

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5439  
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2005  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRES FOR HANDICAPPED  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are only 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) in operation for 18.53 million handicapped people in the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up more VRCs in the country particularly in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the hostel facilities are not available in most of these VRCs;
- (f) if so, the steps taken to provide hostel facilities in these VRCs; and
- g) the number of handicapped men/women were rehabilitated during the last three years, State-wise and year wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

a) Yes, Sir.

b to d) There is a proposal to set up seven VRC`s in the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Pondicherry, Goa, Nagaland, Meghalaya & Jammu & Kashmir during the 10th Five Year Plan. Three Centres have already been sanctioned.

e and f) At present, hostel facilities are available in five VRC`s and a decision has been taken to provide hostel facilities whenever government buildings for VRC`s are constructed.

g) State-wise and gender wise details of the handicapped persons rehabilitated by the VRC`s during 2002, 2003, and 2004 are given in the Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (g) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No. 5439 due for reply on 02.05.2005.

**Statement showing number of handicapped Man/Women Rehabilitated During**

State	Location of VRC		2002		2003		2004	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Tripura	Agartala		126	44	125	36	139	46
Gujarat	Ahmedabad		587		137		638	131
Karnataka	Bangalore		434	98	477	102	467	123
Orissa	Bhubaneswar		230	101	539	96	471	266
Tamil Nadu	Chennai		406	170	547	145	759	246
Delhi	Delhi		319	76	342	60	287	68
Assam	Guwahati		60	28	313	139	673	219
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad		1213	355	1288	361	1079	324
Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur		395	110	413	95	357	71
Rajasthan	Jaipur		337	6	354	16	324	2
Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur		492	98	497	81	547	87
West Bengal	Kolkata		347	59	428	69	496	92
Punjab	Ludhiana		173	73	174	72	246	59
Maharashtra	Mumbai		714	142	839	111	771	126
Bihar	Patna		400	52	399	43	391	30
Kerala	Tiruvananthapuram		452	141	366	240	409	163
Gujarat	#VADODARA		-	128	-	158	-	152

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#VRC for Women only