

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2574
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2022

EMPLOYING PwDs

2574. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) the reasons why out of the 1.3 crore of employable Persons with Disability (PwD) only 34 lakh are currently employed;
- (b) 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
- (c) the reasons for not increasing the budget for the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) at par with the assistance requirement of PwDs employment therein?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) 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.

(b) 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 (NHFDC) 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 2015-16 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	305	61	0	0	16265	10247
2016-17	126	2	0	0	18455	11208
2017-18	2742	626	15334	5495	Training programs conducted by NHFDC are part of NAP of DEPwD since 2017-18	
2018-19	14061	1815	54001	17125		
2019-20	22852	10474	2742	1867		
2020-21	8563	2428	1156	357		
2021-22	246	2416	6669	361		
2022-23 (as on date)	50	2	1314	0		
Total	48945	17824	81216	25205		

(c) 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.
