

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

RAJYA SABHA

Unstarred Question No.1727
To BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

**EXTENSION OF BENEFITS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS) IN
NATIONAL INSTITUTES**

1727: SHRI JAGGESH

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

- (a) Whether Government proposes to waive off the full course, fee for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in various courses registration, diagnostic and medical treatment at National Institutes (NIs) and associated Composite Regional Centres (CRCs);
- (b) whether these benefits will also be extended to those who have disability certificates and enrolled on Unique Disability ID (UDID) portal, irrespective of the percentage of disability;
- (c) if so, details of the proposal and the estimated number of beneficiaries to be covered;
- (d) number of PwDs in country, State-wise; and
- (e) details of benefits to be extended to eligible candidate and time frame for its implementation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(A) to (c) The Government has waived off the full fee for courses, registration, diagnostics treatment and medical treatment at National Institutes (NIs) and associated Composite Regional Centre (CRCs). These benefits are extended to persons who are UDID card holders as well as to those who have disability certificates and have got enrolled on the UDID portal, irrespective of % of disability.

(d) As per Census 2011, the number of PwDs in the country is given at Annexure-I

(e) NIs and it's associated CRCs under this Department has implemented the benefits of full fee waiver for courses, registration, diagnostics treatment and medical treatment w.e.f. 01.01.2023.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1727 raised by Shri Jaggesh regarding “Extension of benefits to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in National Institutes”

As per Census 2011, the number of PwDs in the country is given below:

S.No.	State/UT Name	Total number of persons with disabilities
1	JAMMU & KASHMIR	361153
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	155316
3	PUNJAB	654063
4	CHANDIGARH	14796
5	UTTARAKHAND	185272
6	HARYANA	546374
7	NCT OF DELHI	234882
8	RAJASTHAN	1563694
9	UTTAR PRADESH	4157514
10	BIHAR	2331009
11	SIKKIM	18187
12	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	26734
13	NAGALAND	29631
14	MANIPUR	58547
15	MIZORAM	15160
16	TRIPURA	64346
17	MEGHALAYA	44317
18	ASSAM	480065
19	WEST BENGAL	2017406
20	JHARKHAND	769980
21	ODISHA	1244402
22	CHHATTISGARH	624937
23	MADHYA PRADESH	1551931
24	GUJARAT	1092302
25	DAMAN & DIU	2196
26	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	3294
27	MAHARASHTRA	2963392
28	ANDHRA PRADESH (undivided)	2266607
29	KARNATAKA	1324205
30	GOA	33012
31	LAKSHADWEEP	1615
32	KERALA	761843
33	TAMIL NADU	1179963
34	PUDUCHERRY	30189
35	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	6660
	Total	26,814,994
