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ISSUANCE OF DISABILITY CERTIFICATES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of persons with disabilities have not been issued disability certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether non-issuance of such certificates has hampered the eligible persons in getting jobs and other benefits and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct nation-wise camps for speedy check-ups and issuances of disability certificates and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to avoid procedural delays and hassles in the issuance of disability certificates?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b) Due to continuous follow up with the States, 44.74 per cent of persons with disabilities have been issued disability certificates by the States in terms of Census 2011 as on 10th February, 2015, as against 39.29 % granted disability certificate as on 31st March 2014. The Disability Certificates can be issued only to those who have disability of 40 % or more. Whereas the Census does not necessarily cover persons with disabilities having 40% disability or more only. State-wise position of issuance of disability certificates is at Annexure.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The State Governments are responsible for grant of disability certificates. They have been advised to take up issuance of disability certificates to the persons with disabilities in campaign mode from time to time.

(e) The Government has already initiated necessary steps to implement universal ID system to facilitate hassle free identification and certification of persons with disabilities.