

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-346

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/07/2025

Issuance of UDID Card

346. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the delay in issuing Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts;
- (b) the total number of UDID application received, number of UDID card issued and number of pending applications in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts till date, along with the timeline for ensuring 100% enrolment of Divyangs; and
- (c) the details of the assistances that the UDID beneficiaries can avail through both State and Central Government welfare schemes in West Bengal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) Yes sir

(b) The required details are given in the table below:

<i>District Name</i>	<i>Total Application received</i>	<i>UDID card issued</i>	<i>Pending Application</i>
Darjeeling	2180	1057	1120
Kalimpong	455	352	101

Since the medical authority falls under the state government and the enrolment process involves multiple stages, a fixed timeline for 100% enrolment of Divyangs cannot be determined.

(c) The assistance that the UDID beneficiaries can avail through Central Government welfare schemes in West Bengal are:

- (i) Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/ Fitting of aids/ Appliances (ADIP) Scheme provides persons with disabilities durable and modern assistive devices to support their physical, social, and psychological rehabilitation.
- (ii) Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) provides financial aid to NGOs and agencies for implementing rehabilitation projects for persons with disabilities.
- (iii) Scholarships for Students with Disability in West Bengal provide financial support across six components, from school to higher education, including fellowships, overseas studies, and free coaching for competitive exams.
- (iv) Accessible India Campaign (AIC) under SIPDA Scheme aims to create a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities across built infrastructure, transportation, and the ICT ecosystem.
- (v) National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) provide loan to Person with Disability (PwD) for self employment and skill training.
- (vi) Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project offers a digital ID to persons with disabilities, ensuring seamless access to welfare schemes and entitlements.

The fund sanctioned to the West Bengal under above mentioned schemes are provided in **Annexure.**

The State government welfare schemes are managed by their respective states. Hence, nil information may be treated in respect of State Government Welfare schemes.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 346 to be answered on 22/07/2025 regarding “Issuance of UDID Card”

Funds sanctioned to West Bengal under various schemes

a) ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR PURCHASE/ FITTING OF AIDS/ APPLIANCES (ADIP) SCHEME

The main objective of the Scheme is to provide grants-in-aid to the various implementing agencies (National Institutes/Composite Regional Centers/Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)/District Disability Rehabilitation Centers/State Corporations in the field of Disabilities/other Local Bodies/NGOs) so that they are in a position to assist needy persons with disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances to promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation and enhancing their economic potential.

Funds sanctioned in West Bengal State for the past 11 years under the ADIP Scheme:

Financial Year	Number of Beneficiaries	Funds Utilized (in Lakhs)
2014-15	13,085	500.25
2015-16	13,988	1163.02
2016-17	25,199	1149.95
2017-18	17,602	732.64
2018-19	21,384	1321.46
2019-20	18,047	825.51
2020-21	14,855	713.05
2021-22	7,507	547.50
2022-23	25,174	2349.90
2023-24	10,424	962.32
2024-25	14,574	1348.50
Total	1,81,839	11614.10

b) Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) for various projects for the welfare/empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The objective of the scheme is to create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities and to encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Funds sanctioned in West Bengal under DDR Scheme in last 3 years is as follows:-

Year	Fund released (in lakh)	Number of beneficiaries
2022-23	811.67	4424
2023-24	782.79	7162
2024-25	675.72	7766

c) Scholarships for Students with Disabilities in West Bengal

This Department is implementing scheme titled 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities' with the six components to empower students with disabilities to pursue education from school level to doctorate level so as to enable them to earn their livelihood and find a dignified place in the society.

Funds sanctioned under Scholarships scheme:-

Sr. No	State/ UT	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
		Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount
1	West Bengal	512	3.49	459	4.49	596	5.22	28	0.70

d) Accessible India Campaign under SIPDA Scheme:-

Amount released/sanctioned and pending UCs in respect of GIA released under the barrier free & AIC Sub-Scheme of SIPDA (as on 31.03.2025)					
State/UTs	Year	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)	Amount of Utilization Certificates/refund received (Rs. in lakh)	UCs pending (Rs. in lakh)	% of UC Pending from State/UT in total
West Bengal (Barrier Free)	2016-17	157.92	157.92	0.00	0.00%
	2022-23	76.53	0	76.53	100.00%
West Bengal (AIC)	2017-18	100.18	100.18	0.00	0.00%
		189.34	189.34	0.00	0.00%
	2018-19	150.66	118.64	32.02	21.25%
		954.56	774.39	180.17	18.87%
	2021-22	297.50	0	297.50	100.00%

	Total	1926.69	1340.47	586.22	30.43%
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e) NATIONAL DIVYANGJAN FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NDFDC):-

i) The details of loan released under NDFDC loan schemes and skill training organised by NDFDC under SIPDA Grant in the state of West Bengal are as follows (cumulative):-

	Self Employment Loan	Skill Training	Rojgar Mela
Amount released (In Lakh)	771.94	244.51	NIL
Number of beneficiaries	1724	3028	

ii) The details of loan released under NDFDC loan schemes and skill training organised by NDFDC under SIPDA Grant in the state of West Bengal during last financial year (2024-2025) are as follows:-

	Self Employment Loan	Skill Training	Rojgar Mela
Amount released (In Lakh)	30.37	8.60	NIL
Number of beneficiaries	03	159	

(f.) Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID):-

An amount of Rs. 29.00 lakh has been released under UDID Scheme.
