDUCHERRY | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.39 | 0.18 |
| 24. | PUNJAB | 1.55 | 2.12 | 1.74 | 2.35 | 0.23 |
| 25. | RAJASTHAN | 1.43 | 4.08 | 3.54 | 3.51 | 2.75 |
| 26. | SIKKIM | - | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| 27. | TAMIL NADU | 5.26 | 9.15 | 13.46 | 10.69 | 7.07 |
| 28. | TELANGANA | 6.05 | 6.40 | 8.86 | 6.76 | 1.51 |
| 29. | TRIPURA | 0.10 | 1.19 | 0.48 | 1.86 | 0.17 |
| 30. | UTTARAKHAND | 0.46 | 0.96 | 1.05 | 0.45 | 0.62 |
| 31. | UTTAR PRADESH | 36.76 | 32.90 | 24.33 | 24.86 | 6.50 |
| 32. | WEST BENGAL | 4.42 | 3.49 | 4.49 | 5.22 | 0.70 |
| | Total | 53.05 | 54.09 | 52.67 | 49.84 | 25.79 |

AIC/Barrier free environment

| <i>(Rs. in lakh)</i> | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| S. No. | State/UT | 2020 -21 | 2021 -22 | 2022 -23 | 2023 -24 | 2024 -25 |
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | 783.99 | 1447.67 | 508.93 | - | 1482.1 |
| 2 | Assam | - | - | 542.34 | 80.16 | - |
| 3 | Chhattisgarh | 91.77 | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | Goa | - | - | 99.21 | - | - |
| 5 | Gujarat | - | 477.95 | - | - | - |
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | - | - | - | - | 102.55 |
| 7 | Madhya Pradesh | 95.49 | 2074.06 | 85.46 | 225 | - |
| 8 | Maharashtra | 627.42 | - | 503.93 | - | 819.86 |
| 9 | Manipur | - | 1379.15 | 208.61 | - | - |
| 10 | Meghalaya | - | 1320.82 | - | 847.12 | - |
| 11 | Mizoram | 108.94 | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Nagaland | 317.61 | - | - | 95.65 | - |
| 13 | Punjab | - | - | 325.7 | - | - |
| 14 | Rajasthan | - | - | - | 339.5 | - |
| 15 | Sikkim | - | - | - | 416.5 | - |
| 16 | Tamil Nadu | 2856.37 | 648.69 | - | - | - |
| 17 | Tripura | 587.44 | - | - | - | - |
| 18 | Uttarakhand | 280.28 | - | 28.65 | - | 15.6 |
| 19 | Uttar Pradesh | 417.94 | 35.64 | - | - | 389.5 |
| 20 | West Bengal | - | 297.5 | 76.53 | - | - |
| 21 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 448.59 | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL | 6615.84 | 7681.48 | 2379.36 | 2003.93 | 2809.61 |

Unique Disability ID (UDID)

| S.No. | States/UTS | 2020 -21 | 2021 -22 | 2022 -23 | 2023 -24 | 2024 -25 |
|-------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Fund Released (Rs. in Lakh) | Fund Released (Rs. in Lakh) | Fund Released (Rs. in Lakh) | Fund Released (Rs. in Lakh) | Fund Released (Rs. in Lakh) |
| 1 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS | - | 4.50 | 8.04 | 6.00 | 6.50 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 29.25 | 6.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 5.20 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 2.48 | 23.25 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 6.00 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 6.00 | 6.70 | 7.13 | 3.00 | 4.00 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 6.00 | 59.36 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 6.30 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | - | - | 6.75 | 4.37 | 6.30 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 30.76 | 6.50 | - | - | - |
| 8 | DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN AND DIU | - | 5.87 | - | - | 6.00 |
| 9 | DELHI | 6.00 | 5.29 | 4.28 | 6.00 | 1.00 |
| 10 | GOA | 1.50 | 12.29 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| 11 | GUJARAT | 6.00 | 36.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 4.43 |
| 12 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 6.00 | - | 4.57 | 5.78 | 3.15 |
| 13 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | - | - | 16.00 | - | - |
| 14 | JHARKHAND | - | - | - | 8.49 | 3.00 |
| 15 | KARNATAKA | 6.00 | 41.82 | - | 3.00 | 6.23 |
| 16 | KERALA | 9.50 | 6.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
| 17 | LAKSHADWEEP | 6.42 | 6.00 | - | - | - |
| 18 | MAHARASHTRA | - | - | 3.00 | 5.66 | - |
| 19 | MANIPUR | - | - | 18.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| 20 | MEGHALAYA | 6.00 | 14.19 | - | - | - |
| 21 | MIZORAM | 11.42 | 3.50 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| 22 | NAGALAND | 6.00 | 9.00 | 3.65 | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| 23 | ODISHA | 2.88 | 4.07 | - | - | - |
| 24 | PUDUCHERRY | 3.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | - | 2.70 |
| 25 | PUNJAB | 12.08 | 26.63 | - | 5.09 | - |
| 26 | RAJASTHAN | 6.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 2.91 | 3.00 |
| 27 | SIKKIM | 9.00 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 7.50 | 3.00 |

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 28 | TAMIL NADU | 4.80 | 59.96 | 5.67 | 3.00 | - |
| 29 | TELANGANA | 61.75 | - | - | - | - |
| 30 | TRIPURA | - | - | 15.82 | - | 3.52 |
| 31 | UTTAR PRADESH | 65.43 | - | 9.76 | 33.70 | 1.20 |
| 32 | UTTARAKHAND | 3.73 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 6.00 | 3.15 |
| 33 | WEST BENGAL | - | - | 6.00 | - | - |
| Total | | 308.00 | 363.93 | 158.67 | 139.50 | 88.68 |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
(DIVYANGJAN)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 3702
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/08/2025

Special Accredited Institutions for Education of the Divyangjans

3702. Shri Chavda Vinod Lakhamshi:
Shri Bhojraj Nag:
Shri Manoj Tiwari:
Dr. Rajesh Mishra:
Shri Kanwar Singh Tanwar:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Special Accredited Institutions for Education of the Divyangjans (SAIEDs) set up by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are likely to expand educational opportunities for divyangjans;
- (b) the specific measures proposed to be implemented by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to ensure necessary accommodations and concessions for divyang students;
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government under 'Project Inclusion'; and
- (d) the details of the efforts made to provide quality education to divyangs in Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has entered in a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India & National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on 18.06.2025 for accrediting NGOs/ Special Schools proposed by the DEPwD, under the Deendaya IDivyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) as “Special Accredited Institutions for Education of the Divyangjans (SAIEDs)”. The MoU provide broad access to education of Divyangjan through the network of NGOs working under DDR Scheme assisted by academic and technical support from the NIOS.

(b) NIOS offers education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode and hence do not provide accommodation to the learners. However, Divyang Learners enrolled with NIOS are given concessions in online admission fee.

(c) The Government through Project Inclusion, strengthen the inclusive education ecosystem as per the RPwD Act, 2016 by empowering teachers, especially General teachers,

professionals and other stakeholders through training and sensitization through the Project Inclusion App by Sri Aurobindo Society.

(d) The Government, through the provisions laid down in Sections 16 and 17 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 outlines measures to facilitate inclusive education for children with disabilities. These provisions are applicable across all regions, including the Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 3705
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/08/2025

Advisory Boards on Disability

3705. Shri Tejasvi Surya:
Dr. Byreddy Shabari:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released, and utilised under various Central schemes for persons with disabilities during the last five years, scheme, year and /UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the number constituted State Advisory Boards, set up Special Courts, and appointed Special Public Prosecutors under the RPwD Act, 2016, and the number of meetings held by the Central Advisory Board along with their operational status, State and UT-wise;
- (c) the current status of vacancies in the offices of Central and State Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities and whether all States have appointed independent Commissioners as mandated under Section 79 of the Act, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the details and total number of persons with benchmark disabilities employed and promoted in Government establishments in posts reserved for them since enactment of the Act; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has submitted a country report to the UNCRPD in recent years; if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

- (a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing only Central Sector Schemes and the details of funds allocated, released, and utilised under various Central schemes for persons with disabilities during the last five years is enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (b) The details of States/UTs who constituted State Advisory Boards, set up Special Courts and appointed Special Public Prosecutors under the RPwD Act, 2016 are at Annexure II. Seven meetings of the Central Advisory Board have been held so far; the last (7th) meeting was held on 15.12.2024 in New Delhi.
- (c) The post of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) is currently held on additional charge basis by the Secretary, DEPwD. The process of regular appointment to the post of CCPD is currently underway. The post of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (reserved) is filled on regular basis and the process of regular appointment to the post of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (unreserved) is currently underway. The status of vacancies in the office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is at Annexure III. As regards vacancies position in the offices of the State Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities (SCPDs) and appointment of independent SCPD, the issues pertains to the State Governments, as Section 79 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 prescribes the appointment of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) and other staff in the office of SCPD is to be made by respective state government.
- (d) As per Section 34 of the RPwD Act 2016, there is provision of atleast 4% reservation in government employment against total number of vacancies in cadre strength in each group of posts for specified categories of benchmark disabilities. Further, as per the proviso to the section, the reservation in promotion shall be in accordance with such instructions as are issued by the appropriate Government from time to time. Occurrence and filling of vacancies, alongwith backlog reserve vacancies, is a continuous process. Instructions have been issued by Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT) to all Ministries/ Department of the Central Government to constitute an In-House Committee for identifications of backlog reserved vacancies, to study the root cause of such vacancies, to initiate measures to remove the factors causing such vacancies and to fill them up through special recruitment drives. As on 01.01.2024, there are 27,693 employees under persons with disabilities category.
- (e) India is a party to the United National Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) since October 2007. In pursuance of Article 35 of the UNCRPD, India submitted the First Country Report on the Status of Disability in India before the UN Committee on CRPD in 2015. The UN Committee considered the first Country Report of India in September, 2019.

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3705 to be answered on 12/08/2025 regarding
“Advisory Boards on Disability”**

| Budget Estimates(BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure (AE) under the schemes for the last five years (Rs. In crores) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | | 2020-21 | | | 2021-22 | | | 2022-23 | | | 2023-24 | | | 2024-25 | | |
| | Schemes | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE | BE | RE | AE |
| 1 | Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances | 230.00 | 195.00 | 189.13 | 220.00 | 180.00 | 198.70 | 235.00 | 230.00 | 242.29 | 245.00 | 305.00 | 290.60 | 315.00 | 350.00 | 348.81 |
| 2 | Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme | 130.00 | 85.00 | 83.18 | 125.00 | 105.00 | 100.90 | 125.00 | 105.00 | 114.69 | 130.00 | 130.00 | 129.98 | 165.00 | 139.00 | 139.39 |
| 3 | Scholarship for Students with Disabilities | 125.00 | 100.00 | 97.40 | 125.00 | 110.00 | 120.32 | 105.00 | 145.00 | 142.00 | 155.00 | 155.00 | 130.07 | 142.68 | 80.00 | 89.71 |
| 4 | Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 | 251.50 | 122.89 | 103.43 | 209.77 | 147.31 | 108.44 | 240.39 | 100.00 | 65.59 | 150.00 | 67.00 | 76.79 | 135.33 | 111.00 | 44.16 |

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3705 to be answered on 12/08/2025 regarding “Advisory Boards on Disability”

| Details of State Advisory Boards, Special Courts and Special Public Prosecutors | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| S. No. | State | State Advisory Boards | Special Courts | Special Public Prosecutors |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 3. | Assam | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 4. | Bihar | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 6. | Goa | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 7. | Gujarat | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 8. | Haryana | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 10. | Jharkhand | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 11. | Karnataka | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 12. | Kerala | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 14. | Maharashtra | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 15. | Manipur | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 16. | Meghalaya | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 17. | Mizoram | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 18. | Nagaland | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 19. | Odisha | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 20. | Punjab | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 21. | Rajasthan | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 22. | Sikkim | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 24. | Telangana | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 25. | Tripura | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 26. | Uttarakhand | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 28. | West Bengal | Yes | Under Process | Under Process |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 30. | Chandigarh | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 31. | Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Die | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 32. | Delhi | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 33. | Jammu Kashmir | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 34. | Ladakh | Under Process | Yes | Yes |

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| 35. | Lakshadweep | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 36. | Puducherry | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Annexure-III

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3705 to be answered on 12/08/2025 regarding “Advisory Boards on Disability”

| List of State-wise details of State Commissioner for PwDs | | |
|--|---|---|
| S. No. | State | State Commissioner for PwDs (Independent/ Additional charge) |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 3. | Assam | Additional Charge |
| 4. | Bihar | Additional Charge |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | Additional Charge |
| 6. | Goa | Independent |
| 7. | Gujarat | Independent |
| 8. | Haryana | Independent |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 10. | Jharkhand | Additional Charge |
| 11. | Karnataka | Independent |
| 12. | Kerala | Independent |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 14. | Maharashtra | Independent |
| 15. | Manipur | Independent |
| 16. | Meghalaya | Independent |
| 17. | Mizoram | Independent |
| 18. | Nagaland | Additional Charge |
| 19. | Odisha | Independent |
| 20. | Punjab | Independent |
| 21. | Rajasthan | Vacant |
| 22. | Sikkim | Additional Charge |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | Independent |
| 24. | Telangana | Additional Charge |
| 25. | Tripura | Additional Charge |
| 26. | Uttarakhand | Additional Charge |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | Independent |
| 28. | West Bengal | Additional Charge |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Independent |
| 30. | Chandigarh | Independent |
| 31. | Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Die | Additional Charge |
| 32. | Delhi | Additional Charge |
| 33. | Jammu Kashmir | Independent |
| 34. | Ladakh | Additional Charge |
| 35. | Lakshadweep | Additional Charge |
| 36. | Puducherry | Additional Charge |
| List of State-wise details of State Commissioner for PwDs | | |
| S. No. | State | State Commissioner for PwDs (Independent/ Additional charge) |

| | | |
|-----|---|-------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 3. | Assam | Additional Charge |
| 4. | Bihar | Additional Charge |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | Additional Charge |
| 6. | Goa | Independent |
| 7. | Gujarat | Independent |
| 8. | Haryana | Independent |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 10. | Jharkhand | Additional Charge |
| 11. | Karnataka | Independent |
| 12. | Kerala | Independent |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | Additional Charge |
| 14. | Maharashtra | Independent |
| 15. | Manipur | Independent |
| 16. | Meghalaya | Independent |
| 17. | Mizoram | Independent |
| 18. | Nagaland | Additional Charge |
| 19. | Odisha | Independent |
| 20. | Punjab | Independent |
| 21. | Rajasthan | Vacant |
| 22. | Sikkim | Additional Charge |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | Independent |
| 24. | Telangana | Additional Charge |
| 25. | Tripura | Additional Charge |
| 26. | Uttarakhand | Additional Charge |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | Independent |
| 28. | West Bengal | Additional Charge |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Independent |
| 30. | Chandigarh | Independent |
| 31. | Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | Additional Charge |
| 32. | Delhi | Additional Charge |
| 33. | Jammu Kashmir | Independent |
| 34. | Ladakh | Additional Charge |
| 35. | Lakshadweep | Additional Charge |
| 36. | Puducherry | Additional Charge |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DIVYANGJAN)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 3718
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12/08/2025

