

Sl. No.	State/UT	Disabled population
22.	Manipur	28,376
23.	Meghalaya	28,803
24.	Mizoram	16,011
25.	Nagaland	26,499
26.	Orissa	10,21,335
27.	Puducherry	25,857
28.	Punjab	4,24,523
29.	Rajasthan	14,11,979
30.	Sikkim	20,367
31.	Tamil Nadu	16,42,497
32.	Tripura	58,940
33.	Uttar Pradesh	34,53,369
34.	Uttarakhand	1,94,769
35.	West Bengal	18,47,174
TOTAL		2,19,06,769

#### Arrears paid by ISRO/DOS

4616. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO/DOS has paid some arrears to some retired DOS Officials in compliance to common orders of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether above orders are also applicable to other retired Scientists/Engineers of ISRO/DOS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In compliance of the order dated 18.1.2007 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala which has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in orders dated 4.4.2011 and 24.8.2011, arrears on account of reckoning of 2 additional increments granted w.e.f. 1.1.1996 for the purpose of Dearness Allowance, House Rent Allowance, Pension and Pensionary benefits as well as Professional Update Allowance for the year 1998-99 have been paid to 12 petitioners who are retired Scientists/Engineers of ISRO.

(c) and (d) Since the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and Hon'ble Supreme Court do not direct that the judgements should be extended to the non-applicants as well, the applicability of the court orders to other retired Scientists/Engineers have not been agreed to by the Government.

**Giving chance to Scientist to be heard before being sacked**

4617. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had made a statement that ISRO would be heard in connection with the irregularities on S Band Spectrum; and

(b) if so, would he not consider it to be right to ask the Department of Space as to why the scientists were not given a chance to explain their position before sacking them summarily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In the context of annulment of Antrix-Devas Agreement in February 2011, the Central Government had set up a Two-member High Powered Review Committee (HPRC) on February 10, 2011, comprising Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, Member of Planning Commission and Prof. Roddam Narasimha, Member of Space Commission and mandated it to (i) review the technical, commercial, procedural and financial aspects of the Agreement, taking into account the report of the internal review conducted by Department of Space (DoS), suggest corrective actions and fix responsibility for lapses if any, and (ii) review adequacy of procedures and approval processes followed by ANTRIX, ISRO and DOS and suggest improvements and changes. The full text of HPRC report, submitted on March 12, 2011, is available on the websites of DoS ([www.dos.gov.in](http://www.dos.gov.in)) and ISRO ([www.isro.gov.in](http://www.isro.gov.in))

Based on examination of the HPRC report, in order to enquire into the circumstances that led to the signing of Antrix-Devas agreement and subsequent