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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare
NCD-1 Section

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the July, 2019

To

1. The Director,
All India Institute of Speech and Hearing,
Manasagangothri, Mysuru-570006
2. Dr. Subodh Kumar
Member Secretary, RCI & Secretary, NBER
Rehabilitation Council of India,
B-22, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016
(msrci-msje@nic.in, rci-depwd@gov.in)

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Rajya Sabha provisionally Admitted Question No. S2429 for answer on 23/07/2019 by Hon'ble MP, Shri. B.K. Hariprasad regarding 'Shortage of audiologists'-reg.

Please refer to the Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Diary No. S2429 for answer on 23/07/2019 by Hon'ble MP, Shri B.K. Hariprasad regarding 'Shortage of audiologists'. The text of the Parliament question is as under:

"whether Government is aware of acute shortage of Audiologists if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?"

2. In view of the above, you are requested to send inputs at the earliest to enable this Ministry to formulate a reply to the aforementioned Parliament Question. The information in this regard may be sent to email ID prem.narain68@nic.in and arora.perna@nic.in.

3. This may please be treated as most urgent.

Yours faithfully

Shashi Goyal
(Shashi Goyal)

Section Officer/NCD-1 Section
Tel.: 011-23063429

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- any survey / study
related to the above which
can be provided.

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Sub: Rajya Sabha admitted Q. No.S2429 for 23.07.2019 - reg.
Ref: Letter from the Ministry dated 17.07.2019.

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Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

M. Pushpavathi

Dr. M. Pushpavathi
Director

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Encl: As above



Disabled Persons in India A statistical profile 2016

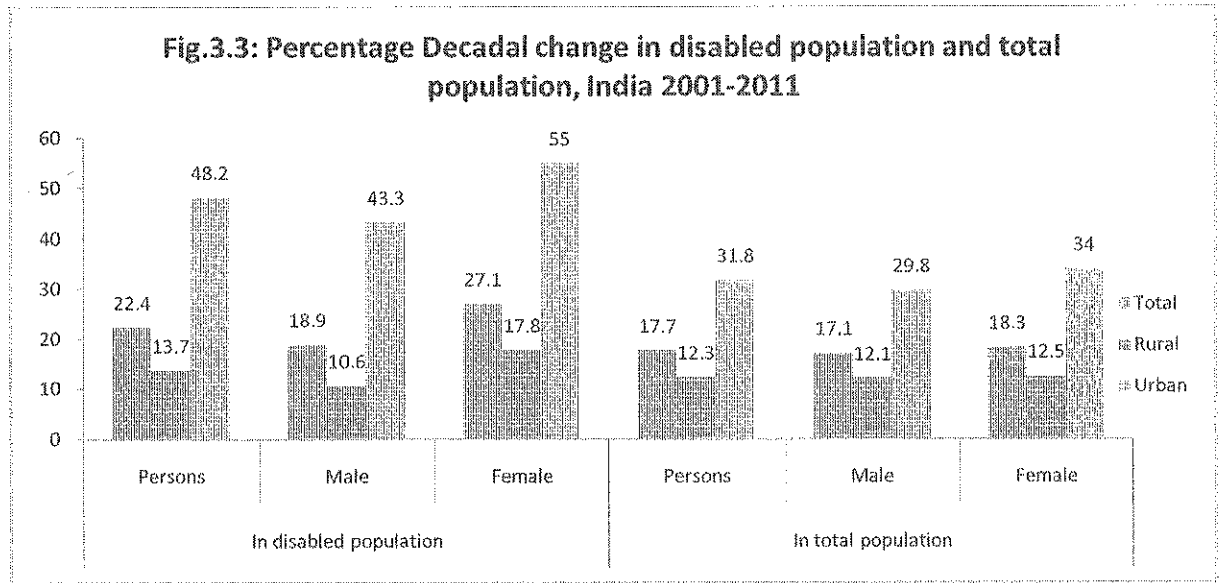


Census 2011

- In seeing
- In Hearing
- In Speech
- In Movement
- Mental Retardation
- Mental Illness
- Any Other
- Multiple Disability

Social Statistics Division
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Government of India
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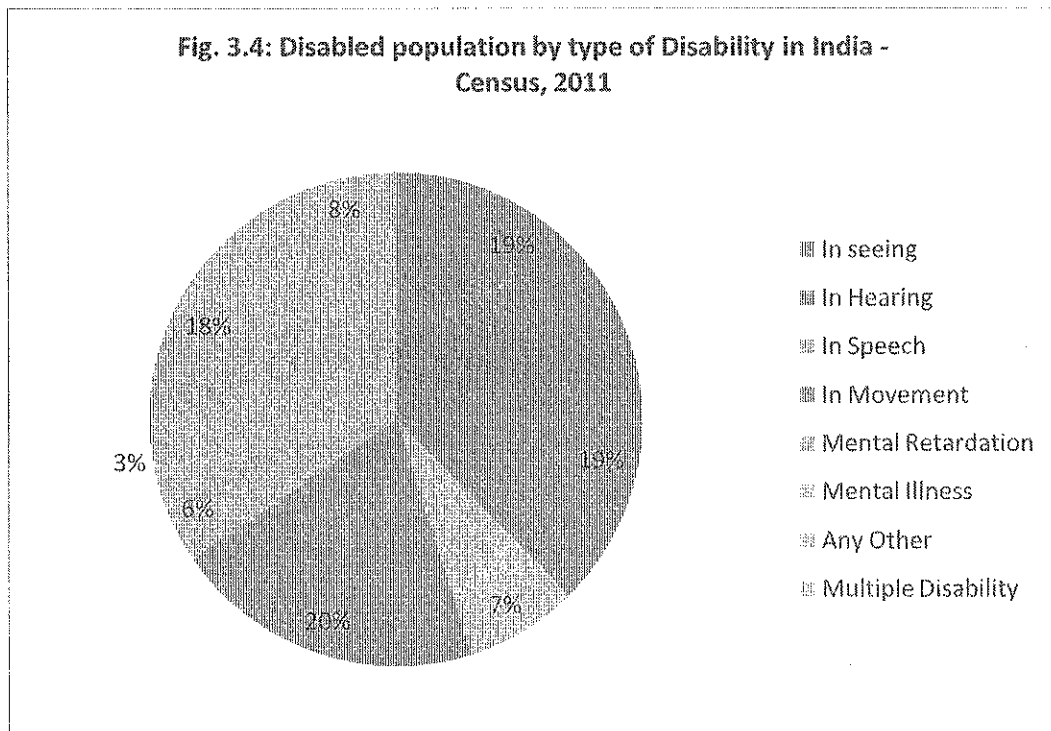
- The percentage decadal change in disabled population during 2001 -2011 is 22.4, whereas for the total population, the percentage decadal change is 17.7.



Types of disability

The Census 2011 revealed that,

- In India, 20% of the disabled persons are having disability in movement, 19% are with disability in seeing, and another 19 % are with disability in hearing. 8% has multiple disabilities.



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