

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

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TRAINING TO UNEMPLOYED HANDICAPPED YOUTHS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of unemployed handicapped youth in the country as on date State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to impart training to the unemployed handicapped youth in regard to setting up of small-scale industries in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount allocated alongwith number of unemployed handicapped youth benefited under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) According to NSSO, 2002 survey 1.2% disabled persons in urban areas and 0.6% disabled persons in rural areas are unemployed. Thus, 1.65 lakhs disabled persons are unemployed. State/UT-wise information is not available.
- (b) to (d) Financial assistance in the form of grant, for skill & entrepreneurial development training of disabled persons, to set up small industrial units is provided by National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation through State Channelising Agencies (SCAs). The scheme was introduced last year and an amount of Rs. 1.22 lakhs benefiting 60 disabled persons and Rs. 1.71 lakhs benefiting 40 disabled persons was disbursed to Karnataka and Rajasthan respectively. No separate allocation is made for the scheme and funds are provided based on the demands projected by the SCAs.