

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3878  
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DISABILITY DAY  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Disability Day is celebrated on December 3, 2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any special initiatives for the welfare and benefit of the disabled on this special day; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. As per United Nations General Assembly Resolution 03 December of every year is celebrated as International Day of Disabled Persons.

(c) & (d) Under the scheme of National Award for the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India is giving National Awards to individuals and Institutions for their outstanding contributions on the rehabilitation for persons with disabilities. Details of the scheme and list of National Awardees, 2004 are available in the Ministry's website [www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in).