

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
(DIVYANGJAN)
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1295
FOR ANSWER ON 18.12.2018**

World Disability Day

1295. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

SHRI P. R. SUNDARAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government has observed World Disability Day recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the theme and focus of the event;
- (c) the programmes organized on the occasion of World Disability Day;
- (d) the amount earmarked and utilized for this purpose;
- (e) the extent to which the objectives of observing the said day has been/is likely to be achieved; and
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to implement awareness programmes to focus on the prevention of disabilities apart from rehabilitation of such persons, if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam; on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. 3rd December, 2018, at a function organized at Vigyan Bhawan by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Hon'ble Vice President of India conferred National Awards. Awards were conferred on 72 awardees, including individuals, institutions, states and districts under 14 different categories.

For this purpose a provision of Rs. 54,00,000/- was made as award money for recipients of National Awards and the same has been utilized.

(e) These awards have been instituted with the objective to focus public attention on issues concerning empowerment of persons with disabilities and to promote their mainstreaming in society.

(f) The Department has a comprehensive scheme for Awareness Generation and Publicity which covers various aspects relating to sensitisation of society on issues concerning prevention, rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities. It is also the responsibility of the State Governments to take preventive steps. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is also administering a number of central schemes which aim at preventing disability.