

Target groups of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and their population

S. No.	Target Group	Population and its % in Total Population (as per 2001 Census unless otherwise stated)
1	Scheduled Castes	16.7 crore (16.2%)
2	Other Backward Classes	Caste Census has not been done since the 1931 Census. The Mandal Commission had estimated OBC population at 52% of the total.
3	Disabled	2.2 crore (2.1%)
4	Senior Citizens	7.7 crores (6.9%)
5	Victims of Substances Abuse	Authentic data not available. At least 1% of the population is understood to be addicted.