

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3111

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2022

EMPLOYABILITY OF PWDS

3111. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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

- (a) whether there are schemes to enhance skills of persons with disabilities to increase the chance of their employability;
- (b) if so, the detail of the schemes enforced at present;
- (c) the number of persons with disabilities who have been trained and employed during the last five years and the current year, State-wise including Assam, districtwise; and
- (d) whether there is any scheme whereby persons with disabilities can avail loan and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. With objective to provide skill training to persons with disabilities (PwDs) for enabling them to become self-reliant and productive members of the society in order to achieve gainful wage/self-employment and integrate them with the mainstream of the society, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements a "National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)" which was launched in March, 2015. NAP is implemented under the umbrella scheme – “Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA)” as per Common Norms guidelines of M/o Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). Under NAP, for imparting training to persons with disabilities (Not less than 15 years and not more than 59 years of age), fund is released to training partners (ETPs) empanelled from Government (GOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) as well as organizations of the Department such as National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), National Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) directly.
- (c) The number of persons with disabilities trained and employed through Training Partners in the States including the State of Assam is at **Annexure**.
- (d) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the aegis of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities implements two flagship schemes for channelizing concessional loan through its agencies i.e. Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana (DSY), which is individual centric and Vishesh Microfinance Yojana (VMY), which is for Self Help Groups/Joint Liability groups through various partner agencies for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. A concessional loan upto Rs. 50 Lakh is available under DSY scheme for income generating activities, pursuing higher education/vocational/skill training and purchase of assistive devices for PwDs. Further, a concessional credit upto Rs. 60,000/- is given to PwD for promoting sustainable and inclusive livelihoods under VMY scheme.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3111 for answer on 22.03.2022 regarding “**Employability of PwDs**”.

The number of persons with disabilities trained and employed through Training Partners in the States including the State of Assam as on 28/02/2022:

Sl. No.	State	No. of PwD trained	No. of PwD employed (wage & Self)
1	Andhra Pradesh	90	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	96	96
3	Assam	143	0
4	Bihar	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	318	124
6	Delhi	47330	13406
7	Goa	0	0
8	Gujarat	788	81
9	Haryana	1460	335
10	Himachal Pradesh	150	0
11	J&K including Ladakh	860	711
12	Jharkhand	0	0
13	Karnataka	428	240
14	Kerala	20	0
15	Madhya Pradesh	3320	1122
16	Maharashtra	3000	1498
17	Manipur	973	29
18	Mizoram	0	0
19	Meghalaya	0	0
20	Nagaland	0	0
21	Odisha	935	496
22	Punjab	1017	562
23	Rajasthan	762	557
24	Sikkim	0	0
25	Tamil Nadu	1980	656
26	Telangana	1846	173
27	Tripura	0	0
28	Uttar Pradesh	4628	1971
29	Uttarakhand	0	0
30	West Bengal	9658	2965
31	A&N Islands	0	0
32	Chandigarh	100	51
33	Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0	0
34	Lakshadweep	0	0
35	Puducherry	0	0
	Total	79902	25073
