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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3174

TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/08/2025

DIVYA KALA BUDGET

3174   Dr.K. Laxman

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

(a)   whether Government intends to hold a large number of 'Divya Kala Melas' across the country to protect the broader interests of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) if so, the details thereof,

(b)   the details of the number of PwDs who have been assisted through the 'Divya Kala Melas' in recent years with the aim of creating employment and providing economic support; and

(c)   whether Government intends to increase the budget for this item, considering the success of the 'Divya Kala Melas', if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a)   Yes Sir, Divya Kala Melas (DKMs) under "Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme" are organized regularly by the Department across the country to provide marketing support to persons with disabilities (PwDs) by providing free stalls for exhibition and sale of the products made by divyangjan.

Department has already successfully organized twenty five (25) Divya Kala Melas at Delhi, Mumbai, Bhopal, Indore, Jaipur, Guwahati, Varanasi, Patna, Bengaluru, Chennai, Secunderabad, Nagpur, Surat, Agartala, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Ranchi, Vishakhapatnam, Pune, Jabalpur, Delhi, Baroda, Jammu and Udaipur.

(b)   2113 Divyangjans from across the country have made a sale of Rs 20.62 crore through their allotted stall in the twenty five DKMs. 934 Divyangjan were assisted by giving loans of Rs.17.04 crore to pursue small/micro business and development activities and 274 PwDs were also selected for Job in Job fair during these DKMs.

(c)   Divya Kala Mela is organized under Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme and sufficient fund is allocated for carrying out activities under the scheme including DKM.

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