District Disability Rehabilitation Centres

3718. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu:
Shri Kesineni Sivanath:
Shri Daggumalla Prasada Rao:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total Number of districts identified for establishment of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details and total number of functional DDRCs in the Country State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details and total number of non-functional DDRCs and the reasons for non-functional State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the total funds allocated and disbursed to DDRCs during the past five years, State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

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(a) to (d) The effective Scheme for District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) envisages the establishment of one DDRC in each district with the support of the State Governments, including all districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Under the Scheme, Grants-in-Aid (GIA) are provided to DDRCs upon receipt of a proposal from the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Funds are not allocated to DDRCs on a State-wise or district-wise basis. However, details of the Grants-in-Aid (GIA) released to DDRCs during the past five years are furnished in the annexure, state and district-wise.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3718 raised by Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devaraylu, Shri Kesineni Sivanath, Shri Daggumalla Prasada Rao, Hon'ble Members of Parliament regarding "District Disability Rehabilitation Centres" for answer on 12.08.2025

(in Rupees)

| S. No. | States | DDRCs /Districts | GIA released during the last 5 years |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC Anakapalli | 14,60,150 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC East Godavari | 16,72,000 |
| 3 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC Kakinada | 1,32,45,070 |
| 4 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC Konaseema | 13,22,000 |
| 5 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC Kurnool | 13,22,000 |
| 6 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC Nandyala | 23,02,000 |
| 7 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC Palnadu | 13,22,000 |
| 8 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC Vizianagram | 43,750 |
| 9 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC West Godavari (Eluru) | 1,05,79,144 |
| 10 | Andhra Pradesh | DDRC YSR | 45,47,869 |
| 11 | Assam | DDRC Cachar | 57,38,429 |
| 12 | Assam | DDRC Dhubri | 43,750 |
| 13 | Assam | DDRC Golaghat | 1,30,76,704 |
| 14 | Assam | DDRC Nagaon | 26,39,005 |
| 15 | Assam | DDRC Tezpur | 5,70,700 |
| 16 | Assam | DDRC Udalguri | 14,60,150 |
| 17 | Gujarat | DDRC Ahmedabad | 64,35,859 |
| 18 | Gujarat | DDRC Vadodara | 26,67,307 |
| 19 | Himachal Pradesh | DDRC Bilaspur | 13,88,059 |
| 20 | Himachal Pradesh | DDRC Kullu | 68,54,376 |
| 21 | Jharkhand | DDRC Hazaribagh | 26,09,250 |
| 22 | Ladakh | DDRC Kargil | 43,750 |
| 23 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Ashok Nagar | 3,06,750 |

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|----|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 24 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Balaghat | 1,09,74,546 |
| 25 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Barwani | 1,65,750 |
| 26 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Bhind | 9,57,500 |
| 27 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Burhanpur | 4,43,250 |
| 28 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Chhatarpur | 11,11,250 |
| 29 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Damoh | 62,528 |
| 30 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Datia | 2,70,750 |
| 31 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Guna | 34,58,667 |
| 32 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Gwalior | 10,45,944 |
| 33 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Jabalpur | 11,17,086 |
| 34 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Jhabua | 57,72,470 |
| 35 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Katni | 3,93,750 |
| 36 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Mandla | 5,67,750 |
| 37 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Mandsaur | 38,79,327 |
| 38 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Morena | 3,65,250 |
| 39 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Narmadapuram (Hoshangabad) | 4,78,500 |
| 40 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Panna | 4,72,500 |
| 41 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Sheopur | 3,65,250 |
| 42 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Shivpuri | 28,11,011 |
| 43 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Sidhi | 3,06,750 |
| 44 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Singrauli | 7,16,250 |
| 45 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Tikamgarh | 11,00,750 |

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| 46 | Madhya Pradesh | DDRC Umaria | 3,93,750 |
| 47 | Maharashtra | DDRC Ahmednagar | 12,29,000 |
| 48 | Maharashtra | DDRC Amravati | 1,44,41,665 |
| 49 | Maharashtra | DDRC Aurangabad | 13,92,867 |
| 50 | Maharashtra | DDRC Latur | 88,12,293 |
| 51 | Maharashtra | DDRC Nagpur | 34,14,959 |
| 52 | Maharashtra | DDRC Parbhani | 11,47,250 |
| 53 | Manipur | DDRC Bishnupur | 1,38,41,450 |
| 54 | Manipur | DDRC Tengnoupal | 8,22,000 |
| 55 | Manipur | DDRC Ukhrul | 1,34,11,942 |
| 56 | Nagaland | DDRC Tuensang | 9,22,500 |
| 57 | Odisha | DDRC Bhadrak | 78,72,812 |
| 58 | Odisha | DDRC Deogarh | 33,95,627 |
| 59 | Odisha | DDRC Dhenkanal | 1,24,02,214 |
| 60 | Odisha | DDRC Jagatsinghpur | 51,64,688 |
| 61 | Odisha | DDRC Kendrapara | 13,22,000 |
| 62 | Odisha | DDRC Nayagarh | 13,22,000 |
| 63 | Odisha | DDRC Puri | 13,22,000 |
| 64 | Odisha | DDRC Subarnapur | 13,22,000 |
| 65 | Punjab | DDRC Bhatinda | 62,65,627 |
| 66 | Punjab | DDRC Sangrur | 36,47,098 |
| 67 | Rajasthan | DDRC Ajmer | 13,22,000 |
| 68 | Rajasthan | DDRC Alwar | 13,16,000 |
| 69 | Rajasthan | DDRC Bharatpur | 12,91,625 |
| 70 | Rajasthan | DDRC Chittorgarh | 72,38,409 |
| 71 | Rajasthan | DDRC Jalore | 18,49,825 |

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| 72 | Rajasthan | DDRC Kota | 13,16,000 |
| 73 | Rajasthan | DDRC Pali | 12,72,500 |
| 74 | Rajasthan | DDRC Udaipur | 80,21,016 |
| 75 | Telangana | DDRC Ranga Reddy | 95,28,109 |
| 76 | Tripura | DDRC Khowai | 12,91,850 |
| 77 | Tripura | DDRC North Tripura | 12,91,850 |
| 78 | Tripura | DDRC Sepahijala | 12,91,850 |
| 79 | Tripura | DDRC South Tripura | 12,91,850 |
| 80 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Bareilly | 80,64,292 |
| 81 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Basti | 59,55,481 |
| 82 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Budaun | 1,05,46,213 |
| 83 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Deoria | 35,58,000 |
| 84 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Gorakhpur | 99,02,806 |
| 85 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Kanpur Dehat | 31,31,669 |
| 86 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Kushinagar | 72,63,086 |
| 87 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Pilibhit | 48,60,726 |
| 88 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC RaiBareily | 32,27,411 |
| 89 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Rampur | 99,60,653 |
| 90 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Sant Kabir Nagar | 18,38,960 |
| 91 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Shravasti | 79,21,787 |
| 92 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Siddharth Nagar | 44,52,600 |
| 93 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Unnao | 30,45,100 |
| 94 | Uttar Pradesh | DDRC Varanasi | 2,53,090 |
| 95 | Uttarakhand | DDRC Tehri Garhwal | 1,89,34,551 |
| 96 | West Bengal | DDRC Malda | 1,41,17,068 |
| | Total | | 37,77,09,020 |

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3752
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/08/2025

Safety of Mentally Challenged Individuals

3752. Dr. Kadiyam Kavya:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is exploring iris camera technology for identification and safety of mentally challenged individuals in Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details of pilot projects or implementation plans in Warangal; and
- (c) the details of the funding and technological support proposed for such initiatives?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3796
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.08.2025

Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme

3796: Smt. Poonamben Hematbhai Maadam:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a new online portal for submitting and processing proposals under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme and the District Disability Rehabilitation Centres scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the objectives behind the introduction of the new portal;
- (c) whether all the data related to ongoing and past proposals has been successfully migrated to the new portal; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken to ensure continuity?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (d) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has developed and deployed a dedicated e-Anudaan Portal for submitting and processing proposals under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme and the District Disability Rehabilitation Centres scheme. The new portal is available at <https://grants.depwd.gov.in>.

The objectives behind introducing this new portal include, inter alia, streamlining the processing of Grant-in-Aid proposals.

To ensure continuity, the complete migration of data to the new portal has already been carried out. Additionally, instructions have been issued to all stakeholders to exclusively use the portal for the submission of fresh applications as well as for accessing previously submitted proposals.

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
(Divyangjan)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3852

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/08/2025

UDID Application

3852. Shri Anto Antony:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and total number of UDID applications have been received nationwide since inception of the scheme;
- (b) the details of total number of UDID cards issued and pending applications;
- (c) the details of the average processing time during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of the percentage of UDID holders who are literate, illiterate and unreported in the education section, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) The Unique Disability ID (UDID) project is a flagship initiative of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. Launched in May, 2016, the project aims to create a national database of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card to each eligible applicant.

The project operates through a centralized online platform, the UDID portal www.swavlambancard.gov.in, wherein medical authorities notified by the respective State/UT Governments are on boarded for the assessment of disabilities and issuance of disability certificates/UDID cards based on the type and nature of disability. Since inception, a total of 1,62,92,173 applications have been registered on the UDID portal.

(b) As on date 1,25,75,946 UDID cards have been issued across the country and 14,83,323 applications are pending under the assessment. The remaining 22,32,904 applications are rejected due to various reasons.

(c) The average time taken during the last three years and current year to issue a UDID card is given below:

| Year | Average processing time (in days) |
|-------------|--|
| 2022-23 | 84 |
| 2023-24 | 45 |
| 2024-25 | 64 |
| 2025-26 | 21 |

(d) As per the records available, a total of 9,10,884 UDID cardholders have been recorded as illiterate, while 1,03,16,995 cardholders have been recorded as literate.

It is mentioned that w.e.f. October 2024, the UDID application form has discontinued the collection of data on educational qualifications. Consequently, 13,48,067 UDID cards have since been issued without any recorded information regarding the educational status of the applicants. The State/UT wise figures are at **annexure**.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3852 to be answered on 12.08.2025 regarding “UDID Application”

| State/UT Name | UDID card holders with qualification details as on 15.10.2024 | UDID Cards without qualification details from 16.10.2024 onwards | No. of literate UDID card holders and their percentage in respect of total UDID card holders in the country | | No. of Illiterate UDID card holders and their percentage in respect of total UDID card holders in the country | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|------------|---|------------|
| | | | No. of literate UDID card holders | Percentage | No. of illiterate UDID card holders | Percentage |
| Andaman And Nicobar Islands | 5699 | 1056 | 5269 | 0.04 | 430 | 0.0034 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 964253 | 16559 | 938880 | 7.47 | 25373 | 0.2018 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 3869 | 513 | 3460 | 0.03 | 409 | 0.0033 |
| Assam | 212425 | 19313 | 166466 | 1.32 | 45959 | 0.3655 |
| Bihar | 527269 | 114479 | 479628 | 3.81 | 47641 | 0.3788 |
| Chandigarh | 10717 | 1498 | 10147 | 0.08 | 570 | 0.0045 |
| Chhattisgarh | 252394 | 15254 | 244491 | 1.94 | 7903 | 0.0628 |
| Delhi | 78539 | 18892 | 67731 | 0.54 | 10808 | 0.0859 |
| Goa | 10662 | 1714 | 10462 | 0.08 | 200 | 0.0016 |
| Gujarat | 422071 | 46732 | 408076 | 3.24 | 13995 | 0.1113 |

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|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|--------|
| Haryana | 196469 | 25801 | 161944 | 1.29 | 34525 | 0.2745 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 97657 | 8718 | 84629 | 0.67 | 13028 | 0.1036 |
| Jammu And Kashmir | 200050 | 19126 | 149512 | 1.19 | 50538 | 0.4019 |
| Jharkhand | 187566 | 14695 | 175896 | 1.40 | 11670 | 0.0928 |
| Karnataka | 812818 | 73815 | 661934 | 5.26 | 150884 | 1.1998 |
| Kerala | 351016 | 45470 | 337122 | 2.68 | 13894 | 0.1105 |
| Ladakh | 3722 | 205 | 3537 | 0.03 | 185 | 0.0015 |
| Lakshadweep | 972 | 215 | 851 | 0.01 | 121 | 0.0010 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 885470 | 77330 | 860167 | 6.84 | 25303 | 0.2012 |
| Maharashtra | 1147994 | 145584 | 1084340 | 8.62 | 63654 | 0.5062 |
| Manipur | 13245 | 2123 | 11053 | 0.09 | 2192 | 0.0174 |
| Meghalaya | 30808 | 2775 | 30687 | 0.24 | 121 | 0.0010 |
| Mizoram | 6147 | 510 | 6073 | 0.05 | 74 | 0.0006 |
| Nagaland | 3058 | 622 | 2969 | 0.02 | 89 | 0.0007 |
| Odisha | 726449 | 130786 | 604297 | 4.81 | 122152 | 0.9713 |
| Puducherry | 21695 | 1759 | 21385 | 0.17 | 310 | 0.0025 |
| Punjab | 354126 | 19771 | 323210 | 2.57 | 30916 | 0.2458 |
| Rajasthan | 535459 | 139501 | 530556 | 4.22 | 4903 | 0.0390 |

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| Sikkim | 5121 | 447 | 5065 | 0.04 | 56 | 0.0004 |
| Tamil Nadu | 817124 | 108480 | 762118 | 6.06 | 55006 | 0.4374 |
| Telangana | 774085 | 7198 | 774075 | 6.16 | 10 | 0.0001 |
| The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu | 3930 | 493 | 3659 | 0.03 | 271 | 0.0022 |
| Tripura | 36251 | 4982 | 35867 | 0.29 | 384 | 0.0031 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1383869 | 175844 | 1220339 | 9.70 | 163530 | 1.3003 |
| Uttarakhand | 94874 | 6567 | 87206 | 0.69 | 7668 | 0.0610 |
| West Bengal | 49958 | 101020 | 43851 | 0.35 | 6107 | 0.0486 |
| Total | 11227831 | 1349847 | 10316952 | | 910879 | |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No. *323

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/08/2025

Schemes for the Empowerment of Divyangjans

*323. Shri Vijay Kumar Hansdak:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Divyangjans and from SC category who have been empowered, as per the latest estimates, category and State-wise;
- (b) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for their empowerment;
- (c) the total funds allocated and utilised along with the physical targets planned and achieved since 2019, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any evaluation to assess the implementation and impact of its various schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(Dr. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 323 raised by Shri Vijay Kumar Hansdak, Hon'ble MP regarding 'Schemes for the Empowerment of Divyangjans' for answer on 12.08.2025

(a) to (c): As per the 2011 Census, the total population of Divyangjans (Persons with Disabilities) in the country was 2.68 crore, which is about 2.21% of the country's total population. The Census 2011 data was based on the disability classifications under the now repealed Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Act of 1995. After the enactment of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016, the categories of disabilities has been increased from the earlier 7 to now 21 categories of disabilities.

