

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

LOKSABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.- *215
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024

UNIQUE DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARDS

*215. SHRI JOYANTA BASUMATARY:

WILL THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT BE PLEASED TO STATE:

- (a) the details of the number of applications received for Unique Disability Identification (UDID) cards in the North Eastern Region (NER) and the number of cards issued;
- (b) the average time taken for an application for a UDID card to be processed in the NER; and
- (c) the details of average number of specialist doctors available per district to assess UDID card applicants in the NER and measures being taken to increase the same, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

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

Statement in respect of parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. *215 for answer on 10.12.2024 regarding Unique Disability Identification Cards raised by Shri Joyanta Basumatary:

(a): The UDID project is an initiative of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, for the creation of the National Database of Persons with a Disabilities. The project provides an online centralized platform namely UDID portal (Url: www.swavlambancard.gov.in) where medical authorities notified by the State/UT Governments have been on-boarded for the purpose of issuance of disability certificates and Unique Disability Identity Cards to Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) based on the evaluation of type of disability (-ies). As per the record available, the number of applications received from NER states on the UDID portal and UDID cards issued till date are as under:

S No.	State Name	Number of applications received	Number of UDID cards issued
1	Assam	363778	216345
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4381	4001
3	Manipur	18621	13647
4	Meghalaya	33090	32207
5	Mizoram	6441	6223
6	Nagaland	3594	3124
7	Sikkim	5448	5169
8	Tripura	44151	37929
	Total	479504	318645

(b): The medical authorities notified by the State/UT Governments can process an application immediately after its submission. State-wise, average time taken by medical authorities from date of filing of application to date of generation of UDID card in respect of NER states is as below:-

S No.	State name	Average (Days)
1	Assam	141
2	Arunachal Pradesh	36
3	Manipur	162
4	Meghalaya	155
5	Mizoram	4
6	Nagaland	50
7	Sikkim	20
8	Tripura	91
	Average for NER(8 states)	82

(c): As per record provided by the respective NER states on the UDID Portal, the details of the district-wise number of specialists in NER states as on date are enclosed at **Annexure.**

The Department has notified and published revised disability assessment guidelines in the official Gazette of Government of India on 14th March, 2024. One of the features of the revised disability assessment guidelines is to cater the need that may arise in view of shortage of medical professionals by giving provision to co-opt, if required, private medical specialist (duly qualified in the respective medical domain) as a board member, the chairperson compulsorily has to be a Government Doctor e.g. Chief Medical Officer or Civil Surgeon or as specified, ensuring timely and speedy disposal of UDID applications.

In case there is a shortage of specialists in a particular district (s) /hospital (s), the district hospitals can include specialists available in the other district (s) of the same state in the assessment procedure of the PwD.

These measures in the UDID portal have been incorporated to enhance the availability and services of the specialists in the other district (s) for the speedy and timely disposal of pending applications.

Annexure

The district wise number of specialists provided by the respective states in the UDID Portal as on date in the North Eastern Region (NER)

Name of State	S No.	Districts	Number of Specialist
Assam	1.	Barpeta	12
	2.	Bongaigaon	12
	3.	Cachar	18
	4.	Darrang	21
	5.	Dhemaji	5
	6.	Dhubri	5
	7.	Dibrugarh	13
	8.	Goalpara	8
	9.	Golaghat	21
	10.	Hailakandi	5
	11.	Jorhat	26
	12.	Kamrup	27
	13.	Karimganj	18
	14.	Kokrajhar	13
	15.	Lakhimpur	17
	16.	Marigaon	9
	17.	Nagaon	17
	18.	Nalbari	19
	19.	Dima Hasao	6
	20.	Sivasagar	8
	21.	Sonitpur	22
	22.	Chirang	13
	23.	Baksa	5
	24.	Udalguri	8
	25.	Kamrup Metro	30
	26.	Biswanath	4
	27.	Majuli	10
	28.	South Salmara Mancachar	4
	29.	Charaideo	20
	30.	Hojai	10
	31.	Bajali	11
	Total		417
Arunachal Pradesh	1.	Changlang	5
	2.	Dibang Valley	4
	3.	East Kameng	5

	4.	East Siang	6
	5.	Kurung Kumey	5
	6.	Lohit	5
	7.	Lower Dibang Valley	9
	8.	Papum Pare	11
	9.	Tawang	3
	10.	Tirap	4
	11.	Upper Subansiri	5
	12.	West Kameng	2
	13.	Longding	6
	14.	Kra Daadi	5
	15.	Namsai	5
	16.	Pakke Kessang	1
	Total		81
Manipur	1.	Bishnupur	14
	2.	Chandel	3
	3.	Churachandpur	11
	4.	Imphal East	22
	5.	Imphal West	68
	6.	Senapati	12
	7.	Tamenglong	6
	8.	Thoubal	16
	9.	Ukhrul	8
	10.	Kakching	5
	11.	Kangpokpi	26
	12.	Jiribam	9
	13.	Noney	16
	14.	Pherzawl	1
	15.	Tengnoupal	13
	16.	Kamjong	5
	Total		235
Meghalaya	1.	East Garo Hills	10
	2.	East Khasi Hills	90
	3.	West Jaintia Hills	8
	4.	Ri Bhoi	15
	5.	South Garo Hills	6
	6.	West Garo Hills	12
	7.	West Khasi Hills	14
	8.	North Garo Hills	5
	9.	East Jaintia Hills	6
	10.	South West Khasi Hills	13
	11.	South West Garo Hills	8

	12.	Eastern West Khasi Hills	12
	Total		199
Mizoram	1.	Aizawl	17
	2.	Champhai	4
	3.	Kolasib	6
	4.	Lawngtlai	3
	5.	Lunglei	5
	6.	Mamit	5
	7.	Siaha	3
	8.	Serchhip	4
	9.	Hnahthial	1
	10.	Saitual	2
	11.	Khawzawl	2
	Total		52
Nagaland	1.	Dimapur	6
	2.	Kohima	21
	3.	Mokokchung	10
	4.	Mon	3
	5.	Phek	5
	6.	Tuensang	3
	7.	Zunheboto	3
	Total		51
Sikkim	1.	Gangtok	14
	2.	Mangan	2
	3.	Namchi	4
	4.	Gyalshing	5
	Total		25
Tripura	1.	Dhalai	18
	2.	North Tripura	9
	3.	South Tripura	23
	4.	West Tripura	62
	5.	Khowai	48
	6.	Sepahijala	50
	7.	Gomati	20
	8.	Unakoti	10
	Total		240
