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Census 2011 Counts all Person With Disability in India - We will sensitize our friends ?

The census data is a base line data for planning commission to plan anything for next ten years. The percentage of disability in census will reflect the policy and programme in future. In India, First time the census count all (seven) categories of disability.

Article from population enumeration questionnaire (Planned to held on Feb 2011)

The Q.No 9 Disability : (According to the census commission 2011 - Population enumeration manual)

9.(A) Is this person Mentally / Physically disabled ?

Answer options –(1) In seeing (2) In Hearing (3) In Speech (4) In Movement (5) Mental Retardation (6) Mental Illness (7) Any others (8) Multiple Disability

I- In seeing - A person will be considered as having disability “In seeing” If he/she :

Cannot see at all: Or Has no perception of light even with the help of spectacles, Or, Has perception of light but blurred vision even after using spectacles, contact lenses etc. A simple test is whether the person can count the fingers of hand from a distance of 10 feet in a daylight. Such a person can however, move independently with the help of remaining sight : Or Can see light but cannot see properly to move about independently, Or Has blurred vision but had no occasion to test if her/his eyesight would improve after corrective measure. In case it is found that the person has consider as **disability in seeing**

- ◆ Person with no vision in one eye but full vision in the other eye (One eyed person) will not be consider as disabled in seeing
- ◆ Person having night blindness alone will not be considered as disabled in seeing
- ◆ Person having colour blindness alone will not be considered as disabled in seeing

II - In hearing - A person will be considered as having disability “In seeing” If he/she :

Cannot hear at all: Or, Has difficulty in hearing day-to-day conversational speech (Hard of hearing) : Or If he/she is using a hearing a hearing aid. In case it is found that the person has consider as **disability in hearing**

- ◆ Person having problem in only one ear will not be consider as having hearing disability, The condition of both the ear will be taken into consideration of treating a person as disabled in hearing

III -In speech -A person will be considered as having disability “In seeing” If he/she is above the age of 3Yrs and :

Cannot speak at all or she/he is unable to speak normally on account of certain difficulty linked to speech disorder: Or Able to speak in single words only and n\is not able to speak in sentences: Or Stammers to such an extend that the speech is not comprehensible. However, person who stammer but whose speech is comprehensible will not be treated as disabled in speech. In case it is found that the person has consider as **disability in Speech**

Its common that a person who is born with an hearing disability is also unable to speak (Deaf Mute). For census purpose this will be consider as multiple disability

IV - Movement - A person will be considered as having disability “In Movement” If he/she has a disability of bones, joints and muscles of the limbs leading to substantial restriction of movement. This will be covers person who

1. Do not have both arms: Or
2. Do not have both legs:
3. Are paralyzed and are unable to move : Or
4. Are unable to walk but crawl to move from one place to others: Or
5. Are able to move only with the help of caliper/s, wheelchair, tricycle, walking frame, crutches, etc : Or
6. Have acute and permanent problems of joints/Muscles that have resulted in limited movement: Or
7. Have lost al the fingers or toe or thumb: Or
8. Are not able to move or pick up any small things placed nearby: Or
9. Have stiffness or tightness in movement, or have loose, Involuntary movements, or tremor of the body of have fragile bones: Or
10. Have difficulty in balancing and coordinating body movements: Or
11. Have loss of sensation in the body due to paralysis or leprosy or any other reason: Or
12. Have a deformity of the body part/s like having in Hunch back: Or
13. Are very short in nature (Dwarf) 14 . Cerebral palsy

In case it is found that the person has consider as **disability in Movement**

V - Mental Retardation - A person will be considered as having disability of “Mental Retardation” If he/she

Lack of understanding/ comprehension as compared to her/his own age group: Or Is unable to communicate her/his needs when compared to other person of her/his age group: Or Has difficulty in doing daily activities like looking after toilet needs, cleaning teeth, bathing, wearing clothes, taking care of personal hygiene and nutrition and general household tasks: Or Has difficulty in understanding routine instructions : Or Has extreme difficulty in making decisions, remembering things or solving problems. In case it is found that the person has consider as **disability of mental retardation**

- ◆ No test is required to assess mental retardation. It should be left to the respondent to report whether the member of the household has mental retardation

VI - Mental Illness -A person will be considered as having disability of “Mental Illness” If he/she

Is taking medicine or other treatment for mental illness : Or Exhibits unnecessary and excessive worry and anxiety , unexplained withdrawal or problems in sleep, loss of appetite and/or depression, thought of dying, unattended personal hygiene, Or Exhibits repetitive (Obsessive—Compulsive) behaviors/thoughts: Or Exhibits sustained changes of mood or mood swing 9Joy and sadness) Leading to having many days or weeks of not being able to function and behave normally: Or Has unusual experiences - Such as hearing voices, seeing visions, experience of strange smells or sensations or strange taste : Or Exhibits unusual behaviors like talking/laughing to self, staring in space, excessive fear and suspicion without reason: Or Has difficulty in social interaction and adapting at home, at school, at workplace or generally in society. Note: The onset or manifestation or realization of mental illness is not seen from birth unlike mental retardation.

VII - Any Other— Any disability, that not covered in any of the categories

Autism means condition of uneven skills development primarily affecting the communication and social abilities of a person, marked by repetitive and ritualistic behavior. A person suffering from autism shows difficulty in communicating: interacting with others and having friends: may show unusual and repetitive behavior: Like stay aloof, shows inappropriate attachment to object, has no understanding of fear and real danger, sometimes dose not like to be touched or hugged etc. such persons may otherwise be highly intelligent.

VIII - More then one disability will be considered as multiple disability - It will counted separately