

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
(Divyangjan)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No -1653
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 10/02/2026

VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS

1653: SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of visually impaired persons in the Country as on 31st december, 2025, State-wise;
- (b) the details of various schemes being implemented by the various Ministries and Departments of the Government for the welfare of the visually impaired persons; and
- (c) the target set and achieved, the outlay earmarked and actual expenditure in respect of each of these scheme and the targets set and outlay earmarked for each of the scheme in the ongoing fiscal scheme and year-wise, during each of the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE& EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a): As per the last Census held in 2011, the number of visually impaired persons in the country was 50,33,431. State-wise details of the number of visually impaired persons are enclosed at Annexure -I.

(b): The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing various schemes for the welfare of visually impaired persons. The details of some of the schemes are as under:

i) **DDRS:-** The Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) is a Central Sector Scheme of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under which grant-in-aid is released for the projects providing rehabilitation to persons with disabilities including visually impaired, with the objective of enabling them to attain and maintain optimal physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric and socio-functional levels. The District Disability Rehabilitation Centres are also a part of this scheme.

(ii) **ADIP:-** The Department is implementing the Scheme of 'Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)' under which funds are released to various Implementing Agencies to assist the eligible persons with disabilities including

persons with visual disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated, and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhancing their economic potential throughout the country.

iii) **Scholarship:** - The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing an Umbrella Scheme titled 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)' which comprises six components viz;

- Pre-matric (Classes IX & X),
- Post-matric (Classes XI to Post graduate Degree and Diploma),
- Top Class Education (Graduate and Post graduate Degree/Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education),
- National Overseas Scholarship (Masters Degree/ Ph.D in Foreign Universities),
- National Fellowship for PwDs (M Phil and Ph.D in Indian Universities),
- Free Coaching (for competitive exams for group A and B posts and entrance examinations for admission to technical and professional courses).

iv) **SIPDA:-** The Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA) is an umbrella scheme comprising the following sub-schemes:

(i) Creation of Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for Persons with Disabilities

(ii) Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre (CDEIC)

(iii) Unique Disability IDentification (UDID) Project

(iv) National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development for PwDs

(v) Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP) with In-service Training

(vi) Assistance to Spinal Injury Centers

(vii) Research on Disability for empowerment of PwDs related Technology, Product and Issues

(viii) Sub-scheme as 'Projects under SIPDA':

a. Project for financial assistance for the development of Accessible Learning Materials(DALM Project)

b. Assistance to existing Deaf Colleges

(ix) Central Project Monitoring (CPMU) cum Data Strategy Unit (DSU)

(c): The details of the outlay earmarked and actual expenditure incurred in respect of the various schemes being implemented by the DEPwD for PwDs including visually impaired persons are enclosed at Annexure II.

**Annexure I referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1653
for answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Visually Impaired Persons**

Number of Disabled Persons with Visual Disability as per Census 2011

S.No.	State	Number of Disabled Persons with Visual Disability
1	Andhra Pradesh	398144
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5652
3	Assam	80553
4	Bihar	549080
5	Chhattisgarh	111169
6	Delhi	30124
7	Goa	4964
8	Gujarat	214150
9	Haryana	82702
10	Himachal Pradesh	26076
11	J&K	66448
12	Jharkhand	180721
13	Karnataka	264170
14	Kerala	115513
15	Madhya Pradesh	270751
16	Maharashtra	574052
17	Manipur	19194
18	Mizoram	2035
19	Meghalaya	6980
20	Nagaland	4150
21	Odisha	263799
22	Punjab	82199
23	Rajasthan	314618
24	Sikkim	2772
25	Tamil Nadu	127405
26	Tripura	10828
27	Uttar Pradesh	763988
28	Uttarakhand	29107
29	West Bengal	424473
30	A&N Islands	1084
31	Chandigarh	1774
32	Daman & Diu	382
33	D& N Haveli	429
34	Lakshadweep	337
35	Puducherry	3608
Total		5033431

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1653 for answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Visually Impaired Persons

Scheme wise Budget Allocation, Revised Allocation and Actual Expenditure of last 5 years:

Rs. in crore																
S.No	Scheme	BE 2021-22	RE 2021-22	AE 2021-22	BE 2022-23	RE 2022-23	AE 2022-23	BE 2023-24	RE 2023-24	AE 2023-24	BE 2024-25	RE 2024-25	AE 2024-25	BE 2025-26	RE 2025-26	AE as on 06.02.2026
1	Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase of Fitting Devices (ADIP)	220.00	180.00	198.70	235.00	230.00	242.29	245.00	305.00	290.60	315.00	350.00	348.81	316.70	330.60	291.05
2	Deen Dayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)	125.00	105.00	100.90	125.00	105.00	114.69	130.00	130.00	129.98	165.00	139.00	139.39	165.00	145.00	76.94
3	Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (SIPDA)	209.77	147.31	108.44	240.39	100.00	65.59	150.00	67.00	76.79	135.33	80.00	89.71	115.10	200.00	98.71
4	Scholarships for Students with Disabilities	125.00	110.00	120.32	105.00	145.00	142.00	155.00	155.00	130.07	142.68	111.00	44.16	145.00	135.00	75.57
	Total Scheme	679.77	542.31	528.36	705.39	580.00	564.57	680.00	657.00	627.44	758.01	680.00	622.07	741.80	810.60	542.27

BE- Budget Estimates

RE- Revised Estimates

AE- Actual Expenditure
