

**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.