

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3175
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/08/2025

Artificial limbs camps

3175. Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni:

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

- (a) whether Government is distributing artificial limbs and assistive devices to PwDs across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the process to avail such limbs and devices, including the eligibility criteria, application procedure and whether any charges are levied on the beneficiaries;
- (c) the number of distribution camps held during the last three years, State-wise and district-wise, along with the total number of beneficiaries in each camp; and
- (d) the future action plan of Government to expand and improve the distribution of artificial limbs and assistive devices, including any proposed technological upgrades, outreach programs or collaborations?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Department is implementing a Scheme namely 'Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP Scheme)' 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 including Artificial Limbs that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhancing their economic potential throughout the country.

(b) The details regarding eligibility criteria, amount of assistance, and the procedure for availing aids and assistive devices, including artificial limbs, under the ADIP Scheme are as follows:

(I) Eligibility of Beneficiaries:

- (i) An Indian citizen of any age.

(ii) Holding at least 40% disability (Benchmark disability). In case of Motorised Tricycle/Motorised Wheelchair at least 80% disability is required. However, in case of ADIP-Samgra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) atleast 40% disability is required for school going students of class IX to XII.

(iii) Having monthly income from all sources not exceeding Rs.30,000/- per month.

(iv) In case of dependents, the income of parents/guardians not exceeding Rs. 30,000/- per month.

(v) Not having received assistance during the last 3 years for the same purpose from any source. However, for children below 18 years of age, the minimum time of assistance is one year for customized items.

(II) The amount of assistance will be as follows:-

Total Income	Amount of Assistance
(i). Upto Rs. 22,500/- per month	i. Full cost of aid/appliance
(ii) Rs.22,501/- to Rs. 30,000/- per month	ii. 50% of the cost of aid/appliance

(III) Eligible beneficiaries can avail aids and assistive devices through the following modes:

- i. Through Camp Activity:- Implementing agencies carries out assessment of beneficiaries in camp mode at district levels, followed by distribution camps.
- ii. Through Headquarter Activity:- The Implementing Agencies extend services to eligible beneficiaries who approach their headquarters or their respective Regional Centres for aids and appliances under ADIP Scheme.
- iii. Through ARJUN Portal: The ARJUN portal facilitates PwDs in raising online request for providing aids & assistive devices directly to the Implementing Agencies.
- iv. Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDKs) :- The Department through Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), a CPSE under the administrative control of this Department is the major Implementing Agency of ADIP Scheme is opening Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDKs) which are Walk-in centers where eligible beneficiaries can avail aids and appliances free of cost. So far, 77 PMDKs are operational throughout the country and these are being rapidly expanded.

(c) The number of distribution camps held and number of beneficiaries covered during the last three years State/UTs- wise under ADIP Scheme is at Annexure.

(d) In order to expand and improve the distribution of assistive devices including Artificial Limbs are as under:-

(i) To expand and improve the distribution of assistive devices the Department has initiated several measures to enhance outreach and service delivery under the ADIP Scheme. A major initiative involves the establishment of Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras (PMDKs) across all States and Union Territories. These centers provide customized services such as limb fitting, audiometry, fitment of hearing aids, and the distribution of aids and assistive devices. As of 12.08.2025, 77 PMDKs have been established nationwide. Apart from this, AASRA Centres (ALIMCO Authorized Service and Repair Agents) have been set up to strengthen the distribution network and ensure robust after-sales support. A total of 56 AASRA Centres have been opened so far across the country.

(ii) To keep pace with technological advancements, the ALIMCO has undertaken several initiatives to collaborate with leading apex institutes of the country for manufacturing high-quality products aimed at enhancing the mobility of Divyangjan and reducing their dependency on others. In this endeavour, ALIMCO has collaborated with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras for development of “Kadam KneeJoint”, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research -Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO), Chandigarh for development of High-Powered Spectacles and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for development of micro-processor based Prosthetics.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF RAJYA SABHA
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“ARTIFICIAL LIMBS CAMPS”**

**Details of Number of Camps and Number of Beneficiaries under ADIP Scheme during
the last three years (from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2025)**

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Number of Camps	Number of Beneficiaries
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	9	373
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	138	35302
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	15	126
4	ASSAM	538	40428
5	BIHAR	310	42207
6	CHANDIGARH	15	1366
7	CHHATTISGARH	43	3453
8	DELHI	143	11260
9	GOA	11	642
10	GUJARAT	298	50240
11	HARYANA	161	15872
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	80	5484
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	101	16662
14	JHARKHAND	123	26823
15	KARNATAKA	165	32363
16	KERALA	57	11103
17	LADAKH	6	544
18	LAKSHADWEEP	3	272
19	MADHYA PRADESH	521	67572
20	MAHARASHTRA	298	84599
21	MANIPUR	42	1280
22	MEGHALAYA	77	3114
23	MIZORAM	36	671
24	NAGALAND	35	1018
25	ODISHA	346	36952
26	PUDUCHERRY	30	695

27	PUNJAB	165	27538
28	RAJASTHAN	227	45412
29	SIKKIM	20	146
30	TAMIL NADU	206	26448
31	TELANGANA	303	22662
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	21	737
33	TRIPURA	156	6129
34	UTTAR PRADESH	859	140115
35	UTTARAKHAND	193	9196
36	WEST BENGAL	330	49165
Total		6081	817969
