

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*379**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2022

**EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

\*379. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

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

- (a) whether out of 1.3 crore of employable Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) only 34 lakh are currently employed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of PwDs employed under Government schemes since 2014, year-wise and during the current year;
- (d) the number of PwDs that the Government has trained and the number of such trainees placed under various schemes since 2014 till date, year-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has failed to increase the budget for the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation despite the assistance required by PwDs in employment and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 379 raised by MS. S. JOTHIMANI: SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN: regarding “Employment of Persons with Disabilities” for answer on 29.03.2022.**

(a) & (b) According to Census 2011, there are 2.68 crore persons with disabilities in the country which *inter-alia* include persons with visual, hearing, locomotor, and mental disabilities. As per this Census, 36% persons with disabilities were employed as workers.

(c) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFD), under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) of the Ministry channelizes concessional loans to persons with disabilities (PwDs) throughout the country through its various schemes for self-employment of PwDs. Beneficiaries (PwDs) covered from 2014-15 till current year (year-wise) is as under:

S No.	Year	No. of Beneficiaries
(i)	2014-15	14703
(ii)	2015-16	20552
(iii)	2016-17	16101
(iv)	2017-18	11767
(v)	2018-19	11221
(vi)	2019-20	17935
(vii)	2020-21	18326
(viii)	2021-22	11335
	Total	121940

Further, as per information received from Ministry of Rural Development, number of persons with disabilities who availed employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS) since 2014-15 is as under:

Financial Year	Number of PwDs availed employment under MNREGS (in lakh)
2014-15	4.15
2015-16	4.59
2016-17	4.71
2017-18	4.72
2018-19	4.62
2019-20	4.63
2020-21	6.06
2021-22 (as on 23.03.2022)	5.60

(d) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY)” for Skill based training of the youth across the country including PwDs. Further, with the objective to provide skill training to persons with disabilities (PwDs) for enabling them to become self-reliant and productive members of the society, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) launched "National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)" in March, 2015. Prior to these schemes, broadly the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFD) used to provide skill training under ‘Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA)’.

Number of PwDs trained and employed under the above schemes of MSDE, DEPwD since 2016-17 and the schemes implemented by NHFDC for the year 2014-15 to 2016-17 is as under:

Year	PMKVY of MSDE		NAP of DEPwD		Scheme of NHFDC	
	No. of PwDs trained	No. of PwDs employed	No. of PwDs trained	No. of PwDs employed	No. of PwDs trained	No. of PwDs employed
2014-15	-	-	-	-	9356	4605
2015-16	-	-	-	-	16265	10247
2016-17	53	0	0	0	18455	11208
2017-18	2742	626	15334	5467	Training programs conducted by NHFDC are part of NAP of DEPwD since 2017-18	
2018-19	14063	1815	54001	17027		
2019-20	22885	10474	2742	1861		
2020-21	8554	2429	1156	357		
2021-22	212	2374	6669	361		
Total	48509	17718	79902	25073		

(e) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) functioning under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The Government has released Rs.399.99 Cr. to National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation since its inception in 1997 as equity support. The Corporation has catered to loan assistance required by Divyangjan for self-employment out of the said funds. The Corporation has been addressing the loan assistance needs of Divyangjan by ploughing back the funds available with it and did not seek support of Government since Financial Year 2020-21.

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