

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

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FIGURES OF DISABLED PERSONS PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

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

- (a) whether State-wise figures in respect of disabled persons/physically handicapped persons are available in his department;
- (b) if not , the reasons for non-availability of such data with the Government; and
- (c) the Government's budget expenditure on them during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) & (b) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) had conducted a Survey in the 47th Round during July-December, 1991 to collect information on the number of persons with disabilities. This survey has estimated that 1.9% of the population are affected by some kind of physical disability. A separate survey (Report No. 391) of children (age 0-14 years) with delayed mental development in all the States and Union territories during July-December 1991 has also been conducted by them. The survey showed a possible level of mental retardation of about 3 percent among children. Based on the sample survey of NSSO carried out in 1991, approximately 5% of the population is estimated to be suffering from some kind of disability. Data on disability has been collected through Census 2001 by Registrar General of India. The National Sample Survey Organization has also conducted a survey on disability in the 58th round during the period July-December, 2002.

(c) The expenditure incurred under schemes/programmes for the welfare of persons with disabilities during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Expenditure |
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| 1999-2000 | 164.09 |
| 2000-2001 | 246.64 |
| 2001-2002 | 272.25 |