

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISABILITIES DUE TO VECTOR BORNE DISEASES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that every year a large number of the population suffers with physical mental disabilities due to vector-borne diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of physically and mentally disabled people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (D. NAPOLEON)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Physical or Mental Disability may occur in cases of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES)/Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Lymphatic Filariasis. The affected patients get admitted to hospitals and those who survive and are diagnosed with neurological sequelae are advised for a follow up. All those patients are advised physiotherapy for which the facility is available in all the Central Government hospitals. In addition, a rehabilitation centre is already functional at BRD medical College, Gorakhpur (UP). A proposal for establishment of Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur (UP) has been approved.

With regard to Lymphatic Filariasis, manifestations in the form of Lymphodema (Elephantiasis) and Hydrocele at the chronic stage cause physical disability. For this purpose, in addition to treatment of case of Lymphatic Filariasi, maintenance of foot hygiene for Lymphodema (Elephantiasis) cases and Hydrocele operations for hydrocele cases have been strengthened.