

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 447**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

**LACK OF DATA ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)**

447. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of *Social Justice and Empowerment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a lack of data on PwDs thereby creating a barrier in extending welfare measures to all of them;
- (b) if so, what are the steps that Government is taking to address the data deficit, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any official portal has been made to make a national database on PwDs for purposes of better policy formulation, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) to (c) The Government relies on the Census data for persons with disabilities (PwDs). However, with a view to creating a national database of PwDs to capture data on real time basis the Department has developed the Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) portal i.e. [www.swavlambancard.gov.in](http://www.swavlambancard.gov.in) . The application software of UDID provides an online platform for certification of disabilities and also envisages digitization of all manual certification of disabilities in the portal.

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