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Development of Persons with Disabilities

As per Census 2011, there are 2.68 crore person with disabilities out of which about 1.50 Crore are male and 1.18 crore are female. State-wise population of persons with disabilities is:

a	b	c
1	Andhra Pradesh	2266607
2	Arunachal Pradesh	26734
3	Assam	480065
4	Bihar	2331009
5	Chhattisgarh	624937
6	Delhi	234882
7	Goa	33012
8	Gujarat	1092302
9	Haryana	546374
10	Himachal Pradesh	155316
11	J&K	361153
12	Jharkhand	769980
13	Karnataka	1324205
14	Kerala	761843
15	Madhya Pradesh	1551931
16	Maharashtra	2963392
17	Manipur	54110
18	Mizoram	15160
19	Meghalaya	44317
20	Nagaland	29631
21	Odisha	1244402
22	Punjab	654063
23	Rajasthan	1563694
24	Sikkim	18187
25	Tamil Nadu	1179963
26	Tripura	64346
27	Uttar Pradesh	4157514
28	Uttarakhand	185272
29	West Bengal	2017406
30	A&N Islands	6660

31	Chandigarh	14796
32	Daman & Diu	2196
33	D& N Haveli	3294
34	Lakshadweep	1615
35	Puducherry	30189
	Total	26810557

As per Census 2001, 49 percent of persons with disabilities are literate, out of which graduate and above constitute 3 percent. Moreover, only 34 percent of persons with disabilities are employed as per the 12th Plan Working Group Report.

As per Section 2(t) of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995, Persons with Disabilities means a person suffering from not less than forty percent of any disability as certified by a medical authority.

This information was given by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha here today.
