

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPOWERMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS

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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of unemployed physically challenged youth in the country;
- (b) whether any scheme is being implemented by the Government on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis for providing employment to physically disabled persons;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the targets set and achieved during the last three years alongwith the grants released under the various schemes for welfare of disabled; and
- (e) the action being taken for making such schemes more effective under the United Nations Convention on the rights of disabled?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK)

- (a) As per Census, 2001 the number of unemployed persons with disabilities in the country in the age group of 15-59 years is 60,54,299. However, specific data with regard to unemployed youth with disabilities is not available.
- (b) & (c) A Scheme of Incentives to Employers in the Private Sector for providing employment to persons with disabilities has been launched, w.e.f. 01.04.2008. Under this scheme, the Government of India provides the employer's contribution for Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) for 3 years, for persons with disabilities employees employed in the private sector on or after 01.04.2008, with a monthly salary upto Rs. 25,000. Under the scheme, 320 (upto 30-09-2011) and 918 (upto 29-02-2012) persons with disabilities have been covered by Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) and Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) respectively.
- (d) The budget estimates and amount released during the last three years under the major schemes of this Ministry for empowerment of persons with disabilities is at Annexure.
- (e) All Schemes are reviewed periodically to make them more effective.