

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1011  
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TERM FOR DISABLED  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to change the term 'disabled' being used for addressing the disabled person as 'differently abled person'; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the term used is 'Persons with Disabilities'.
- (b) There is no proposal to effect any change in this regard at present.