Details of number of Persons with Disabilities (State and Gender wise) as per Census 2011 is at Annexure-I.

The Government of India has undertaken several initiatives for the empowerment and upliftment of Divyangjans. The RPwD Act, 2016, effective from 19.04.2017, ensures rights like equality, education, employment and accessibility. It mandates at least 4% reservation in government jobs under Section 34 and 5% in higher education under Section 32 for benchmark disabilities.

Although relief to the disabled is a State subject by virtue of entry 9 of the State List of the Constitution of India, the Central Government supports the efforts for welfare, skill development and inclusive, accessible India through its major initiatives and schemes that inter alia include the following: -

(i) Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP): The Department is implementing the Scheme of 'Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)' under which funds are released to various Implementing Agencies to assist the eligible persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhancing their economic potential throughout the country.

(ii) Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):- Under Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided to the voluntary Organizations/ State Project Implementing agencies for (i) setting up of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) and (ii) running various projects for the welfare/empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) including Special School for the Children with Visual, Hearing and Intellectual disability including Children with Cerebral Palsy etc., aimed at

enabling them to maintain their optimal, physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric or social functional levels.

(iii) Scholarship Schemes for Students with Disabilities: Department is implementing Umbrella Scheme 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities' comprising six components viz., Pre-matric, Post-matric, Top Class Education, National Overseas Scholarship, National Fellowship for PwDs and Free Coaching schemes with an objective to remove financial, physical and psychological barriers, enabling the Divyang students to pursue education and live with dignity. Funds are disbursed directly to students' bank accounts (DBT mode) Pan India.

(iv) UDID Scheme: The UDID (Unique Disability ID) Scheme provides a single digital ID card for Persons with Disabilities, streamlining access to government benefits. It eliminates redundant documentation, ensures transparency, and promotes inclusivity by linking welfare schemes directly to beneficiaries, empowering PwDs with easier access to rights and opportunities.

In addition, this department is also implementing the schemes for the Empowerment of PwDs viz. (i) National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP) (ii) Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP) & In Service Training and (iii) Creation of Barrier-Free Environment & Accessible India Campaign (AIC) (iv) Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).

In addition, the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is mandated to take measures to protect the rights of persons with disabilities. Also, the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprises under the Department, has the main objective of promoting economic developmental activities for the rehabilitation of the beneficiaries and to promote self-employment and other enterprises of persons with disabilities.

Details of Divyangjans benefitted and funds utilization (State wise) under various schemes of the Department from 2019-20 to 2024-25 is at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): The Department periodically sponsors Impact Evaluation Studies through independent evaluation agencies (Third Party). The study aims to assess the implementation, impact and proper utilization of funds by the implementing agencies. The Impact Evaluation Studies of the ADIP, DDRS and Scholarship Schemes were conducted in 2021 by the National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD), New Delhi. The key recommendations emerging from the evaluation were given due attention and accordingly necessary action has been taken to adopt/implement them.

Annexure-I

| The number of Persons with Disabilities (State and Gender wise) as per Census 2011 | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| S.No. | State / UT | Males | Females | Total |
| 1. | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 204834 | 156319 | 361153 |
| 2. | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 86321 | 68995 | 155316 |
| 3. | PUNJAB | 379551 | 274512 | 654063 |
| 4. | CHANDIGARH | 8743 | 6053 | 14796 |
| 5. | UTTARAKHAND | 102787 | 82485 | 185272 |
| 6. | HARYANA | 315533 | 230841 | 546374 |
| 7. | NCT OF DELHI | 138379 | 96503 | 234882 |
| 8. | RAJASTHAN | 848287 | 715407 | 1563694 |
| 9. | UTTAR PRADESH | 2364171 | 1793343 | 4157514 |
| 10. | BIHAR | 1343100 | 987909 | 2331009 |
| 11. | SIKKIM | 9779 | 8408 | 18187 |
| 12. | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 14245 | 12489 | 26734 |
| 13. | NAGALAND | 16148 | 13483 | 29631 |
| 14. | MANIPUR | 31174 | 27373 | 58547 |
| 15. | MIZORAM | 8198 | 6962 | 15160 |
| 16. | TRIPURA | 35482 | 28864 | 64346 |
| 17. | MEGHALAYA | 23326 | 20991 | 44317 |
| 18. | ASSAM | 257385 | 222680 | 480065 |
| 19. | WEST BENGAL | 1127181 | 890225 | 2017406 |
| 20. | JHARKHAND | 426876 | 343104 | 769980 |
| 21. | ODISHA | 674775 | 569627 | 1244402 |
| 22. | CHHATTISGARH | 334093 | 290844 | 624937 |
| 23. | MADHYA PRADESH | 888751 | 663180 | 1551931 |
| 24. | GUJARAT | 612804 | 479498 | 1092302 |
| 25. | DAMAN & DIU | 1300 | 896 | 2196 |
| 26. | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI | 1893 | 1401 | 3294 |
| 27. | MAHARASHTRA | 1692285 | 1271107 | 2963392 |
| 28. | ANDHRA PRADESH | 1224459 | 1042148 | 2266607 |
| 29. | KARNATAKA | 726521 | 597684 | 1324205 |
| 30. | GOA | 17016 | 15996 | 33012 |
| 31. | LAKSHADWEEP | 838 | 777 | 1615 |
| 32. | KERALA | 394706 | 367137 | 761843 |
| 33. | TAMIL NADU | 657418 | 522545 | 1179963 |
| 34. | PUDUCHERRY | 16373 | 13816 | 30189 |
| 35. | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS | 3861 | 2799 | 6660 |
| | Total | 14988593 | 11826401 | 26814994 |

Annexure-II**Scheme for Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP Scheme)**

| Name of the State / Uts | 2019-20 | | | 2020-21 | | | 2021-22 | | | 2022-23 | | | 2023-24 | | | 2024-25 | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakhs) | No. of Benef | No. of SC Benef | Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakhs) | No. of Benef. | SC Benef. | Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakhs) | No. of Benef. | No. of SC Benef. | Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakhs) | No. of Benef. | SC Benef. | Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakhs) | No. of Benef | No. of SC Benef. | Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakhs) | No. of Benef. | No. of SC Benef. |
| A&N | 5.35 | 115 | 27 | 8.29 | 162 | 0 | 8.06 | 145 | 3 | 7.23 | 154 | 0 | 0.06 | 1 | 0 | 14.5 | 218 | 6 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 720.78 | 12593 | 1744 | 303.32 | 2658 | 383 | 1194.8 | 10256 | 1899 | 686.16 | 7726 | 1225 | 2084.3 | 17500 | 3202 | 1686.58 | 10076 | 2335 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 12.08 | 204 | 26 | 14.9 | 289 | 17 | 20.79 | 300 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.57 | 40 | 0 | 10.13 | 86 | 1 |
| Assam | 591.06 | 8297 | 696 | 639.01 | 9708 | 889 | 341.62 | 4900 | 100 | 1003.06 | 11572 | 176 | 1302.62 | 17350 | 1205 | 1075.56 | 11506 | 2402 |
| Bihar | 236.63 | 3104 | 453 | 645.19 | 7233 | 1004 | 496.22 | 5951 | 744 | 1076.87 | 13143 | 860 | 2427.1 | 23912 | 2129 | 785.37 | 5152 | 1272 |
| Chandigarh | 11.31 | 128 | 6 | 31.68 | 301 | 51 | 9.76 | 128 | 13 | 39.12 | 422 | 38 | 31.39 | 163 | 34 | 186.78 | 781 | 243 |
| Chhattisgarh | 349.38 | 3283 | 178 | 403.22 | 3316 | 593 | 118.44 | 891 | 100 | 152.36 | 1768 | 273 | 37.42 | 320 | 43 | 231.7 | 1365 | 365 |
| Delhi | 35.85 | 1006 | 116 | 38.33 | 666 | 19 | 268.36 | 4214 | 549 | 247.13 | 2120 | 214 | 423.51 | 3293 | 308 | 907.76 | 5847 | 975 |
| Daman & Diu | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goa | 9.59 | 139 | 0 | 156.5 | 2161 | 81 | 2.24 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40.66 | 418 | 11 | 33.18 | 224 | 7 |
| Gujarat | 616.26 | 6105 | 391 | 946.82 | 13648 | 747 | 993.29 | 15250 | 1727 | 443.07 | 5032 | 758 | 1539.78 | 18648 | 1292 | 3244.66 | 26560 | 4339 |
| Haryana | 981.58 | 10287 | 1494 | 134.94 | 1539 | 66 | 338.85 | 4072 | 907 | 678.06 | 5937 | 1609 | 1077 | 5930 | 1079 | 750.92 | 4005 | 1061 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 12.10 | 255 | 65 | 169.7 | 2559 | 761 | 68.74 | 1272 | 406 | 143.74 | 1924 | 514 | 153.25 | 1808 | 446 | 157.36 | 1752 | 317 |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 131.25 | 1813 | 220 | 151.22 | 2390 | 116 | 311.89 | 4129 | 569 | 507.6 | 6878 | 30 | 542.88 | 6817 | 439 | 328.6 | 2967 | 231 |
| Jharkhand | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 104.8 | 1365 | 359 | 380.45 | 5197 | 456 | 851.16 | 10804 | 862 | 629.64 | 7742 | 687 | 836.88 | 8277 | 2106 |
| Karnataka | 267.34 | 5119 | 595 | 92.15 | 2181 | 327 | 249.31 | 4829 | 599 | 421.81 | 5622 | 884 | 1248.22 | 15752 | 2642 | 1324.58 | 10996 | 2831 |

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| Kerala | 182.47 | 2683 | 281 | 425.57 | 5181 | 659 | 168.6 | 2442 | 295 | 222.35 | 2912 | 599 | 563.87 | 6766 | 490 | 152.72 | 1425 | 74 |
| Ladakh | 1.26 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.89 | 59 | 0 | 28.79 | 355 | 16 | 13.39 | 130 | 0 |
| Lakshadweep | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.66 | 15 | 2 | 18.83 | 257 | 4 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1085.08 | 11615 | 1326 | 1995.08 | 21347 | 3353 | 2693.85 | 25053 | 4519 | 1732.72 | 19930 | 3911 | 4283.69 | 33542 | 7070 | 2520.72 | 14102 | 3584 |
| Maharashtra | 2622.04 | 28678 | 6041 | 8511.82 | 19589 | 2629 | 7913.55 | 30073 | 1485 | 1568.47 | 10836 | 1935 | 4211.25 | 54455 | 6771 | 2636.5 | 19309 | 3065 |
| Manipur | 5.70 | 89 | 0 | 73.15 | 660 | 113 | 47.25 | 594 | 65 | 47.93 | 581 | 15 | 21 | 259 | 2 | 43.97 | 440 | 15 |
| Meghalaya | 3.27 | 34 | 0 | 7.45 | 151 | 0 | 19.94 | 212 | 0 | 172.87 | 2295 | 3 | 3.87 | 42 | 0 | 50.84 | 777 | 180 |
| Mizoram | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.78 | 67 | 16 | 0.13 | 1 | 0 | 10.41 | 297 | 0 | 29.78 | 373 | 26 |
| Nagaland | 12.62 | 253 | 0 | 6.55 | 163 | 0 | 28.47 | 496 | 34 | 23.82 | 380 | 0 | 3.16 | 48 | 0 | 47.82 | 590 | 14 |
| Odisha | 839.73 | 10935 | 1257 | 982.29 | 12770 | 1200 | 882.07 | 12055 | 1612 | 784.57 | 10164 | 1018 | 953.44 | 11232 | 1823 | 1579.03 | 15556 | 4175 |
| Puducherry | 32.94 | 383 | 78 | 5.98 | 78 | 0 | 37.73 | 612 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24.37 | 302 | 58 | 102.59 | 393 | 62 |
| Punjab | 671.38 | 10444 | 3145 | 326.7 | 4054 | 534 | 1281.55 | 14815 | 5115 | 902.06 | 8006 | 3857 | 1703.61 | 11259 | 4982 | 2029.32 | 8273 | 3181 |
| Rajasthan | 816.57 | 12061 | 2093 | 731.5 | 10493 | 1963 | 452.83 | 7488 | 1442 | 667.52 | 10132 | 1784 | 2155.48 | 19873 | 3290 | 1697.81 | 15407 | 3762 |
| Sikkim | 15.10 | 197 | 88 | 7.91 | 173 | 13 | 0.00004 | 4 | 0 | 3.15 | 67 | 6 | 4.27 | 61 | 6 | 2.68 | 18 | 3 |
| Tamil Nadu | 906.16 | 13417 | 2813 | 623.28 | 8407 | 1585 | 1336.24 | 21746 | 4571 | 859.85 | 11327 | 1810 | 1137.29 | 12622 | 2156 | 416.12 | 2499 | 432 |
| Telangana | 380.87 | 2221 | 554 | 355.19 | 2667 | 530 | 1134.44 | 5982 | 1067 | 420.54 | 2321 | 392 | 1389.14 | 11380 | 2419 | 1417.24 | 8961 | 1815 |
| The Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 2.92 | 160 | 11 | 17.79 | 285 | 5 | 5.42 | 86 | 2 | 21.13 | 233 | 12 | 4.78 | 49 | 5 | 54.05 | 455 | 46 |
| Tripura | 11.38 | 569 | 35 | 46.05 | 724 | 356 | 59.54 | 878 | 123 | 292.69 | 4203 | 193 | 89.49 | 1142 | 319 | 90.32 | 784 | 137 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 3638.68 | 45479 | 4690 | 2750.69 | 33823 | 3318 | 2855.02 | 33697 | 4742 | 3823.14 | 35149 | 4800 | 7479.29 | 50042 | 11084 | 9244.49 | 54834 | 11370 |
| Uttarakhand | 80.06 | 3868 | 255 | 80.32 | 6141 | 447 | 132.48 | 5854 | 828 | 185.59 | 4244 | 490 | 275.44 | 2510 | 391 | 401.98 | 2442 | 469 |
| West Bengal | 976.95 | 14390 | 2354 | 715.28 | 11967 | 1398 | 267.67 | 5159 | 920 | 1587.88 | 24169 | 4053 | 958.23 | 10344 | 3216 | 1358.66 | 14652 | 4028 |
| Total | 16265.76 | 209947 | 31032 | 21502.7 | 188849 | 23516 | 24125.2 | 228871 | 34974 | 19575.68 | 220111 | 32321 | 36845 | 35483.41 | 57617 | 35483.41 | 251489 | 54933 |

GIA released State wise under Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) since 2019-20

(Rs. in Lakh)

| S. No. | Name of the State | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
|--------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | | GIA released (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | GIA released (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | GIA released (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | GIA released (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | GIA released (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. | GIA released (Rs. in lakh) | No. of Benef. |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 2663.05 | 6187 | 1639.88 | 5620 | 1779.89 | 4620 | 2648.41 | 5605 | 2851.56 | 4604 | 2728.44 | 5085 |
| 2 | Assam | 124.72 | 603 | 90.7 | 248 | 167.76 | 488 | 261.34 | 753 | 136.87 | 327 | 228.25 | 285 |
| 3 | Bihar | 23.67 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 41.89 | 55 | 33.54 | 69 | 68.65 | 111 | 48.96 | 139 |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | 49.78 | 187 | 1.63 | 110 | 47.58 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74.14 | 93 |
| 5 | Delhi | 32.65 | 501 | 247.67 | 685 | 162.74 | 615 | 185.51 | 937 | 166.89 | 688 | 191.70 | 714 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 131.96 | 864 | 43.32 | 378 | 120.66 | 447 | 72.77 | 437 | 95.19 | 187 | 108.84 | 215 |
| 7 | Haryana | 154.81 | 512 | 140.19 | 505 | 101.99 | 292 | 128.93 | 444 | 174.61 | 377 | 148.67 | 432 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 71.77 | 302 | 69.2 | 212 | 67.15 | 144 | 69.05 | 89 | 84.13 | 119 | 101.12 | 154 |
| 9 | Jammu & Kashmir | 4.53 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Jharkhand | 10.39 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26.09 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Karnataka | 41.31 | 339 | 81.3 | 373 | 135.6 | 389 | 139.92 | 685 | 73.73 | 104 | 94.87 | 294 |
| 12 | Kerala | 611.82 | 2112 | 628.3 | 1656 | 725.3 | 1883 | 762.41 | 2081 | 455.2 | 1549 | 1632.25 | 3951 |
| 13 | Ladakh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 155.5 | 639 | 248.31 | 822 | 325.57 | 682 | 382.72 | 803 | 484.55 | 764 | 307.05 | 832 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 342.21 | 3036 | 180.11 | 2049 | 71.46 | 1677 | 383.87 | 523 | 311.19 | 1354 | 101.16 | 0 |
| 16 | Manipur | 974.01 | 2597 | 596.24 | 1523 | 741.55 | 1478 | 1016.29 | 2681 | 946.48 | 1942 | 1091.05 | 1894 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 32.59 | 443 | 105.37 | 322 | 29.64 | 84 | 101.76 | 361 | 87.86 | 352 | 165.55 | 482 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 33.9 | 168 | 11.73 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 29.22 | 61 | 17.26 | 60 | 6.51 | 86 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 2.48 | 30 | 26.32 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 30.36 | 60 | 46.83 | 48 | 38.28 | 53 |

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| 20 | Odisha | 1001.05 | 3239 | 789.16 | 5953 | 1457.59 | 5306 | 929.8 | 4776 | 1382.09 | 2067 | 1284.63 | 2360 |
| 21 | Punjab | 133.65 | 588 | 98.92 | 272 | 149.27 | 505 | 168.06 | 682 | 211.68 | 697 | 294.16 | 703 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 261.6 | 1096 | 150.58 | 370 | 286.26 | 528 | 239.28 | 546 | 320.06 | 513 | 350.38 | 489 |
| 23 | Tamil Nadu | 191.9 | 786 | 208.25 | 706 | 137.06 | 1267 | 184.7 | 1320 | 312.15 | 1052 | 260.89 | 1036 |
| 24 | Tripura | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15.57 | 44 | 51.67 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Uttar Pradesh | 1018.59 | 4105 | 1335.24 | 3580 | 1389.36 | 3604 | 1147.75 | 3249 | 1653.52 | 3017 | 2051.16 | 4095 |
| 26 | Uttrakhand | 84.07 | 197 | 102.68 | 144 | 68.67 | 142 | 87.29 | 125 | 80.48 | 62 | 157.41 | 304 |
| 27 | West Bengal | 335.46 | 3621 | 336.31 | 1935 | 606.89 | 1389 | 811.67 | 4424 | 782.79 | 7162 | 610.29 | 7766 |
| 28 | Telangana | 1646.76 | 5513 | 1168.25 | 3932 | 1439.72 | 4397 | 1527.48 | 4389 | 2121.26 | 3271 | 1780.89 | 3278 |
| 29 | Puducherry | 32.61 | 141 | 18.48 | 80 | 35.89 | 71 | 85.27 | 205 | 80.65 | 162 | 82.75 | 158 |
| | Total | 10166.84 | 38004 | 8318.14 | 31542 | 10089.49 | 30173 | 11469.06 | 35349 | 12997.79 | 30589 | 13939.4 | 34898 |

*DEPwD does not keep SC/ST/General/OBC category wise data for Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

(Rs. in Crores)

| S N | State/UT | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | | Total Benic iaries | Total Amou nt |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Benef iaries | Amount | Benef iaries | Amount | Benefi aries | Amount | Benefi aries | Amount | Benefi aries | Amount | Benefi aries | Amount | | |
| 1 | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 628 | 5.2399 | 201 | 2.4243 | 1343 | 4.7474 | 3070 | 6.2620 | 625 | 3.4455 | 336 | 1.2836 | 6203 | 2.34026 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 1089 | 2.1467 | 19 | 0.7497 | 783 | 2.0207 | 71 | 0.6710 | 322 | 1.0701 | 83 | 0.2721 | 2367 | 6.9303 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 1771 | 6.5574 | 902 | 3.6822 | 2278 | 9.0513 | 1257 | 5.4317 | 1441 | 11.941 0 | 875 | 6.4377 | 8524 | 43.1012 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 17 | 0.3961 | 1 | 0.0833 | 34 | 0.0327 | 90 | 0.1927 | 343 | 0.7525 | 912 | 1.6520 | 1397 | 3.1092 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGA RH | 344 | 0.6806 | 7 | 0.1262 | 1125 | 1.5298 | 612 | 3.0101 | 456 | 0.7552 | 410 | 1.1986 | 2954 | 7.3006 |
| 8 | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI | 8 | 0.0086 | 1 | 0.0007 | 15 | 0.0130 | 28 | 0.0294 | 5 | 0.0057 | 0 | 0.0000 | 57 | 0.0574 |
| 9 | DAMAN & DIU | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 1 | 0.0009 | 2 | 0.0021 | 2 | 0.0023 | 5 | 0.0053 |
| 10 | DELHI | 476 | 1.9945 | 8 | 1.1388 | 313 | 1.0253 | 502 | 1.6585 | 149 | 1.2949 | 107 | 0.5453 | 1555 | 7.65 |
| 11 | GOA | 11 | 0.0162 | 6 | 0.0358 | 26 | 0.0551 | 25 | 0.0389 | 26 | 0.0344 | 22 | 0.0670 | 116 | 0.24 |
| 12 | GUJARAT | 250 | 1.2744 | 1379 | 3.2426 | 1577 | 2.7591 | 1240 | 2.5580 | 1034 | 2.6293 | 1023 | 2.8364 | 6503 | 15.29 |
| 13 | HARYANA | 239 | 0.8956 | 111 | 0.5673 | 275 | 1.0701 | 285 | 1.2916 | 136 | 0.9477 | 61 | 0.2683 | 1107 | 5.04 |
| 14 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 142 | 0.3826 | 78 | 0.4865 | 186 | 0.5762 | 179 | 1.3118 | 204 | 1.0861 | 168 | 0.7366 | 957 | 4.57 |

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| 15 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 206 | 1.0056 | 545 | 2.4355 | 594 | 1.7661 | 547 | 1.8832 | 291 | 2.1764 | 79 | 0.3515 | 2262 | 9.61 |
| 16 | JHARKHAND | 286 | 1.1987 | 99 | 0.7906 | 145 | 0.9909 | 762 | 8.3186 | 331 | 3.4345 | 114 | 1.0288 | 1737 | 15.76 |
| 17 | KARNATAKA | 1100 | 5.0541 | 1239 | 5.4413 | 3331 | 16.9334 | 3026 | 16.2860 | 3428 | 23.200 2 | 1722 | 7.5166 | 1384 6 | 74.43 |
| 18 | KERALA | 3669 | 5.4825 | 4192 | 4.1035 | 5095 | 7.2184 | 4932 | 7.6189 | 3992 | 6.2938 | 5307 | 6.5225 | 2718 7 | 37.23 |
| 19 | LADAKH | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | LAKSHADWEP | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | MADHYA PRADESH | 5429 | 9.0405 | 4003 | 4.5954 | 5661 | 9.7270 | 8765 | 18.0335 | 1293 | 3.9276 | 1728 | 3.9266 | 2687 9 | 49.25 |
| 22 | MAHARASHTRA | 1082 | 4.0443 | 459 | 2.4890 | 1490 | 5.8300 | 691 | 5.9860 | 1757 | 6.7339 | 442 | 3.9973 | 5921 | 29.08 |
| 23 | MANIPUR | 12 | 0.0317 | 7 | 0.0150 | 0 | 0.0000 | 32 | 0.1116 | 27 | 0.1617 | 63 | 0.1679 | 141 | 0.48 |
| 24 | MEGHALAYA | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 6 | 0.0566 | 5 | 0.0073 | 22 | 0.0471 | 31 | 0.1153 | 64 | 0.226 |
| 25 | MIZORAM | 26 | 0.0359 | 5 | 0.0046 | 11 | 0.0155 | 12 | 0.1372 | 2 | 0.0698 | 0 | 0.0000 | 56 | 0.263 |
| 26 | NAGALAND | 0 | 0.0000 | 45 | 0.0485 | 6 | 0.0100 | 2 | 0.0018 | 7 | 0.0075 | 1 | 0.0032 | 61 | 0.07 |
| 27 | ODISHA | 3341 | 7.4491 | 1495 | 3.0094 | 2699 | 5.4000 | 3168 | 6.1144 | 1467 | 4.3636 | 1941 | 6.0202 | 1411 1 | 32.35 |
| 28 | PUDUCHERRY | 79 | 0.3888 | 27 | 0.2659 | 95 | 0.2863 | 46 | 0.2999 | 7 | 0.3876 | 56 | 0.1843 | 310 | 1.81 |
| 29 | PUNJAB | 444 | 1.2273 | 1019 | 1.5529 | 1393 | 2.1197 | 1094 | 1.7366 | 608 | 2.3495 | 91 | 0.2266 | 4649 | 9.21 |
| 30 | RAJASTHAN | 1567 | 3.9550 | 76 | 1.4275 | 1856 | 4.0762 | 1084 | 3.5449 | 1007 | 3.5116 | 787 | 2.7516 | 6377 | 19.26 |
| 31 | SIKKIM | 7 | 0.0537 | 3 | 0.0027 | 3 | 0.0029 | 1 | 0.0009 | 1 | 0.0011 | 6 | 0.0369 | 21 | 0.09 |
| 32 | TAMIL NADU | 1181 | 4.4209 | 2000 | 5.2572 | 4384 | 9.1456 | 6448 | 13.4580 | 4046 | 10.694 2 | 3820 | 7.0739 | 2187 9 | 50.04 |

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|----|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 33 | TELANGANA | 328 | 1.8423 | 95 | 6.0501 | 1340 | 6.3951 | 2936 | 8.8594 | 879 | 6.7624 | 183 | 1.5136 | 5761 | 31.42 |
| 34 | TRIPURA | 159 | 0.3570 | 66 | 0.0974 | 186 | 1.1876 | 245 | 0.4755 | 329 | 1.8592 | 79 | 0.1712 | 1064 | 4.14 |
| 35 | UTTARAKHAND | 391 | 1.4776 | 142 | 0.4644 | 259 | 0.9639 | 229 | 1.0455 | 64 | 0.4452 | 142 | 0.6201 | 1227 | 5.01 |
| 36 | UTTAR PRADESH | 18205 | 45.7274 | 7177 | 36.7572 | 5115 | 32.9010 | 2318 | 24.3304 | 4477 | 24.8582 | 1934 | 6.5045 | 39226 | 171.07 |
| 37 | WEST BENGAL | 485 | 2.1821 | 660 | 4.4215 | 512 | 3.4883 | 459 | 4.4916 | 596 | 5.2205 | 28 | 0.7000 | 2740 | 20.5 |
| 38 | Canara Bank | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 447 | 24.7202 | 447 | 24.72 |
| 39 | Advertising & Publicity | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.2000 | 0 | 0.5146 | 0 | 0.71 |
| 40 | Bank Service Charge & Agency Charge | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.0000 | 0 | 0.6621 | 0 | 0.3500 | 0 | 1.01 |
| | TOTAL | 42972 | 114.5671 | 26067 | 91.7668 | 42136 | 131.3952 | 44162 | 145.1979 | 29374 | 131.3321 | 23085 | 90.5700 | 207796 | 704.82 |

*DEPwD does not keep SC/ST/General/OBC category wise data for scholarship scheme.

