

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1797
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2018**

Disability Certificates

1797. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL: SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by differently abled people in obtaining disability certificates in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has simplified/proposes to simplify the procedure for issuing disability certificates in States/UTs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The State Governments are responsible for grant of disability certificates. Mostly the difficulties being faced by persons with disabilities relate to multiple number of visits to medical authorities and delay in issuance of certificate of disability due to lack of adequate medical experts. The State/UTs Governments have been advised by the Ministry from time to time to take up issuance of disability certificates to the persons with disabilities on campaign mode. The matter is also reviewed during the annual meetings with State Ministers/Secretaries.

Further, the Government has initiated necessary steps to implement Unique Disability Identity Card project to facilitate hassle free identification and certification of every person with disability. Unique Disability Identity Card Project is a web-based software project which envisages to create a National data base for persons with disabilities, issue Unique ID card and disability certificate for persons with disabilities. The project envisages adequate publicity at the district/block level for its effective implementation, and also timely issuance of disability certificate by making medical professionals available for the purpose.
