

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

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

- (a) whether any survey has been got conducted by the Government to find out the total number of children affected by autism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of schemes being implemented for the rehabilitation/welfare of children affected by autism; and
- (d) the funds spent on the implementation of these schemes during the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

- (a) & (b) : This Ministry has not conducted any detailed survey to find out the total number of children affected by autism in the country. The Ministry has established the National trust for the welfare of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities under the National Trust For the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999.
- (c) : The details of schemes being implemented by the Ministry through National Trust for the rehabilitation/welfare of such children also is at Annexure-A.
- (d) : The funds spent on the implementation of various schemes by National Trust during the last three years is at Annexure-B.