

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2018

Contribution of Differently Abled to GDP

127. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any information regarding the contribution of physically challenged/disabled citizens to the country's GDP;
- (b) if so, the details of the contribution made by them towards the GDP growth and development of the economy;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to maintain such a data in future; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that these citizens get equal opportunity in employment in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) & (b) This Ministry does not maintain data regarding contribution of persons with disabilities towards GDP.
- (c) Department implements Unique Disability Identity(UDID) Card project, a web-based software project, which aims to create a National database for persons with disabilities, issue UDID card and certificate of disability for persons with disabilities with the help of State Authorities. The project also envisages capturing of data of persons with disabilities relating to their income and also socio-economic status such as BPL and APL.
- (d) Section 34(1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) mandates reservation of not less than four per cent. of the total number of vacancies in Government Establishments for persons with benchmark disabilities.

Further, the Government implements a National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities so as to enhance their scope of employability in both Government and private sectors.

The Ministry also implements incentive scheme for providing employment to persons with disabilities in the private sector.
