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Unemployment Among Physically Handicapped

As per the 12th Plan Working Group Report, 34 percent of persons with disabilities are employed.

As per Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 every appropriate Government shall appoint in every establishment such percentage of vacancies not less than three per cent for persons or class of persons with disability of which one per cent each shall be reserved for persons suffering from – (i) Blindness or low vision, 9ii) Hearing impairment and (iii) Loco motor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability

The Central Government implements the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 in right earnest. States Governments are, however, mainly responsible for implementation of the provisions of the Act including Section 33. They have been advised to take measures for implementation of the Act in true spirit from time to time.

In addition, Under the scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) opportunities for the persons with disabilities in the field of employment are provided by way of providing financial assistance in the form of Grant-in-Aid to NGOs. The major components of the scheme are –Vocational Training Centres, and Sheltered Workshop.

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is providing financial assistance in the form of loan to the PwDs for self employment and higher education. Financial assistance from NHFDC is made available to the disabled persons through the State Channelising Agency (SCA) nominated by respective State Government. The financial assistance is also available through Public Sector Banks (PSBs).

The details of State-wise funds released and number of beneficiaries assisted since inception of the corporation under NHFDC scheme as under:

	Name of State/UTs	Total amount released (in Rs. lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	971.81
2	Assam	169.78
3	Bihar	5.50
4	Chandigarh	89.97
5	Chattisgarh	3503.33

6	Delhi	240.93
7	Goa	54.03
8	Gujarat	2110.88
9	Haryana	5236.62
10	Himachal Pradesh	2427.93
11	Jammu & Kashmir	1054.38
12	Jharkhand	193.06
13	Karnataka	1055.81
14	Kerala	2419.21
15	Lakshadweep	94.56
16	Madhya Pradesh	2121.82
17	Manipur	4.49
18	Maharashtra	8952.70
19	Meghalaya	307.50
20	Mizoram	50.00
21	Nagaland	243.62
22	Orissa	1240.82
23	Pondicherry	2026.59
24	Punjab	854.85
25	Rajasthan	2975.26
26	Sikkim	51.30
27	Tamil Nadu	7513.06
28	Tripura	247.36
29	Uttar Pradesh	2711.45
30	Uttaranchal	1072.85
31	West Bengal	701.35
	Total	50702.84

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