

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

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NATIONAL AWARDS TO DISABLED PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to initiate national award to disabled people so as to empower them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints with regard to irregularities in awarding National Award to the disabled people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): National awards for empowerment of persons with disabilities are already being given as per the Scheme of National Award for the empowerment of Persons with disabilities every year. At present, a total of 63 awards are available under the following 13 broad categories:-

- (i) Best Employees/self-employed with disabilities;
- (ii) Best Employers and Placement Officer/Agency for placement of persons with disabilities;
- (iii) Best Individual and Institution Working for the cause of persons with disabilities;
- (iv) Role Model;
- (v) Best Applied Research/Innovation/ Product Development aimed at improving the life of persons with disabilities;
- (vi) Outstanding work in the Creation of Barrier-free Environment for the persons with disabilities;
- (vii) Best District in providing Rehabilitation Services;
- (viii) Best Local Level Committee of National Trust;
- (ix) Best State Channelising Agency of National Handicapped Finance and Development corporation;
- (x) Outstanding Creative Adult persons with disabilities;
- (xi) Best Creative Child with disabilities;
- (xii) Best Braille Press; and
- (xiii) Best Accessible Website.

The awards are given on the occasion of International Day of Disabled Persons i.e. on 3rd December every year.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.