

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation has conducted any survey on the disabled persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the mentally challenged children in the country are increasing;
- (d) if so, whether there is any scheme to assist the mentally retarded children; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The National Sample Survey Organisation had conducted survey on disabled persons during July to December 2002. Results of Survey have been released through Report No. 485 (58/26/1) which is in public domain.

(c) No comparative figures of mentally challenged children over years is available. Therefore, it is not possible to conclude that the number of mentally challenged children is increasing.

(d) & (e) National Trust for the Persons with Autism, Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy & Multiple Disabilities extends support to registered organisations to provide need based services during periods of crisis in the family of the persons with disability and also promotes measures for care and protection of these persons in the event of death of their parents or guardians.