

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3807  
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RESEARCH PROJECTS ON VISUALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether research projects have been undertaken for launching audio book reader and other technological devices for the visually challenged persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds provided to carryout such research projects; and
- (c) the achievements made in the said research projects particularly those conducted in collaboration with National Institute for Visually Handicapped (NIVH) and other universities;

**Answer**

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

- (a) No such research project has been undertaken by this Ministry during current plan period.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.