Unique Disability Identity (UDID) CARD GENERATED as on 08/08/2025

| S. No. | Name of the State | UDID card generated |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Andaman And Nicobar Islands | 6755 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 980828 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 4389 |
| 4 | Assam | 231871 |
| 5 | Bihar | 642293 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 12216 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 267799 |
| 8 | Delhi | 97536 |
| 9 | Goa | 12390 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 469038 |
| 11 | Haryana | 222465 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 106392 |
| 13 | Jammu And Kashmir | 219261 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 202384 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 887030 |
| 16 | Kerala | 396647 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 3927 |
| 18 | Lakshadweep | 1187 |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 963155 |
| 20 | Maharashtra | 1294207 |
| 21 | Manipur | 15376 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 33596 |
| 23 | Mizoram | 6657 |
| 24 | Nagaland | 3680 |
| 25 | Odisha | 857945 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 23454 |

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| 27 | Punjab | 373978 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 675422 |
| 29 | Sikkim | 5569 |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu | 926111 |
| 31 | Telangana | 781428 |
| 32 | The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu | 4424 |
| 33 | Tripura | 41254 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 1560767 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 101448 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 151712 |
| | Total | 12584591 |

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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON-12/03/2025

DISABILITY CENSUS

1515. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has the details of the percentage of the population of the country that is considered disabled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any plans for conducting a nationwide Disability Census;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government runs any pension scheme for disabled persons in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof including the amount of pension provided and the eligibility criteria?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) and (b) The Department relies on the data of Census 2011 to estimate the population of person with disabilities in the Country. As per the Census Data 2011, the PwD population in India is 2.68 crore, which is about 2.21% of the population of the country.

(c) and (d) The forthcoming census has not been declared yet. The Department has provided disability specific questionnaire to the Office of Registrar General of India for including it in the next census.

(e) and (f) The Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme was launched in February 2009 with the criteria of 80% as disability level. At present, a total of 8.8 lakh beneficiaries are covered under IGNDPS across the country. Financial assistance of ₹300/-per month to persons aged 18-79 years with severe or multiple disabilities and ₹ 500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above is given under IGNDPS. Funds under this Scheme is sanctioned to State/UT up to the number of digitized beneficiaries or the State/UT cap, whichever is lower.

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1570
ANSWERED ON-12/03/2025

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES IN THE COUNTRY

1570 DR. AJEET MADHAVRAO GOPCHADE

Will the MINISTER OF **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any statistical data regarding individuals with intellectual disabilities in the country, if so, the details thereof State-wise and, if not, the reasons for the lack of this information;
- (b) details of the number of homeless individuals who have been abandoned by their families, along with the Government's rehabilitation initiatives for these individuals; and
- (c) whether Government will collaborate with the State Governments to tackle this significant social issue, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a): The information on intellectual disabilities was not collected in Census 2011, as this category of disability was not covered under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. However, the disability categories of Mental Retardation and Mental Illness were included in the PwD Act, 1995. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 introduced the category of intellectual disability. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) relies on Census 2011 for data on the population of persons with disabilities in the country. As per the Census 2011, there are 15,05,964 persons with Mental Retardation and 7,22,880 persons with Mental Illness.

(b) to (c): 'Land' and 'Colonization' are State subjects. All schemes related to housing for poor including homeless are implemented by respective State/UT Governments. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) supplements the efforts of State/UT Government by providing Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY- U) to provide pucca house with basic amenities to all eligible urban beneficiaries including homeless across the country. There is another scheme 'Scheme of Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH)' under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) which focuses on providing permanent shelters equipped with basic facilities to the urban homeless. For poorest segments of rural areas, there is Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Rural (PMAY – Rural) being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1572
ANSWERED ON-12/03/2025

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES OF THE NIRAMAYA SCHEME

1572 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

Will the MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data on the number of beneficiaries of the Niramaya scheme and the allocation of budget for it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has carried out any survey to check the impact of the withdrawal of the Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme for Persons with Disabilities on the lives of Persons with Disabilities (PwD); and
- (d) the reasons for selecting different criteria for eligibility for persons with disabilities under the Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme for Persons with Disabilities and the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, there are 52559 beneficiaries enrolled in Niramaya Scheme in the year 2024-25 and an amount of Rs.15 cr. has been allocated for the Scheme.

(c) & (d). The Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme was initially implemented on a pilot basis under the erstwhile Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in 2015-16. However, the Government discontinued the Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme and did not revive it as the Government of India launched Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission, which also covers persons with disabilities. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana offers broader coverage and its eligibility criteria cover a larger number of persons with disabilities.

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1573
ANSWERED ON- 12/03/2025

CONVERSION OF NBT BOOKS INTO INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

1573. DR. PARMAR JASHVANTSINH SALAMSINH
SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline for the conversion of 500 National Book Trust (NBT) books into Indian Sign Language (ISL);
- (b) the manner in which schools and special education institutions be integrated into this initiative;
- (c) whether there are any training programs planned for teachers and educators on how to use ISL-based storybooks in classrooms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) The conversion of National Book Trust (NBT) books into Indian Sign Language (ISL) commenced on 20th January 2025. As of 7th March 2025, the recording of 24 books has been completed. The process of conversion is being carried out in a phased manner. Additionally, five NBT books from the Veergatha series have been launched for use by schools, parents and the general public.

(b) The Veergatha series books are available on social media platforms and the official YouTube channel of ISLRTC, where a dedicated playlist has been created. ISLRTC is a partner of NCERT in the PM e-VIDYA DTH ISL channel, and these books have been telecasted on the ISL TV channel, ensuring wider outreach to schools, special education institutions, parents, and

teachers. The PM e-VIDYA DTH ISL channel is also available on YouTube. Recently, a program titled "Speak with Your Hands, Connect with Heart" was conducted in collaboration with NCERT to enhance accessibility for stakeholders.

(c) and (d) The Veergatha series books have been included in various training, awareness, and orientation programs of ISLRTC. The details of the conducted programs are as follows:

(i) Five Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) have been conducted for teachers, parents, and principals.

(ii) Three training programs were conducted for the Army Welfare Education Society, covering special educators, counselors, parents, and principals.

(iii) Schools, special schools, and voluntary organizations working in the disability sector were oriented on these books during the International Week of the Deaf (IWD) 2023.

(iv) Public awareness about these books was raised through ISLRTC exhibition stalls at events such as Divya Kala Mela, IITF and Purple Fest Goa.

(v) The World Book Trade Fair featured a dedicated inclusive stall where these books were exhibited for public awareness.

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1575
ANSWERED ON- 12/03/2025

INSTITUTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1575. SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of national institutions being operated by the Ministry for the welfare of persons with disabilities and whether there is any proposal to increase financial assistance for the capacity enhancement of the said institutions; and
- (b) whether there has been a rapid increase in the number of courses and students in these institutions since 2014?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- (a) The Ministry, through the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), operates nine National Institutes specializing in various disabilities. The Department provides annual financial assistance to these Institutes through Grant-in-Aid to support their operational requirements and enhance their capacity.
- (b) Yes, there has been a significant increase in the number of courses offered and student enrollments at these National Institutes.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2170
ANSWERED ON-19/03/2025

INTERNATIONAL ASPERGER'S DAY

2170. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR
SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanisms in place to assess the effectiveness of awareness campaigns aimed at increasing inclusivity and understanding of Asperger's Syndrome in society;
- (b) whether Government proposes to launch special skill development and employment programmes for persons affected by Asperger's Syndrome to promote inclusivity in the workplace;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has collaborated with private organizations or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to enhance the reach and effectiveness of such awareness programmes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) ensures wide awareness in the form of observation of all disability-related calendar days annually, as per the defined disabilities including Asperger's Syndrome (Autism Spectrum Disorder) under Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act) through its National Institutes (NIs), Composite Regional Centres (CRCs), and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs). To ensure comprehensive documentation and impact assessment of these events, the Department has developed a form-based reporting mechanism. This requires all participating institutions to submit pre- and post-event reports, including photographs, details of activities conducted.

These reports form the basis for social media dissemination, press releases, and promotional campaigns coordinated by the Department and its associated institutions. Additionally, the Department works closely with the Press Information Bureau (PIB) to amplify awareness initiatives across relevant media platforms.

(b) & (c) To enhance skills of Persons with Disabilities; to enable them to have gainful employment and to become self-reliant, productive and contribute members of society and stand up on their own feet, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing the National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP). Under NAP-SDP, skill training is imparting to persons with disabilities including Asperger's Syndrome (Autism Spectrum Disorder) in the age group of 15 to 59

years. Training under the NAP-SDP scheme is being provided through various Government and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), empanelling as training partners (ETPs) with the Department. These Government and Non-Government Organizations provide skilling across the Country.

The Department has developed PM-DAKSH Portal-DEPwD for effective implementation of National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP). This portal is a one-stop digital destination for PwDs, who need skilling and employment, and for Training organizations and Employers/job aggregators of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

- i. Divyangjan Kaushal Vikas:- Skill training is conducted for PwDs through the portal across the country.
- ii. Divyangjan Rozgar Setu:- The platform aims to act as a bridge between PwDs and employers having jobs for PwDs. The platform provides geo-tagged based information on employment/earning opportunities within private companies as well as PwDs across India.

(d) & (e) The National Institutes working under the aegis of DEPwD actively collaborate with NGOs and local administrations, state and district administrations and NGOs specializing in disability rehabilitation to train grassroots-level workers and for expand awareness programs including orientation programs on Asperger's Syndrome (Autism Spectrum Disorder).

On International Asperger's Day (February 18, 2025), National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) had organized a webinar titled 'Asperger's and Adulthood' under its E-Information Series – 16. The session, led by an expert in special education, provided insights into challenges faced by individuals with Asperger's Syndrome and strategies for inclusion. The webinar witnessed active participation, with 107 attendees joining via Google Meet and additional outreach through YouTube.

These efforts collectively contribute to fostering awareness, early intervention, and workplace inclusivity for individuals with Asperger's Syndrome.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2192
ANSWERED ON-19/03/2025

**COMPREHENSIVE ACCESSIBILITY UNDER ACCESSIBLE INDIA
CAMPAIGN**

2192 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps Government is taking to address the significant shortfall in achieving the accessibility targets under the Accessible India Campaign, particularly in retrofitting public buildings, transport infrastructure and enhancing digital accessibility;
- (b) the timeline and measures being taken to ensure comprehensive accessibility in public transport, railway stations and airports fully accessible; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that only 95 Central Government websites have been made accessible so far and the timeline and targets set by Government to ensure full accessibility of all Central Government websites?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (c) Sir, since, “Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State” is a State subject, in order to facilitate the various State Governments, assistance in the form of Non-recurring grant-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UTs and to autonomous organizations/Institutions under the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA), for various activities relating to the Act, particularly for Creation of Barrier Free environment for Divyangjans. Besides that, the Central Government is closely co-coordinating with the concerned Ministries/State Governments/UTs through regular reviews for making the remaining buildings divyangjan friendly.

In addition to the above, the following steps have also been undertaken by the Government:

- To audit the accessibility of various sites, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has empanelled 59 accessibility auditors. Further, 10 web/digital accessibility auditors have been empanelled for the audit of websites/application.
- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur for the development of

courses on Inclusive Urban Planning and Accessible Built Environment for students of B. Plan and B. Tech (Civil Engineering) in AICTE model curriculum.

- In the landmark judgment in the *RajiveRaturi v. Union of India* case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court while highlighting the importance of ensuring accessibility for Divyangjan across all spheres of life, as mandated under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, directed the government to ensure compliance with accessibility standards in public infrastructure and services, including the formulation of mandatory rules under Section 40 of the Act. In compliance with these directives, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has been actively engaging with all relevant stakeholders, including concerned ministries and subject matter experts, to promote accessibility. The Department is currently revising Rule 15 of the RPwD Rules, 2017, to delineate clear guidelines for non-negotiable and negotiable accessibility standards.
- Sugamya Bharat, a mobile application developed to raise issues related to accessibility, has been revamped and made more user-friendly by involving Divyang community.

Section 45 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provisions that “All existing public buildings shall be made accessible in accordance with the rules formulated by the Central Government within a period not exceeding five years from the date of notification of such rules”. Further, Section 46 of the Act also provisions that “The service providers whether Government or private shall provide services in accordance with the rules on accessibility formulated by the Central Government under section 40 within a period of two years from the date of notification of such rules”.

In reference to the accessibility of Central Government websites, it is important to note that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has made 95 websites accessible under the Content Management Framework. Additionally, the National Informatics Centre has developed the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites and Apps (GIGW), which include provisions for digital accessibility standards. Other Central Government websites are also being made accessible by the relevant organizations.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2195

ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

ADIP SCHEME

2195 Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons with disabilities who have been provided with assistive devices and appliances under the Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to promote the accessibility and inclusivity of public buildings and transportation systems for persons with disabilities; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized under the scheme to support the empowerment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) The number of persons with disabilities who have been provided with assistive devices and appliances under the Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fittings of Aids/Appliances (ADIP Scheme) State-wise for last 03 years and current year is at Annexure-I.

