

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024

DATA ON DISABILITY

503. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any comprehensive and reliable data about the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to have accurate and dependable data about persons with disabilities for planning, framing policies and developing programmes in a focussed manner for the welfare of PwDs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

- (a) Yes, sir. The Department relies on Census 2011 for data related to persons with disabilities (PwDs) in the country.
- (b) As per Census 2011, the statement of details is as under:

Category wise Number of Persons with Disabilities			
Type of Disability	Persons	Males	Females
Total	26814994	14988593	11826401
In Seeing	5033431	2639028	2394403
In Hearing	5072914	2678584	2394330
In Speech	1998692	1122987	875705
In Movement	5436826	3370501	2066325
Mental Retardation	1505964	870898	635066
Mental Illness	722880	415758	307122
Any Other	4927589	2728125	2199464
Multiple Disability	2116698	1162712	953986

(c) With a view to creating a national database of PwDs, the Department is implementing the Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Project. This project is operated through UDID portal i.e. www.swavlambancard.gov.in. The application software of UDID provides an online platform for issuance of disability certificates and UDID card. As on 31.01.2024, 1,06,97,568 UDID cards have been generated.
