

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has ever made any survey regarding the number of autistic children in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of rehabilitation/welfare schemes being implemented by the Government for autistic children at present;and
- (d) the funds spent for implementation of those schemes during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Autism has not been covered as a separate category either for the purpose of census by the Registrar General of India or the survey by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO)

(c): The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, a statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements a number of schemes for the welfare of autistic children. A statement indicating details of rehabilitation/welfare schemes being implemented by the Government for autistic children is at Annexure.

(d) the details of funds spent for implementation of these schemes during the last three years are as under:-

Financial Year Amount (Rs. in crore)

2009-10 3.75

2010-11 2.68

2011-12 1.45