(b) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) launched Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) as a nation-wide Campaign for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) on December 3, 2015. It had three important verticals, namely – the Build Environment, the Transportation sector and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) ecosystem the objectives of which are as under :-

| Part | Verticals | Objectives |
|------|--|---|
| A | Built Environment Accessibility:- | - Enhancing the number of accessible government buildings. |
| B | Transportation System Accessibility:- | - Enhancing proportion of accessible airports, enhancing the proportion of accessible Railway stations and enhancing the proportion of accessible public transport. |
| C | Information and Communication Eco-System Accessibility:- | Enhancing proportion of accessible and usable public documents and websites that meet internationally recognized accessibility standards, enhancing the pool of sign language interpreters, enhancing the proportion of daily captioning and sign-language interpretation of public television news programmes. |

(c) the details of major schemes of the Department to support the empowerment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities are as under:-

1. Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) Scheme.
2. Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA).
- 3 Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS).
4. Scholarship schemes for students with disabilities.

Year-wise details of the budget allocated and funds utilised during the last three years and current year under the said schemes are as under:-

| | | (Rs. In crores) | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|-------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| | | BE : Budget Estimates | | | | | | | |
| | | AE : Actual Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
| Sl No | Schemes | BE | AE | BE | AE | BE | AE | BE | AE (as on 13.3.2025) |
| 1 | ADIP | 220.00 | 198.70 | 235.00 | 242.29 | 245.00 | 290.60 | 315.00 | 346.27 |
| 2 | DDRS | 125.00 | 100.90 | 125.00 | 114.69 | 130.00 | 129.98 | 165.00 | 111.95 |
| 3 | SIPDA | 209.77 | 108.44 | 240.39 | 65.59 | 150.00 | 76.79 | 135.33 | 54.77 |
| 4 | Scholarship for Students with Disabilities | 125.00 | 120.32 | 105.00 | 142.00 | 155.00 | 130.07 | 142.68 | 60.58 |

| Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2195 for answer on 19.03.2025 regarding "ADIP Scheme" | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| State-wise details of beneficiaries covered under the ADIP Scheme during the last three years and current year(as on 28.02.2025) | | | | | |
| | | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 (as on 28.02.2025) |
| S. No. | Name of the State / Uts | No. of Beneficiaries covered | No. of Beneficiaries covered | No. of Beneficiaries covered | No. of Beneficiaries covered |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 10755 | 8368 | 17558 | 9416 |
| 2 | Bihar | 6308 | 13488 | 23978 | 4847 |
| 3 | Chhattisgarh | 468 | 1550 | 320 | 681 |
| 4 | Goa | 28 | 4 | 418 | 219 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 13929 | 22286 | 18649 | 25030 |
| 6 | Haryana | 5743 | 6862 | 5913 | 3681 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 1586 | 2036 | 1808 | 1738 |
| 8 | Jammu and Kashmir | 5331 | 7181 | 6817 | 2482 |
| 9 | Jharkhand | 4399 | 13191 | 7850 | 7876 |
| 10 | Karnataka | 2922 | 13637 | 15752 | 7868 |
| 11 | Kerala | 3126 | 3836 | 6766 | 1244 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 24312 | 26166 | 33542 | 11723 |
| 13 | Maharashtra | 25139 | 23118 | 55017 | 16895 |
| 14 | Odisha | 11529 | 12625 | 11138 | 13924 |
| 15 | Punjab | 19009 | 12437 | 11259 | 7830 |
| 16 | Rajasthan | 11273 | 14465 | 19869 | 11956 |
| 17 | Tamil Nadu | 26118 | 10913 | 12622 | 1987 |
| 18 | Uttar Pradesh | 39396 | 40111 | 50045 | 45787 |
| 19 | Uttrakhand | 4724 | 4646 | 2510 | 2336 |
| 20 | West Bengal | 7507 | 25174 | 10424 | 12133 |
| 21 | Andaman & Nicobar | 146 | 153 | 1 | 218 |
| 22 | Chandigarh | 428 | 473 | 163 | 659 |
| 23 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0 | 264 | 49 | 453 |
| 24 | Daman & Diu | 38 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Delhi | 1922 | 4008 | 3286 | 4754 |
| 26 | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1 |
| 27 | Puducherry | 793 | 0 | 302 | 333 |
| 28 | Arunachal Pradesh | 300 | 0 | 40 | 33 |
| 29 | Assam | 9180 | 12065 | 17350 | 9220 |
| 30 | Manipur | 1694 | 1050 | 259 | 407 |
| 31 | Meghalaya | 307 | 1511 | 42 | 768 |
| 32 | Mizoram | 189 | 183 | 297 | 357 |
| 33 | Nagaland | 487 | 318 | 48 | 590 |
| 34 | Sikkim | 0 | 293 | 61 | 10 |
| 35 | Tripura | 643 | 3416 | 1142 | 752 |
| 37 | Telangna | 3658 | 4146 | 11387 | 5963 |
| 38 | Ladakh | | | 355 | 130 |

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question
No.2195 for answer on 19.03.2025 regarding "ADIP Scheme"**

**State-wise details of beneficiaries covered under the ADIP Scheme during the last
three years and current year(as on 28.02.2025)**

| | | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 (as on 28.02.2025) |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| | Total | 243387 | 289987 | 347052 | 214301 |

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2199
ANSWERED ON -19.03.2025

DISTRICT DISABILITY REHABILITATION CENTRES

2199 Shri Kunwar Ratanjeet Pratap Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of *Social Justice and Empowerment* be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) inaugurated during the last year, and their geographic distribution;
- (b) total value of projects worth over ₹100 crores dedicated to enhancing rehabilitation facilities, along with the key focus areas of these projects;
- (c) current progress of these rehabilitation facilities in terms of services provided and the number of beneficiaries covered; and
- (d) future plans to establish more DDRCs in underserved regions and the expected timeline for their implementation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

- (a) Sir, total 42 New District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) were inaugurated during last year. Geographic distributions of these DDRCs are as follows-

| Serial no. | State | Number of DDRCs |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 9 |
| 2. | Odisha | 6 |
| 3. | Assam | 1 |
| 4. | Tripura | 4 |
| 5. | Nagaland | 1 |
| 6. | Maharashtra | 2 |
| 7. | Manipur | 1 |
| 8. | Madhya Pradesh | 18 |
| | Total | 42 |

- (b) & (c) The Department has established the following two institutions with project costs exceeding ₹100 crore:

(i) National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore, Madhya Pradesh: Established under the aegis of the Department, NIMHR focuses on mental health rehabilitation through a multidisciplinary approach and capacity building in the sector. The Union Cabinet approved its establishment in October 2018, with an initial approved cost of ₹179.54 crore (₹105.68 crore

allocated for construction). NIMHR has been operational from its permanent campus in Sherpur, Sehore, and has provided rehabilitation services to 2,834 beneficiaries as on 31.12.2024.

(ii) Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports (ABVTCDS), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh: Developed with a budget of ₹151.16 crore, this centre spans 34 acres and is equipped with modern sports facilities including an eight-lane synthetic athletic track, swimming pools, multi-purpose halls, and accessible residential facilities for 208 trainees. The centre provides specialized training for para-athletes in various sports disciplines, including athletics, wheelchair basketball, para-powerlifting, and goalball. Multiple national-level events have been conducted to support differently-abled athletes in preparing for international competitions.

(d) DDRCs are established based on the recommendations of the State government and examination in the Department.

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2203
ANSWERED ON : 19.03.2025

NATIONAL TRUST AND NIRAMAYA SCHEME

2203 Smt. Renuka Chowdhury:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the sources of funding through which the National Trust implements the Niramaya Scheme for Person with disability;
- (b) the total funds provided by Government to the National Trust during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme is funded by the National Trust and not by Government, if so, the details thereof, and
- (d) whether Government is considering to bring any dedicated insurance scheme for the PwDs, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) Following are the two sources of funding of National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability (ID) and Multiple Disabilities:

- i. Grants in Aid provided by the DEPwD, Min. of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India.
- ii. Internally generated funds i.e. Interest on Corpus Fund investment and donations.

(b) The funds provided by DEPwD to National Trust during the last five years:

| 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rs. in Crores | | | | |
| 29.80 | 28.14 | 35.00 | 35.00 | 31.00 |

(c) The Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme for the Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability and Multiple Disabilities is funded through the Grants-in-aid provided by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

(d) At present, no such proposal is under the consideration of the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2206
ANSWERED ON 19/03/2025

**ACCESSIBILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

2206. Ms. Swati Maliwal:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public buildings, offices, transport hubs, and infrastructure made accessible under the Accessible India Campaign, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has set timelines and targets for achieving 100 per cent accessibility, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilized for accessibility during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure accessibility in private sector buildings, workplaces and educational institutions and penalties or incentives are planned for compliance?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) to (d) : Madam, as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, both the Centre and States are mandated to take necessary steps for making all the Government buildings, both existing and new, accessible, including the facilities of permanent ramps, divyangjan friendly toilets, Braille signages, tactile flooring, lifts etc. Since 'Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State' is a State subject, the details of public buildings, offices, transport hubs, and infrastructure of States/Union Territories are not being maintained centrally. However, under the Accessible India Campaign(AIC), the Central Government conducted access audit of 1671 State/UT Government owned Public Buildings and based on the same provided financial assistance to State/UT Governments for making 1314 buildings accessible. Further, A total of 1723 Central and State/UT Government Buildings have been provided with features of accessibility, which include 648 buildings of State/UT Governments and 1100 Central Government buildings retrofitted by CPWD. The targets set under the AIC along with their status may be seen at [Annexure A](#).

Subsequent to March 31, 2024, AIC stands subsumed under the Creation of Barrier Free Environment(CBFE) Scheme. Since then, the proposals and grants received under AIC are being processed under the CBFE sub-scheme under the umbrella Scheme –“Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act(SIPDA), 2016. It is noteworthy that these sub-schemes under SIPDA do not have a separate budgetary allocation/sanction as funds are directly disbursed from the umbrella scheme. The details pertaining to the funds released under the said sub-schemes during the last five years for creation of barrier free/accessible environment may please be seen at **Annexure B**.

In addition, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act(RPwD), 2016, under Section 45(1), mandates that:

“All existing public buildings shall be made accessible in accordance with the rules formulated by the Central Government within a period not exceeding five years from the date of notification of such rules”.

Also, the RPwD Act, 2016 prescribes penalties for non-compliance with the act through Section 49 which mandates that:

“Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act, or of any rule made thereunder shall for first contravention be punishable with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees and for any subsequent contravention with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend to five lakh rupees”

Annexure –A

| S.No | Target | Status |
|------|--|--|
| 1 | <p>Target of enhancing the proportion of Accessible Government Buildings:</p> <p>Target 1.1 : Completing accessibility audit of at least 25-50 most important government buildings in 50 cities and making them fully accessible by June, 2022;</p> <p>Target 1.2 : Making 50% of all the government buildings of the National Capital and all the State Capitals fully accessible by June, 2022;</p> <p>Target 1.3: Completing accessibility audit of 50% of government buildings and making them fully accessible in 10 most important cities/towns of states not covered in targets 1.1 and 1.2 by June, 2022</p> | <p>For Target (1.1) – State Government buildings</p> <p>In the State Governments / UTs, auditors completed Access Audit of 1671 buildings in 48 cities. 1671 access audit reports have been submitted to the State’s/UTs Nodal Officers. Further, 20 States/UTs reported to have completed retrofitting work in 648 buildings.</p> <p>For Target 1.2 and 1.3</p> <p>7 States/UTs have informed that 2839 State Government buildings have been selected to be made accessible under Targets/Phases (1.2) and (1.3) from their own funds.</p> <p>For Central Government building under the targets of built up environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The financial proposals for retrofitting of 1484 buildings have been received so far. Sanction has been issued by the Department in respect 1314 buildings amounting to Rs. 553.59 Crore as on 31.03.2022.• In the Central Government, CPWD reported completion of retrofitting in 1030 out of selected 1100 Central Government buildings targeted under Accessible India Campaign in FY 2020-21. |
| 2 | <p>Target of enhancing the proportion of Accessible Transport System [Airports, Railway Stations and Public Transport Carriers (Buses)].</p> <p>Target 2.1 and 2.2 - Airports: All international airports and domestic airports to be made fully accessible.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All 35 international airports & 55 out of 69 domestic airports provided with accessibility features (ramps, accessible toilets, helpdesks and lifts with Braille and auditory information systems), Further, all international/customs airport are reported to have been provided with aerobridges.• Tactile path has been provided at majority of |

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| | | <p>the airports whereas 41 airports have been equipped with aerobridges and ambulifts are available at 12 airports and the same is being procured for other airports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has also issued an advisory to make seamless screening of Divyangjan at airports. In this regard, CISF has also revised their SoPs, stressing upon the need to improve soft skills to provide better journey experience. • The accessibility standards have been formulated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The process of conducting public consultation is underway. |
| 3 | <p>Target 3.1 and 3.2 - Railways: A1, A & B categories of railway stations to be made fully accessible; 50% of all railway stations to be made fully accessible;</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 709 A1, A & B category railway stations have been provided with the seven (07) Short-Term Facilities identified by Ministry of Railways, namely, ramps, two parking lots for Divyangjan, non-slippery walkways from parking to station building, signage, at least one drinking water tap, one accessible toilet and 'May I Help You' booth. • 603 railway stations have been provided with additional two (02) Long-Term Facilities namely, Provision of facility of inter platform transfer & Engraving on edges (tactile indicators) of platform. |
| 4 | <p>Target 4.1 - Buses: 25% of Government owned public transport carriers are to be made fully accessible.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoRTH reported that in FY 2020-21, out of 1,47,152 buses, 44153 (30.01%) buses are partially accessible and 8443 (8.73%) buses are fully accessible. |
| 5 | <p>Target of enhancing the portion of accessible government websites; pool of sign language interpreters; captioning and sign language interpretation of public television</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department has sanctioned Rs.26.19 Cr. to ERNET India to make 917 States/UTs websites accessible, out of which, Rs.23.52 Cr. has been disbursed. Total 603 State Governments websites have been made |

