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Title : Regarding welfare measures for persons with disabilities.

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY): Mr. Chairman, in India, the number of people with disabilities was 26.11 million. These Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) are facing lots of problems in day-to-day life, whether it is finding a job or securing their life. The average percentage of employment of people with disabilities in the public sector is 0.54 per cent; in the private sector it is 0.28 per cent; and in the multinational companies it is 0.05 per cent. Therefore, by considering the importance of securing the rights of people with disabilities so that they can participate fully, equally and effectively in society, the Government should launch a national job portal which will provide private as well as government jobs for people with disabilities. On the other hand, while considering their proper treatment, health and for securing their life, the Government should introduce a special insurance policy for people with disabilities.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to take this matter on urgent priority basis and take necessary measures to ensure the wellbeing of people with disabilities. Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Shrimati Geeta Kora - Not present.