

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

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Skill Training to Mentally Disabled
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide skill training to persons with mental disabilities;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any data on the number of people with mental disabilities of various kinds in the country, and the number that can be potentially skill-trained for various sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, a National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities including persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities has been launched by the Department of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).

(c) & (d) As per census 2011, there are 22,28,450 number of persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities of various kinds (mental retardations – 1505624 and Mental Illness – 722826) in the country. A target of skilling 5 lakh persons with disabilities in next 3 years (1 lakh in first year, 1.5 lakh in second year and 2.5 lakh in third year) has been earmarked which also includes target for persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.