

LETTERS

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A class apart?

Sir,—The Delhi and UP Government's polio immunisation drive is a commendable effort but suffers from the age old assumption that Government servants are a class apart.

While all Government employees were given a day off, the private sector employees who constitute a significant portion of the capital's workforce were not given the time to get their children immunised — perhaps an indication of the power of the new class of official babudom.

Are children of non-Government employees "second class citizen"? — Yours etc.,
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Disability Bill

Sir,—I am writing on behalf of a near forgotten, almost neglected section of society. Please note I have said that we are a section of the society, even though a minority. A minority which is constituted of disabled people.

We have disabilities but that does not mean we are good for nothing. We have certain parts of our systems that don't function, but don't forget we often do as much and at times more than able bodied people.

During the previous session of Parliament a Bill on disability was introduced. It is a very comprehensive Bill, covering the basic needs like education, employment and rehabilitation etc. Unfortunately there has been no mention of this Bill. I request all Members of Parliament to consider this Bill and pass it as early as possible.

This is not a political issue and disability is an issue that concerns all. With the growing rate of accidents and other hazards, disability can hit any one at any time. We disabled persons can be assets instead of the usual burdens to our country. Just help us get equal rights and opportunities. — Yours etc.,

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