GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2371

TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

FUNDS FOR PwDs

2371. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether out of the 1.3 crore of employable Persons with Disability (PwDs) only 34 lakh are currently employed;

(b) the number of PwDs employed under Government schemes, year-wise from 2017 till date;

(c) the number of PwDs that Government has trained and the number of such trainees placed under various schemes, year-wise since 2017 till date; and

(d) whether Government has failed to increase the budget for the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation despite the assistance required by PwDs in employment?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) According to Census 2011, there are 2.68 crore persons with disabilities in the country which includes persons with visual, hearing, locomotor, and mental disabilities. As per this Census, 36% persons with disabilities were employed as workers.

(b) & (c) With the objective to provide skill training to persons with disabilities (PwDs) for enabling them to become self-reliant and productive members of the society in order to achieve gainful wage/self-employment and integrate them with the mainstream of the society, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements a "National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)" which was launched in March, 2015. NAP is implemented under the umbrella scheme – "Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA)" as per Common Norms guidelines of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). Under NAP, for imparting training to persons with disabilities (Not less than 15 years and not more than 59 years of age), funds are released to training partners (ETPs) empanelled from Government Organisations (GOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) as well as organizations of the Department such as National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), National Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) directly.

Year-wise data of PwDs trained and employed is not feasible as many a times training projects started in a year are completed in subsequent year and further placement of these trained candidates happens in different years or subsequent year(s). The number of persons with disabilities trained and employed since 2016-17 through Training Partners in the States as on 28.02.2022 is at **Annexure.**

(d) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) functioning under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The Government has released Rs.399.99 Cr. to National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation since its inception in 1997. The Corporation has catered to loan assistance required by Divyangjan for self-employment out of the said funds. The Corporation has been addressing the loan assistance needs of Divyangjan by ploughing back the funds available with it and did not seek support of Government since Financial Year 2020-21.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b& c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2371 for answer on 23.03.2022 regarding " Funds for PwDs"

The number of persons with disabilities trained and employed since 2016-17 through Training Partners in the States as on 28.02.2022

Sl. No.	State	No. of PwDs trained	No. of PwDs employed (wage & Self)
1	Andhra Pradesh	90	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	96	96
3	Assam	143	0
4	Bihar	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	318	124
6	Delhi	47330	13406
7	Goa	0	0
8	Gujarat	788	81
9	Haryana	1460	335
10	Himachal Pradesh	150	0
11	J&K including Ladakh	860	711
12	Jharkhand	0	0
13	Karnataka	428	240
14	Kerala	20	0
15	Madhya Pradesh	3320	1122
16	Maharashtra	3000	1498
17	Manipur	973	29
18	Mizoram	0	0
19	Meghalaya	0	0
20	Nagaland	0	0
21	Odisha	935	496
22	Punjab	1017	562
23	Rajasthan	762	557
24	Sikkim	0	0
25	Tamil Nadu	1980	656
26	Telangana	1846	173
27	Tripura	0	0
28	Uttar Pradesh	4628	1971
29	Uttarakhand	0	0
30	West Bengal	9658	2965
31	A&N Islands	0	0
32	Chandigarh	100	51
33	Dadar & Nagar Havil and Daman and Diu	0	0
34	Lakshadweep	0	0
35	Puducherry	0	0
	Total	**79902**	**25073**

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