

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

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JOBS FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS

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

- (a) the present status of physically challenged persons in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that in many States totally blind and people with 60 per cent above handicapped are devoid of means of livelihood;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken for creating jobs for disabled persons to improve their condition;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any directions to private sector also to create jobs for disabled persons; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the private sector in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) State-wise and disability-wise data of number of persons with disabilities in the country as per Census 2001, is at annexure.
- (b) to (e) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides for reservation of posts in government establishments. Special Recruitment Drives are launched by Government from time to time to ensure that reservation is provided accordingly. In order to encourage employment of persons with disabilities in the private sector, a new Scheme of Incentives to the Private Sector for Employment of Physically Challenged Persons has been launched, w.e.f. 01.04.2008. Under this Scheme, the Government of India provides the employer's contribution for Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) for 3 years, for physically challenged employees employed in the private sector on or after 01.04.2008, with a monthly salary upto Rs. 25,000. 144 persons have availed this benefit through the Employees Provident Fund Organisation and 261 persons have availed this benefit through Employees State Insurance Corporation under this scheme in private sector till 30.09.2009.