

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Training and Employment to Differently Abled

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

- a) whether a majority of disabled population living in rural areas are unemployed and if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide training to such people for self-employment and entrepreneurial pursuits, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Government for collaboration and support in the area of training and employment of persons with disabilities; and
- d) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said MoU and the present status?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHNA PAL GURJAR)

a) : As per Census 2011, the total rural population of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) is 1.86 crore, out of which 1.16 crore are non-workers.

b) The schemes being implemented for training, self-employment and entrepreneurship development of Persons with Disabilities are given in the Statement-I enclosed.

c) & d): A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with the objective of making collaborative efforts towards skilling of the Persons with Disabilities. A brief of the MOU is given in the Statement II enclosed.
