

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2692

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INCLUSION OF AUTISM UNDER THE PURVIEW OF HANDICAP LAWS

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to include the `autism` under the purview of laws related to handicap; and
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the proposal?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has received a proposal and has constituted a Committee comprising of experts in Disability Sector, representatives of the stakeholders etc. to study the suggestions and comments/views on the proposed amendments to PWD Act and to draft a new legislation for persons with disabilities. The Committee is deliberating on various issues relating to new legislation.