

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3471
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2021

Upgrading Skills of Children with Disability

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any review/assessment regarding skill requirement of children with disability;
- (b) if so, the percentage of such children in the country; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to upgrade skills of the children with disabilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) and (b) No Sir. The Government has not conducted any review/assessment regarding skill requirement of children with disability.

(c) The Department implements the National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) which was launched in March, 2015. It is a central sector scheme implemented across the country. PwDs between the age group of 15-59 years of age are provided training under the scheme through empanelled training partners (ETPs) comprising Government and Non-Govt. Organizations (NGOs) as well as organizations of the Department such as National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation/National Institutes/Composite Regional Centres spread across the country. So far funds to the tune of Rs. 125.6 Crores have been released for the Skill training of 127479 PwDs under this scheme.

The Department also started the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) from March, 2021 under this scheme under which the PwDs already engaged in gainful employment without formal skill training or education for the same shall be benefitted. Under this component, persons with disabilities engaged in employment (including self-employment) without formal training will be provided certificates of proficiency in their respective fields after assessment of their skill levels through a 20 hours Orientation Programme or upgradation of their skills through bridge courses as per requirement.
