

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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HANDICAPPED POPULATION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total handicapped population in the country;
- (b) the effect of environment degradation to increase their population; and
- (c) the Government's budget expenditure on them during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) According to the sample survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) in 1991, approximately 5% of the population is estimated to be suffering from some kind of disability.

(b) No impact study has been conducted to determine the correlation of environmental degradation with the increase in population of persons with disabilities.

(c) The expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for programmes related to the disabilities sector during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 is Rs. 164.09 crores, Rs. 246.64 crores and 272.25 crores, respectively.