

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:663
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR DISABLED
MAHESHWAR SINGH

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

- (a) whether his Ministry has not been able to utilize substantial amount sanctioned for the welfare of disabled;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the break-up of amount allocated and utilised under this head during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the unutilised amount is being diverted for other purposes;
- (d) if so, the measures adopted by the Government to check it and whether the Government propose to formulate any contingent plan to maximise the utilization of the funds sanctioned for the disabled;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.663 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.05.2003.

(a) & (b) The budgetary allocation, revised estimates and expenditure in the disability sector in the last three years is indicated below:-

(Rs.in crores)

Year B.E. R.E. Expenditure Percentage (Exp./R.E.)

2000-2001	261.66	258.11	246.65	95.56
2001-2002	261.89	274.32	271.78	99.07
2002-2003	236.41	222.44	224.37	100.87

The position is self-explanatory.

(c) to (f) The Ministry re-appropriates funds from one head to another as per the requirement of the scheme/programme. In order to maximise utilisation of funds, periodical reviews are conducted at various levels to monitor the expenditure and corrective steps are taken by the Ministry and its organisations. Under-utilisation of funds, if any, inter alia, is due to the reasons of non-receipt of approval/concurrence from other Ministries/ Departments, complete proposals from implementing agencies not being received timely and budget estimates being reduced/enhanced as reflected in the revised estimates.