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**Census of Persons with Disabilities**

As per Census 2011, there are 1.86 crore persons with disabilities in rural areas of the country.

The Census is conducted by the Registrar General of India and they follow elaborate mechanism for taking out the data and this exercise is done every 10 years. However, the Ministry on its part has constituted a Committee under the Joint Secretary of the Department of Disability Affairs for working out a mechanism for identification and certification of persons with disabilities in the entire country.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Sudarshan Bhagat in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha here today.

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