

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWRERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILTIES (DIVYANGJAN)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 451
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/07/2025

Funds Allocated for National Funds for Persons with Disabilities

451. Shri Ravindra Dattaram Waikar:

Shri Naresh Ganpat Mhaske:

Smt. Shambhavi:

Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde:

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

- (a) the total corpus allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and utilized under the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities since 2020;
- (b) the details and the number of persons with benchmark disabilities have benefited from the Fund across various categories for education, assistive devices, entrepreneurship support and skill development, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the details of the mechanisms that are in place to ensure timely identification of eligible beneficiaries and disbursement of benefits under the Fund;
- (d) the details of the steps that have been taken by the Government to operationalize and expand the scope of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities in 2025; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering to increase the Fund's allocation or coverage under Budget 2025–26 to support new categories such as neurodivergent individuals or those with multiple disabilities, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

- (a) The details of corpus allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and utilized under the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities since 2020 are as under:

Till 31.03.2025 (Amt in Cr.)

Corpus allocated	Fund Sanctioned	Fund Disbursed	Fund Utilized
250	23.69	22.75	17.24

(b) State wise data in respect of Persons with Benchmark disabilities benefited in the category of Education, assistive devices, entrepreneurship support and skill development is not maintained in the Department. However, year-wise details as under :

Category	No. of PwDs benefited				
	F.Y. 2021-22	F.Y. 2022-23	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2024-25	Total
Education	34	0	60	728	822
Assistive devices	0	0	02	0	02
Entrepreneurship Support	50	336	282	0	668
Skill Development	0	11	02	179	192
Total	84	347	346	907	1684

(c) & (d) : The Ministry has established guidelines for financial assistance under the National Fund, with applications accepted year-round through an online portal for individuals with disabilities and related organizations. Applications are reviewed based on eligibility criteria, and eligible cases are presented to the Governing Body for final approval for fund disbursement. In 2025, the guidelines has been revised to continue the exemption from income criteria, aiming to benefit more persons with disabilities.

(e) The disabilities specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 including Multiple Disabilities ASD, SLD and Intellectual disabilities are considered eligible for financial assistance under the National Fund.
