

Government of India
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Lok Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 2443
To be answered on 03.08.2021

Empowerment of Hearing-Impaired, Mute and Divyang Persons

2443. SHRI L. S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated number of hearing-impaired, mute and Divyang persons in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of Union Government posts that are provided for such persons to be indicated department-wise;
- (c) the number of vacant posts along with the duration of the vacancy; and
- (d) whether the Government has designed special skilling programmes to empower such persons who have completed such skilling programmes?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per Census 2011, there are 2,68,14,994 persons with disabilities (PwDs) in the country which include persons with locomotor disability, hearing impairment, visual impairment, speech impairment, mental illness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities and other categories. As per this Census, there are 50,72,914 persons with hearing impairment. State/UT-wise data regarding population of PwDs and persons with hearing impairment is at **Annexure**.
- (b) The Government notified the list of 3566 categories of Central Government posts identified suitable for persons with benchmark disabilities (disability of 40% or more) on 04.01.2021, out of which 3342 categories of posts have been identified suitable for persons with hearing impairment, which are applicable to all Central Ministries/Departments as per their nature of work.
- (c) Department of Personnel & Training has informed that as per data provided by various Central Ministries and Departments, which include vacancies in Central Public Sector Undertakings, Nationalised Banks and financial institutions etc. Out of 15,000 vacancies for PwDs identified in 2015, about 14000 vacancies have been filled up. These vacancies, *inter-alia*, included backlog vacancies carried forward from earlier years.
- (d) The Ministry implements the National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (between the age group of 15 to 59 years) with a view to enhancing their scope of employability in both public and private sectors besides promoting self-employment. Under NAP, financial assistance for skill training of 1.27 lakh PwDs have been provided to empanelled training partners of the Department so far.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q No. No. 2443 for answer on 03.08.2021 raised by SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA and SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND regarding 'Empowerment of Hearing-Impaired, Mute and Divyang Persons'

S.No.	State/UT Name	Total number of divyang persons	Persons with Hearing Impairment
1	JAMMU & KASHMIR	361153	74096
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	155316	26700
3	PUNJAB	654063	146696
4	CHANDIGARH	14796	2475
5	UTTARAKHAND	185272	37681
6	HARYANA	546374	115527
7	NCT OF DELHI	234882	34499
8	RAJASTHAN	1563694	218873
9	UTTAR PRADESH	4157514	1027835
10	BIHAR	2331009	572163
11	SIKKIM	18187	5343
12	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	26734	8127
13	NAGALAND	29631	8940
14	MANIPUR	58547	12891
15	MIZORAM	15160	3354
16	TRIPURA	64346	11695
17	MEGHALAYA	44317	12353
18	ASSAM	480065	101577
19	WEST BENGAL	2017406	315192
20	JHARKHAND	769980	165861
21	ODISHA	1244402	237858
22	CHHATTISGARH	624937	92315
23	MADHYA PRADESH	1551931	267361
24	GUJARAT	1092302	190675
25	DAMAN & DIU	2196	309
26	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	3294	715
27	MAHARASHTRA	2963392	473271
28	ANDHRA PRADESH (undivided)	2266607	334292
29	KARNATAKA	1324205	235691
30	GOA	33012	5347
31	LAKSHADWEEP	1615	224
32	KERALA	761843	105366
33	TAMIL NADU	1179963	220241
34	PUDUCHERRY	30189	6152
35	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	6660	1219
	Total	26,814,994	5,072,914