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| | <p>news programmes.</p> <p>Target 5.1 and 5.2 - Websites: At least 50% of Central and State Government websites are to meet accessibility standards:</p> | <p>accessible including 459 websites made live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95 websites of Central Government Ministries/Departments are made accessible by MeitY under the Content Management Framework. |
| 6 | <p>Target 6.1 - Sign Language Interpreters Training and Developing 200 additional sign language interpreters:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government has established Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, in September 2015. The main objective of the Centre is to develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language. ISLRTC has informed that more than 1000 persons have been trained in Indian sign language through Diploma and Short Term Courses of ISLRTC. Total 93 students have completed Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI) course in three academic sessions during 2016-17 to 2018-19. ISLRTC is currently running one batch of DISLI for the academic year 2019-21. |
| 7 | <p>Target 7.1 and 7.2 - T.V Viewing:</p> <p>(a) Public television news – National standards on captioning and sign language interpretation are to be created and adopted;</p> <p>(b) At least 25% of public television programs on government channels are to comply with the set standards</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility standards for accessible TV viewing by persons with hearing impairment have already been issued by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB) for providing for sub-titling, sign language interpretation along with accessibility for televisions sets, remote controls, equipment and internet content. Further, MoIB has to formulate similar guidelines for other disabilities including visual impairment. Accessible content on TV is also being enhanced in a phased manner and so far 19 private news channels are telecasting partially accessible news bulletin, 2447 news bulletins have been telecast with |

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| | | subtitling/sign-language interpretation and more than 3686 scheduled programs/movies using subtitling have been telecast by general entertainment channels. |
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Annexure 'B'

| SI No. | State/UT/Years | Funds released during the last five years under AIC sub-scheme of SIPDA | | | | |
|--------|-------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| | | Amount of fund released | Amount of fund released | Amount of fund released | Amount of fund released | Amount of fund released |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 78,927,625 | - | 73,442,048 | - | - |
| 3 | Assam | 69,783,550 | - | - | 54,233,501 | 8,016,443 |
| 4 | Bihar | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 | Chattisgarh | 198,822,000 | 9,176,839 | - | - | - |
| 6 | Goa | - | - | - | 9,920,508 | - |
| 7 | Gujarat | - | - | 47,794,865 | - | - |
| 8 | Haryana | - | - | - | - | - |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 39,097,505 | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | Jammu and Kashmir | 87,857,850 | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | Jharkhand | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Karnataka | 160,453,864 | - | - | - | - |
| 13 | Kerala | - | - | - | - | - |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 19,003,000 | - | 207,405,652 | - | - |
| 15 | Maharashtra | - | 62,742,550 | - | - | - |
| 16 | Manipur | - | - | 137,915,100 | 20,860,531 | - |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 3,188,000 | - | 132,082,125 | - | - |
| 18 | Mizoram | 41,766,809 | - | - | - | - |

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|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 19 | Nagaland | | 31,761,051 | - | - | 9,565,283 |
| 20 | Odisha | 22,173,715 | - | - | - | - |
| 21 | Punjab | 114,401,750 | - | - | - | - |
| 22 | Rajasthan | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 | Sikkim | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | | 285,637,250 | 64,869,000 | - | - |
| 25 | Telangana | - | - | - | - | - |
| 26 | Tripura | 262,504,556 | - | - | | |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 144,670,740 | - | - | - | - |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 37,287,750 | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | West Bengal | - | - | 29,750,059 | - | - |
| 30 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | - | 44,859,191 | - | - | - |
| 31 | Chandigarh | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32 | Delhi | - | - | - | - | - |
| 33 | Lakshadweep | - | - | - | - | - |
| 34 | Puducherry | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | | 1,279,938,714 | 434,176,881 | 693,258,849 | 85,014,540 | 17,581,726 |

Funds released during the last five years under Creation of barrier free environment sub-scheme SIPDA

| (Rs. in lakh) | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| S. No. | State/UT | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 783.99 | 713.25 | 508.93 | 0 |
| 3 | Assam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Bihar | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Goa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Haryana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|----|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 19.90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Kerala | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 0 | 95.49 | 0 | 85.46 | 225.00 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 0 | 0 | 0 | 503.93 | 0 |
| 16 | Manipur | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 1208.61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 847.12 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 0 | 108.94 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Odisha | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | Punjab | 0 | 0 | 0 | 325.70 | 0 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 339.50 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 416.50 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Telangana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | Tripura | 0 | 587.44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Uttarakhand | 0 | 280.28 | 0 | 28.65 | 0 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 0 | 417.94 | 35.64 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76.53 | 0 |
| 30 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | Dadar and Nagar Haveli | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | Daman and Diu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | Delhi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | Puducherry | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 1274.51 | 2274.08 | 748.89 | 1529.20 | 1828.12 |

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-3003
ANSWERED ON-26/03/2025

DISABILITY CERTIFICATES

3003. Smt. Sagarika Ghose:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of disability certificates issued in the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) whether these certificates can be issued online by an online portal;
- (c) the total number of people suffering from disability that have not been issued disability certificates; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure that nobody misuses disability certificates while applying to Government jobs and examinations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- (a). Details of the State-wise number of disability certificates issued in the last five years is as under:

| Financial Year wise number of Disability certificate issued through UDID portal | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| Name of State | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 (As on 19.03.2025) |
| Andaman And Nicobar Islands | 1272 | 619 | 1209 | 817 | 902 | 811 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 97783 | 51858 | 233052 | 4786 | 576083 | 2139 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 684 | 421 | 916 | 885 | 627 | 520 |
| Assam | 13963 | 27281 | 68563 | 66383 | 26420 | 20757 |
| Bihar | 7605 | 107591 | 66675 | 218222 | 96737 | 99281 |
| Chandigarh | 2453 | 527 | 930 | 1959 | 2062 | 1875 |
| Chhattisgarh | 31530 | 20510 | 37511 | 23460 | 23479 | 14340 |
| Delhi | 1191 | 3254 | 12343 | 25966 | 26274 | 19469 |
| Goa | 115 | 914 | 2556 | 3985 | 2135 | 2001 |
| Gujarat | 76385 | 34705 | 56426 | 60655 | 58506 | 53229 |
| Haryana | 6277 | 6082 | 17682 | 69118 | 52118 | 30215 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 20175 | 16210 | 18002 | 21872 | 14325 | 9395 |
| Jammu And Kashmir | 15129 | 9279 | 16104 | 87134 | 56837 | 23292 |
| Jharkhand | 4119 | 700 | 26945 | 104876 | 30462 | 18388 |
| Karnataka | 150834 | 119480 | 168160 | 207802 | 126482 | 80290 |

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|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Kerala | 110073 | 26076 | 18102 | 91284 | 77234 | 52396 |
| Ladakh | 231 | 135 | 826 | 2175 | 259 | 206 |
| Lakshadweep | 24 | 293 | 547 | 18 | 74 | 173 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 59771 | 212269 | 117264 | 77285 | 78021 | 84011 |
| Maharashtra | 185404 | 169127 | 219304 | 212797 | 213075 | 164191 |
| Manipur | 1050 | 1110 | 2712 | 4492 | 2611 | 2317 |
| Meghalaya | 4447 | 10756 | 3418 | 5022 | 3601 | 2758 |
| Mizoram | 1079 | 909 | 525 | 643 | 1641 | 654 |
| Nagaland | 471 | 247 | 723 | 755 | 581 | 528 |
| Odisha | 115780 | 48273 | 58202 | 161932 | 98633 | 113615 |
| Puducherry | 2959 | 10123 | 4775 | 1362 | 1602 | 1971 |
| Punjab | 91478 | 81984 | 54136 | 55582 | 34494 | 22435 |
| Rajasthan | 55807 | 8659 | 63560 | 60079 | 33783 | 97286 |
| Sikkim | 358 | 1427 | 1281 | 1027 | 569 | 567 |
| Tamil Nadu | 120324 | 111354 | 199019 | 175305 | 154501 | 90643 |
| Telangana | 477128 | 0 | 2 | 71 | 298094 | 4 |
| The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu | 434 | 140 | 1298 | 1008 | 457 | 464 |
| Tripura | 1193 | 2264 | 17340 | 9829 | 3721 | 4357 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 204664 | 182618 | 163518 | 320264 | 250587 | 203381 |
| Uttarakhand | 2761 | 4813 | 20362 | 52662 | 10804 | 7064 |
| West Bengal | 6 | 10 | 7 | 31 | 31947 | 62268 |
| Total | 1864957 | 1272018 | 1673995 | 2131543 | 2389738 | 1287291 |

(b). Yes Sir, Disability Certificate can be issued online by Swavlamban Portal (<https://www.swavlambancard.gov.in/>).

(c). The Ministry relies on the census data, as per Census, 2011 a total of 2.68 crore persons with disabilities are indentified in India and as on date a total of approx 1.20 Crore PwDs has been issued Disability Certificates and UDID cards through UDID portal by 36 States/UTs.

(d). Details of the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that nobody misuses disability certificates while applying to Government jobs and examinations are as under:

- i. Enactment of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 with the penalty provisions.
- ii. Latest Disability assessment guidelines have been notified on 12.03.2024 to assess persons with disability accurately.
- iii. Revamped version of UDID portal has been rolled out with new and advance features.
- iv. Aadhaar has been mandatory to prevent duplication of applications and issue of multiple cards to any individual.
- v. Implementation of the RPwD (Amendment), Rules, 2024.
- vi. Issuance of advisory and standard operating procedure for Government Employers, Government Institutes of Higher Education and Other Institutes of Higher Education aided by Government

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 3009
ANSWERED ON-26.03.2025

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LOCOMOTOR DISABILITIES, KOLKATA

3009. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the construction of the new State-of-the-art building for the National Institute of Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata has been approved, and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) Whether Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has raised any concern regarding the approval process, and, if so, how these concerns are being addressed; and
- (c) Whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment of the flood-prone infrastructure at the existing NILD campus and the interim measures taken to mitigate hardships faced by staff and patients, especially during the upcoming monsoon season?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- a) The proposal for the construction of a new building for the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata, after obtaining in-principle approval of the department, is currently under consideration at Detailed Project Report (DPR) stage. The proposal, along with the DPR, is under examination at the preliminary stage within the department before submission for inter-ministerial consultation and approval.
- (b) The Internal Finance Division (IFD) of the Department has provided preliminary observations on the proposal, primarily regarding cost structuring, adherence to procurement norms, and compliance with procedural guidelines outlined in the Ministry of Finance OM dated 05.08.2016. These observations are currently being addressed within the department in consultation with the institute before formal submission to the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance, as part of the prescribed appraisal and approval process.
- (c) The Ministry has sought technical assessments from expert institutions such as Jadavpur University and Odisha University of Technology and Research to evaluate structural integrity and mitigation measures. Additionally, as an interim measure, consultations with the Council of Architecture and IIT Roorkee are being pursued to explore feasible short term reinforcements while the proposal for the new building undergoes the necessary approvals.

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-3012
ANSWERED ON-26/03/2025

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES UNDER GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

3012. Ms. Kavita Patidar:
Shri Mithlesh Kumar:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities can easily access financial assistance schemes under Government initiatives;
- (b) the steps Government has taken to ensure the long-term employability of persons with disabilities beyond the employment fairs;
- (c) whether there is any plan to expand the scope of subsidised financial assistance programs for Divyangjans in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) The Government enacted Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 which came into force on 19.04.2017. The number of disabilities has been increased from 7 to 21. The said Act provides rights and entitlements to PwDs, which, inter-alia, include right to equality, non-discrimination, protection from cruelty, exploitation, right to live with family and community, access to justice, accessibility in voting, legal capacity, legal guardianship, health, education, employment, skill development, arts, sports, recreation, culture and participation in decision making process.

The Government has taken several measures to ensure that persons with disabilities can easily access financial assistance schemes under its initiatives. These include:-

- Simplified and Accessible Application Process – Online options have been made user-friendly and accessible.

- Dedicated Assistance Centers – Special help desks and facilitation centers have been established to assist persons with disabilities.
- Accessible Infrastructure – Government offices and financial service centers are equipped with ramps, elevators, and other facilities to ensure ease of access.
- Digital Accessibility – Websites and mobile applications have been made screen-reader friendly and compatible with assistive technologies.
- Awareness Campaigns – Outreach programs are conducted to inform persons with disabilities about available schemes and how to apply.
- Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) initiative aimed at streamlining the delivery of subsidies and benefits directly to the bank accounts of beneficiaries.
- Dedicated Helplines – Toll-free numbers and support teams provide assistance throughout the application process.

(b) To ensure the long-term employability of persons with disabilities beyond job fairs, the Government has taken several steps. These include:-

- Skill Development and Vocational Training –The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities launched the National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP) in 2015 to enhance skills, employability, and self-reliance among PwDs aged 15-59 years through training provided by empanelled Government and Non-Government Organizations nationwide. In September 2023, the PM-DAKSH Portal-DEPwD was introduced as a digital platform to streamline skilling and employment efforts. It includes two modules: Divyangjan Kaushal Vikas, offering skill training, and Divyangjan Rozgar Setu, connecting PwDs with geo-tagged employment opportunities across private companies in India. Special training programs have been introduced to enhance job skills and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Reservation in Government Jobs – Section 34 of the RPwD Act, 2016 provides for 4 % reservation in the government employment to the persons with benchmark (40% or above) disabilities for ensuring greater job security. Further, Section 32 of the said Act

provides 5% reservation in government or government aided higher educational institutions for persons with benchmark disabilities. The Department has issued comprehensive guidelines for identification of posts for persons with benchmark disabilities to ensure that the reservation policy is implemented effectively and uniformly. Furthermore, Section 37 of the said Act ensures 5% reservation in poverty alleviation and developmental schemes to persons with bench mark disabilities.

