

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1712  
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PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of physically challenged persons in the country ;
- (b) whether the Government provides any assistance to them; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, during the last three years and the current year, State-wise ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) As per Census 2001, there are 2,19,06,769 persons with disabilities in the country.

(b)&(c) The Government provides grants-in-aid to the non-governmental organizations/implementing agencies working for the welfare of the persons with disabilities primarily under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, the scheme of assistance to disabled persons for purchase/fitting of aids/appliances and the scheme for implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. Under these schemes, Rs. 129.48 crores, Rs. 128.89 crores, Rs. 133.43 crores and Rs. 24.64 crores (till 26.11.2009) have been released to non-governmental organizations/implementing agencies in different States during the years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively.