

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2119  
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DISTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENTS TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the medical camps have been held to distribute free equipments to the physically handicapped persons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly of camps held in Kerala;
- (c) the number of handicapped persons benefited in each such camp, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government intending to give more help to physically handicapped persons in this regard; 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. During 2003-04 under the scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of aids and appliances (ADIP) camps have been held in 12 Districts of Kerala viz. Allapuzha, Ernakulam, Idibbi, Kollam, Kottayam, Kozhikode, Mallapur, Palghat, Pattanmthitta, Thiruvanthapuram, Trissur, Waynad. Ministry has given a grant of Rs. 19.29 lakhs for holding such camps in the State of Kerala.

(c) During 2003-04 2,38,278 number (approx.) of beneficiaries were distributed assistive devices. State wise information of assistance given under the scheme is available in the website of the Ministry ([www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in)).

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The grants would be given for distribution of assistive devices as per the ADIP scheme. Government has increased the budget allocation for the current year i.e. 2004-05 to Rs. 60 crores so as to cover more beneficiaries.