- Self-Employment Support – Subsidized loans, grants and training are provided to encourage self-employment and entrepreneurship. The National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) under this Department provides concessional loans to empower Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Key schemes of NDFDC include Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana (DSY) offering loans up to ₹50 lakh at concessional rate of interest for income generating activities, pursuing higher education/ vocational/ skill training, purchase of assistive devices and Vishesh Microfinance Yojana (VMY) providing loans up to ₹60,000 at reasonable rate of interest for providing prompt and need based finance for small/micro business and developmental activities.
- Free Coaching for students with disabilities for providing coaching facilities to make them enable to appear in competitive examinations for government jobs and seek admission to various professional and technical courses.

(c) & (d) Financial assistance schemes are reviewed regularly by the Department across the country including the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir for the holistic improvements for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and to foster a more inclusive, equitable society.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 3016
ANSWERED ON-26/03/2025

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PwDS)

3016 Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the funds allocated for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the 2025 budget, as compared to allocations to previous years, especially given the declining GDP share for PwDs;
- (b) the details of actual utilisation of the funds allocated and unspent, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) the reason GST continue to be levied on essential assistive devices such as mobility aids, prosthetics, hearing aids and modified vehicles, while the import duty on branded jewellery has been reduced; and
- (d) the reason Government failed to address this issue in the latest budget despite the 2023 Parliamentary Panel's recommendation to remove the 5 per cent GST on essential assistive devices?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

- (a) In Financial Year 2025-26, an amount of ₹ 1275.00 crore has been allocated to the Department in BE 2025-26. The allocation in BE 2024-25 and BE 2023-24 was ₹ 1,225.27 crore and ₹ 1,225.15 crore respectively.
- (b) All the Schemes implemented by the Department are Central Sector Schemes, therefore, no State/UT Wise allocation is being done by the Department.
- (c) & (d) Currently 5 percent GST is levied on aids and assistive devices at uniform rate. However, 0 percent GST is levied on Hearing Aids. Input Credit of GST is available to all the manufacturers and traders of aids and assistive devices only if GST is payable on final product. Input credit of GST would not be available if aids and assistive devices are exempted from GST.

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3532
ANSWERED ON- 02/04/2025

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

3532. DR. JOHN BRITTAS

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government agree to enhance the allocated number of scholarships to the State of Kerala under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities from the current numbers of 710 considering the fact that more than 2000 students are applying for the said scholarship every year in the State ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) and (b): No, Sir. The total number of applications received throughout the country during the current financial year 2024-25 is less than the slots available under Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for Students with Disabilities.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 456

ANSWERED ON- 03/12/2025

COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION AND ECONOMIC SECURITY OF PWDS

456. SMT. DARSHANA SINGH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing any special initiatives to strengthen comprehensive rehabilitation facilities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) ;
- (b) if so, the details of those major schemes and programs;
- (c) the current status of the functioning of District Disability Rehabilitation centers (DDRCs) and national/regional rehabilitation institutions across the country;
- (d) whether Government is considering taking new measures to promote skill development, capacity building and socio-economic inclusion of PwDs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing special initiatives to strengthen rehabilitation facilities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through various schemes and institutions. The Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) provides grants to NGOs for rehabilitation projects, with District Disability Rehabilitation Centres offering multidisciplinary services. National Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) deliver specialized rehabilitation, training, and awareness across the country. The ADIP Scheme provides assistive devices through Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras (PMDKs) for better accessibility and after-sales support. The National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs (NAP-SDP) imparts skill training to enhance employability among PwDs aged 15–59. Additionally, the Umbrella Scholarships Scheme—covering Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Top Class Education, Fellowships, National Overseas Scholarship, and Free Coaching—supports their educational and professional advancement through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

(c): The status of functioning of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) and national/regional institutions is as follows:

1. DDRCs: About 100 DDRCs have been established across the country. They provide early detection and intervention, physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy, psychological assessment, assistive device facilitation, skill trainings, arrangement of loans, awareness camps, and support for UDID enrolment.
2. National Institutes & CRCs: Nine National Institutes and 30 CRCs are functioning as hubs of rehabilitation research, service delivery, professional training, community outreach, education and skilling programmes for PwDs.
3. ADIP/ALIMCO PMDKs: 100 PMDKs are functioning as permanent assistive-device centres providing aids, fittings, follow- up and repair services.

(d) & (e): The Government is promoting skill development and socio-economic inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through multiple initiatives. The Department has undertaken a number of skill development programmes with reputed training partners in Special Projects category of NAP-SDP. Educational support through scholarships, fellowships, and free coaching enables access to higher education and competitive exams. Capacity building is strengthened through National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres. Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras (PMDKs) ensure access to quality assistive devices, while support to NGOs under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) promotes community-based rehabilitation and livelihood opportunities.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1245

ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

1245. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of registered autistic children in the country since 2021, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of Government-funded rehabilitation centres specifically catering to autistic children operational since 2021, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the details of the challenges faced in providing rehabilitation services for autistic children and the steps taken to tackle the same;
- (d) the steps taken to ensure autistic individuals can live independently and have access to community support; and
- (e) whether Government has conducted any assessment of the effectiveness of existing rehabilitation programs, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) & (b) The Government relies on census data to assess the disability population. The last census, conducted in 2011. Autism was not recognized as a disability at that time. However, State-wise data on Intellectual Disability/Mental Retardation is as per **Annexure-A**. To address this gap and to create a national database for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), the Department is implementing the UDID Project. Through the UDID portal (www.swavlambancard.gov.in), notified medical authorities issue disability certificates and Unique Disability ID cards based on disability evaluation. Between 01.01.2021 and 24.07.2025, a total of 39,563 UDID cards have been issued to persons with Autism. State and year-wise details are at **Annexure-B**.

(c) & (d) Autism care and rehabilitation in India face key challenges such as low awareness, delayed diagnosis, shortage of trained professionals, high therapy costs, and limited insurance coverage. Services

are mostly urban-centric, with a lack of standardized protocols and outcome tracking. Stigma, inadequate transition support, and poor coordination among stakeholders further hinder effective care. To address these issues, the government has launched awareness campaigns, strengthened professional training through RCI and ISITEP, and is providing support via the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme and giving grant-in-aid to special projects under the DDRS. Additionally, the Government through its Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs) attached with its National Institutes/CRCs helps to provide holistic support to children with special needs in the country. CDEICs are equipped to provide services for screening and identification facilities for identification of risk cases and referring for appropriate rehabilitative services; Therapeutic Services viz. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Parental/Peer Counseling, sensory integration, vocational skills training facilities are provided to autistic children at these centres. At present, 26 CDEICs have been approved in National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres in various States/UTs. CDEIC centres collaborate with local hospitals, NGOs, Anganwadi centres and schools to facilitate referral and community-based support.

(e) The government has established multiple layers of assessment and monitoring for its rehabilitation programs, including periodic inspections, central monitoring teams, and use of standardized assessment tools. These mechanisms are aimed at ensuring program effectiveness and facilitating continuous improvement. Some centres have documented “success stories” and enhanced parental confidence as a result of therapy and counseling interventions. Assessments indicate improvement in children’s communication, ADLs, social and motor skills, and a measurable reduction in parental stress, underscoring the positive impact of these programs.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of Rajay Sabha Unstarred Question No-1245 to be answered on 30/07/2025 regarding “Rehabilitation Services for Autistic Children”

| Number of persons with Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disabilities as per Census 2011 | | |
|---|-------------------|---|
| S.No. | State | Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disabilities |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 132380 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1264 |
| 3 | Assam | 26374 |
| 4 | Bihar | 89251 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 33171 |
| 6 | Delhi | 16338 |
| 7 | Goa | 1817 |
| 8 | Gujarat | 66393 |
| 9 | Haryana | 30070 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 8986 |
| 11 | J&K | 16724 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | 37458 |
| 13 | Karnataka | 93974 |
| 14 | Kerala | 65709 |
| 15 | Madhya Pradesh | 77803 |
| 16 | Maharashtra | 160209 |
| 17 | Manipur | 4506 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 1585 |
| 19 | Meghalaya | 2332 |
| 20 | Nagaland | 1250 |
| 21 | Odisha | 72399 |
| 22 | Punjab | 45070 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 81389 |
| 24 | Sikkim | 516 |
| 25 | Tamil Nadu | 100847 |
| 26 | Tripura | 4307 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 181342 |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 11450 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 136523 |
| 30 | A&N Islands | 294 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 1090 |
| 32 | Daman & Diu | 176 |
| 33 | D& N Haveli | 180 |
| 34 | Lakshadweep | 112 |
| 35 | Puducherry | 2335 |
| | Total | 1505624 |

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of Rajay Sabha Unstarred Question No-1245 to be answered on 30/07/2025 regarding “Rehabilitation Services for Autistic Children”

| Year wise and state wise Number of UDID cards issued to the persons with Autism (Since 01.01.2021 to 24.07.2025) | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sl. No. | State | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| 1 | Andaman And Nicobar Islands | 3 | 11 | 8 | 22 | 10 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 0 | 11 | 22 | 24 | 44 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 8 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 21 |
| 4 | Assam | 77 | 138 | 112 | 137 | 125 |
| 5 | Bihar | 270 | 2529 | 373 | 374 | 279 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 28 | 56 | 107 | 80 | 25 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 37 | 60 | 73 | 129 | 97 |
| 8 | Delhi | 92 | 503 | 809 | 721 | 424 |
| 9 | Goa | 40 | 85 | 142 | 162 | 26 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 128 | 282 | 501 | 556 | 351 |
| 11 | Haryana | 54 | 130 | 151 | 134 | 113 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 11 | 22 | 32 | 45 | 46 |
| 13 | Jammu And Kashmir | 48 | 98 | 319 | 172 | 112 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 11 | 381 | 86 | 61 | 48 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 250 | 511 | 519 | 483 | 404 |
| 16 | Kerala | 267 | 828 | 1239 | 1148 | 569 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 18 | Lakshadweep | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 229 | 133 | 199 | 322 | 262 |
| 20 | Maharashtra | 297 | 1092 | 1856 | 1306 | 819 |
| 21 | Manipur | 8 | 35 | 38 | 56 | 59 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 7 | 30 | 24 | 43 | 45 |
| 23 | Mizoram | 4 | 11 | 18 | 35 | 22 |
| 24 | Nagaland | 13 | 13 | 2 | 13 | 4 |
| 25 | Odisha | 100 | 293 | 342 | 473 | 264 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 6 | 10 | 24 | 46 | 23 |
| 27 | Punjab | 103 | 96 | 131 | 104 | 80 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 90 | 88 | 20 | 85 | 178 |
| 29 | Sikkim | 13 | 21 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu | 579 | 1583 | 1625 | 947 | 657 |
| 31 | Telangana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 |
| 32 | The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu | 1 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 8 |
| 33 | Tripura | 13 | 17 | 28 | 42 | 29 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 347 | 673 | 594 | 610 | 333 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 36 | 121 | 109 | 104 | 78 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 0 | 4 | 170 | 1104 | 1585 |
| | Total | 3172 | 9885 | 9699 | 9582 | 7225 |

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1255

ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF DISABILITY STUDIES AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

1255. SHRI AJAY MAKAN:

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the government has announced in 2015 the setting up of a National University of Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences;
- (b) if so, the details reasons for the delay in setting up of this university;
- (c) whether the government has prepared any roadmap along with clearly defined timelines for expeditiously enabling the university to become operational; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) Yes. The proposal for establishing a National University for Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences (NUDSRS) emanated from the Budget Announcement for 2015-16.

(b), (c) & (d) Initially, the proposal for upgrading existing institution was considered, which was later revised to establish a standalone University in Kamrup District, Assam, keeping in view the regional needs and national vision. Subsequently, statutory and financial procedures such as DPR revision, stakeholder consultations, and inter-governmental coordination have been carried out so far. No specific time frame can be given as , identification of land, construction of building/infrastructure and recruitment of human resources and requisite approvals from various authorities will be required.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1257
ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

MEASURES FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

1257. Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has finalized the timeline and framework for launching the 2-3-day training course for State Persons with Disabilities(PwD) engineers in collaboration with Center for Persons with Disabilities (CPwD) training academy, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Ministry intends to introduce budget tagging for disability-inclusive measures to track compliance with Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) objectives and assess the sufficiency of allocations, and if so, the timeline thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has explored expanding real-time monitoring and accountability mechanisms using any AI tools to optimize training outcomes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (c) Sir, at present there is no such proposal. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities had conducted a three day training programme through CPWD Academy, Ghaziabad for 50 State Public Works Department (PWD) Engineers in year 2023-24.

Since 'Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State' is a State subject, and as per Sections 41, 44 and 45 of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the appropriate government is responsible to take steps to ensure accessible built infrastructure, transport systems and accessible ICT for PwDs and is also responsible to conduct regular social audits to ensure that different schemes meet accessibility requirements.

Department has established monitoring mechanisms including regular follow-up meetings, issuance of advisories/circulars from time to time for keeping a track of latest accessibility efforts. Sugamya Bharat App of DEPwD is a mobile application allowing citizens to report accessibility issues for appropriate and prompt resolution.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1260

ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

“PROGRESS OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DEPwD AND EDII”

1260: Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an MoU between the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, to empower Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through entrepreneurship, if so, the main objectives of this partnership; and

(b) the number of PwDs who have been trained so far under the “SABAL” programme under this partnership and the number of person among them set up self-employment or enterprises, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(Shri B.L. VERMA)

(a) No Sir. However, there is an MoU between National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), a Central Public Sector Undertaking under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, signed on 03.02.2023 with an objective for raising CSR funds to promote self-employment of Persons with disabilities.

(b) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) funded the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) in 2023 for organizing Roundtable Meets for Corporates to ‘Support, Activate and Build Assured Livelihoods (SABAL) for Persons with Disabilities under CSR Actions’. There was no component of training of PwDs in this programme.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1263
ANSWERED ON-30/07/2025

SCHOOLS FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

1263. Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal regarding setting up of residential and non-residential schools for the physically and mentally challenged children, including deaf and mute children in various States of the country, including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose during each of the last five years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the details of such schools set up during the said period, State-wise, particularly in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (c): No, sir. No proposal has been received regarding setting up of residential and non-residential schools for physically and mentally challenged children, including deaf and mute children, in various states of the country, including Tamil Nadu.
