

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRES FOR HANDICAPPED  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of vocational rehabilitation centres for the welfare of handicapped persons in the country, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) whether the number of rehabilitation centres in the country are not in proportion to the number of handicapped;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to improve this ratio?

**Answer**

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

a) At present, 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for the welfare of handicapped persons are functioning in the country. These are located at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Patna (Bihar), Delhi, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Vadodara (Gujarat), Bangalore (Karnataka), Trivandrum (Kerala), Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh), Mumbai (Maharashtra), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Ludhiana (Punjab), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Agartala (Tripura), Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh), Kolkata (West Bengal).

(b,c& d) Attempts have been made to provide one vocational rehabilitation Centre in each State to start with. There is a proposal to set up 7 new Vocational Rehabilitation Centres during the 10th Plan Period, out of which 3 have been sanctioned during 2005-06.