

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
(DIVYANGJAN)**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 325
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2021**

Schemes and Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

325. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposer to start trainy and sensitization regarding Central sector schemes and facilities for Persons with Disabilities (PwD);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers would also be a part of the said programme, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the training modules drafted in simple language would be translated into all regional languages, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government shall adopt any mechanism to improve the schemes related to Persons with Disabilities that shall be brought up by the trainees during the training period, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements a Central Sector Scheme namely, "In-Service Training and Sensitization of key functionaries of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies and other service Providers". The objective of the scheme is to train and sensitise the key functionaries of the Central/State Govt./Local Bodies and other service providers on regular basis on disability related matters through State/District/ Block level workshops. Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is the nodal agency for implementing this scheme.

(c) and (d) RCI has developed a separate training module to orient and sensitize ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers about the rights and entitlements and other Schemes and facilities available for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The training modules have been developed in simple language both in Hindi and English and is proposed to be translated in regional languages.

(e) Improvement of schemes and the training modules is a continuous and ongoing process keeping in view the suggestions of the stakeholders.
