**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1635- 2022**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**“Mr. D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(1). Whether his department provides prescribed targets and/or guidelines to its entities and federations for opportunities and participation for persons with disabilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2). whether the revised white paper of his department by Parliament in November 2019 and the legislative process relating to the amendment bill enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3). what percentage of the budget of his department was dedicated to programmes for persons with disabilities for the 2021-22 financial year;

(4). whether persons with autism benefit from the programmes; if not, why not; if so, how? **NW1962E** **REPLY**

(1). The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture provides prescribed targets and guidelines to employees as per the DPSA guidelines. The National Targets are at 2% and the Department is at 2.4%People with disabilities in DAC/ DSAC as from 2019 are as follows:

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| **March 2019 – 2,64%** | **March 2020 – 2,40%** | **March 2021 – 2,35%** | **March 2022 – 2,42%** |
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 The need for 2% persons with disabilities remained constant.