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Reservation for Disabled Persons

Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) (PWD) Act, 1995 provides for reservation of not less than 3% of vacancies in Government establishments for persons with disabilities of which 1% each shall be reserved for persons suffering from (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment and (iii) loco motor disability or cerebral palsy in the posts identified for each disability. However only persons suffering from not less than forty percent of any disability as certified by a medical authority is entitled for such reservation.

All the Central Ministries and Departments, especially those concerned with infrastructure, social sector and poverty alleviation, have been requested by this Ministry for earmarking three per cent of allocation of their 12th Five Year Plan for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). They have also been requested to develop appropriate monitoring and other mechanisms to ensure proper utilization of the fund for this purpose.

As regards employment of PWDs as against the posts reserved for them in terms of the Section 33 of PWD Act, 1995, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has issued instructions to all the Ministries/Departments. All the Ministries/Departments are required to follow these instructions.

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 Rajya Sabha today.

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