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**Schemes for Physically Challenged Persons**

Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) (PwD) Act, 1995 envisages three percent reservations for persons with disability in identified posts in Government establishments.

Under the Scheme of Incentives to the Private Sector for Employment of Physically Challenged Persons, the Government of India provides the employer's contribution for Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) for 3 years, for employees with disabilities including visually impaired persons employed in the private sector on or after 01.04.2008, with a monthly salary upto Rs.25,000.

The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) provides concessional credit to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) for taking up income generating activities by self-employment.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) guarantees employment to rural household adults including differently abled persons. Under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), a provision of 3% of the total beneficiaries has been made for PwDs.

Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) provides pension to BPL persons with severe or multiple disabilities between the age group of 18 to 79 years @ of Rs. 300 p.m. per beneficiary.

Under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided through Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for various projects for providing education, vocational training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

Under the National Scholarship Scheme which is funded from Trust Fund for Empowerment of PwDs financial assistance is provided to students with disabilities to enable them to pursue professional or technical courses from recognized institutes and get employed/self employed. Under the Scheme every year 1000 scholarships are provided to the students with disabilities through out the country. 30% scholarships are reserved for girls. Only Indian nationals are eligible for scholarships.

National Fund has a scholarship scheme for students with disabilities. 500 new scholarships to be awarded each year are equally distributed (125 each) for the four major categories of disabilities viz. (i) Orthopaedic (ii) Visual (iii) Hearing and (iv) Others. 40% of the scholarships in each category are reserved for girls.

Scheme of 'Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship' provides scholarship to students with disability to pursue M.Phil and Phd. programs in higher education. It is implemented by UGC.

A statement showing State-wise number of persons with disabilities is:

S.No.	States/Union Territory	Number of persons with disabilities.
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7057
2	Andhra Pradesh	1364981
3	Arunachal Pradesh	33315
4	Assam	530300
5	Bihar	1887611
6	Chandigarh	15538
7	Chhattisgarh	419887
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4048
9	Daman & Diu	3171
10	Delhi	235886
11	Goa	15749
12	Gujarat	1045465
13	Haryana	455040
14	Himachal Pradesh	155950
15	Jammu & Kashmir	302670
16	Jharkhand	448377
17	Karnataka	940643
18	Kerala	860794
19	Lakshadweep	1678
20	Madhya Pradesh	1408528
21	Maharashtra	1569582
22	Manipur	28376
23	Meghalaya	28803
24	Mizoram	16011
25	Nagaland	26499
26	Orissa	1021335
27	Pondicherry	25857
28	Punjab	424523
29	Rajasthan	1411979
30	Sikkim	20367
31	Tamil Nadu	1642497
32	Tripura	58940
33	Uttar Pradesh	3453369
34	Uttarakhand	194769
35	West Bengal	1847174
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21906769</b>

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

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