

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA**

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme or policy that caters to skill development needs of physically disabled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of disabled people which have been skilled, scheme-wise, State-wise and year-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the disabled skilled persons have been able to obtain employment and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation or study to ascertain the impact of skill development initiatives on disabled people; and
- (e) if so, the details of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c): The Government endeavours to ensure that the skilling needs of the disadvantaged and marginalized groups including differently-abled persons are taken care of through various skill development programmes. There are over 20 Central Ministries/Departments involved in implementation of more than 70 schemes for various skill development/ entrepreneurship programmes. These Schemes have provisions for equal access to skill development for all social groups including people with disabilities. Under the scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) opportunities for the differently abled persons in the field of education and employment are provided. The major components of the scheme are:-

- (i) Vocational Training Centres,
- (ii) Sheltered Workshop,
- (iii) Special Schools and

(iv) Project for Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training. In addition, National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking under Department of Disability Affairs, provides financial assistance for wide range of income generating activities for the persons with disabilities. These schemes have imparted skills and helped differently-abled persons to obtain employment/self employment. Over last three years, the total number of people including differently-abled persons skilled across various central schemes is as below:-

Financial Year Persons skilled (in lakh)

2011-12	45.58
2012-13	51.88
2013-14	76.37
2014-15	42.77
(upto Dec, 2014)	

(d) : This Ministry has not conducted evaluation/ study as such.

(e) : Does not arise in view of (d) above.