

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1474  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2017**

**Job Opportunities for Differently Abled Persons**

**1474. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:**

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be please to State:**

- a) the population of differently abled persons in the country, category-wise;
- b) whether the Government has initiated any new schemes for the betterment of differently-abled population in the country;
- c) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount allocated during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16, State-wise;
- d) whether the Government has chalked out any plans to provide appropriate skill / vocational training and separate employment exchanges, counseling centers to create specific job opportunities for the differently-abled in the country; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)**

(a): The population of persons with disabilities in the country, category-wise is at Annexure I.

(b) to (c): Following new schemes have been initiated for the betterment of differently abled population:

- i. Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) has been established with the objective to develop manpower for teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language.
- ii. Accessible India Campaign (AIC) was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015 for creating universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities in Built Environment, Transport, and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) ecosystem.
- iii. Scheme of establishment of College for Deaf in each of the five zones of the country has been launched with the objective to provide equal educational opportunities to hearing impaired students for pursuing higher studies and

improve the chances of employability and better quality of life through high education.

- iv. Unique Disability Identification (UDID) is implemented with a view to create a national data-base for Persons with Disabilities and also to issue unique ID card to every person with disability.
- v. Swavlamban Health Insurance (SHI) Scheme was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015 with the objective to provide affordable Health Insurance to Persons with Disabilities and to improve the general health condition and quality of life of PwDs.

No fund was released to the States under ISLRTC, AIC, College for Deaf, UDID and SHI for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16.

- vi. State Spinal Injury Centre: Under the scheme, a comprehensive rehabilitation centre attached to the District hospital of State capital/Union Territory is set up with dedicated 12 beds with focus on the comprehensive management of Spinal Injuries. A sum of 50 lakhs was released during 2015-16 for Spinal Injury Centre at SMS Medical College, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- vii. Scheme of Support for establishment / modernization / capacity augmentation of Braille presses.

State-wise funds released for Braille Press during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 is at Annexure II.

(d) to (e): Government has launched a National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in March, 2015. The National Action Plan sets a target of skilling 5 lakh PwDs in the first three years i.e. 2015-16 to 2017-18. The NAP envisages skilling of PwDs through a network of empanelled training partners comprising of Government organizations and non-govt. organizations. The guidelines for skill development of PwDs have been framed as a part of the scheme of SIPDA (Scheme of Implementation of Person with Disabilities) Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights full Participation Act, 1995.

Right to Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 envisages special employment exchanges to create specific job opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Annexure referred in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1474 for answer on 25.07.2017.

**Annexure- I**

Category wise Number of Persons with Disabilities as per Census: 2011			
Type of Disability	Persons	Males	Females
	1	2	3
In Seeing	50,33,431	26,39,028	23,94,403
In Hearing	50,72,914	26,78,584	23,94,330
In Speech	19,98,692	11,22,987	8,75,705
In Movement	54,36,826	33,70,501	20,66,325
Mental Retardation	15,05,964	8,70,898	6,35,066
Mental Illness	7,22,880	4,15,758	3,07,122
Any Other	49,27,589	27,28,125	21,99,464
Multiple Disability	21,16,698	11,62,712	9,53,986

**Annexure referred in part (b to c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1474 for answer on 25.07.2017.**

**Annexure- II**

**State-wise fund allocated for Braille Press in 2014-15 and 2015-16**

S.No	Name of Govt. institute/ Organization	State	Grant released
<b>Establishment of new Braille press during 2014-15</b>			
1.	CRC Sundar Nagar, (Establishment of new Braille press)	Himachal Pradesh	Rs.1,60,18,000
2.	AP Viklangula Coop Corpn, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh	Rs.1,29,77,000
3.	Directorate of Social Welfare, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur	Chhattisgarh	Rs.1,26,74,800
<b>Establishment of new Braille press during 2015-16</b>			
4.	Jorhat Blind School, Govt. of Assam	Assam	Rs.31,95,913
<b>Capacity Augmentation of Braille Press during 2014-15</b>			
7	NIVH Regional Centre, Chennai (For augmentation)	Tamil Nadu	Rs.1,88,58,574
<b>Capacity Augmentation of Braille Press during 2015-16</b>			
8.	National Federation of the Blind, Delhi	Delhi	Rs. 77,74,341
<b>Modernization of Braille Press during 2014-15</b>			
10.	Central Braille press, Dehradun(for modernization)	Uttarakhand	Rs. 1,91,87,065
11.	Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh, Rajasthan (for modernization)	Rajasthan	Rs. 1,62,66,348
12.	Ramakrishna Regional Press, Kolkatta (for modernization)	West Bengal	Rs. 1,00,92,658
13.	Mitra Jyoti Charitable Trust, Bangalore (for modernization)	Karnataka	Rs. 1,86,07,806
14.	Directorate of Social Welfare, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur (for modernization)	Chhattisgarh	Rs. 1,89,90,000
15.	Telengana Viklangula Coop Corporation, Hyderabad	Telengana	Rs.92,56,076
<b>Modernization of Braille Press during 2015-16</b>			
16.	Deptt. of Social Welfare, Punjab Govt.	Punjab	Rs.1,00,00,000