

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2136  
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INCLUSION OF HANDICAPPED IN BPL  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been a demand for inclusion of families of handicapped people among the families living below the poverty line'
- (b) if so, whether the Government has contemplated over this demand so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): In a Joint Statement issued on 3rd October, 2011 by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Union Minister of Rural Development it is stated that the Government of India will take into account multiple dimensions of deprivation based on the indicators that are being collected through the Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011 (SECC, 2011) for arriving at eligibility and specific entitlements that rural households will receive under various programmes and schemes of the central government after SECC, 2011 results are available and have been analysed. Households with any disabled member and no able bodied adult member is one of the deprivation indicators in SECC, 2011.