

Abstract

The objective of the study on “Social Security Needs of Lottery-selling Persons with Disabilities” is to study social security welfare and disability rights that lottery-selling persons of disabilities currently receive. Data are collected from 60 lottery-selling persons of disabilities, while ten people are interviewed. The questionnaire is used as a tool. Data are analyzed using the statistical tools of frequency distribution, percentage, mean, and standard deviation, while difference of variables is arrived at by testing the relation between variables and comparing the mean difference in social security needs with a significance of 0.15 and above.

The result shows that there are more males than females selling lottery, with majority being older than 40, with primary education, and married. The dependents are most seen in their spouses. Their domicile is mostly in the northeastern region. The biggest number of the disabilities is found in the physically disabled group. With regard to the occupation, persons with disabilities have no occupation other than selling lottery, with no fixed selling locations. The duration of lottery selling occupation is 11 years or more, with an income higher than 20,000 baht. Most think of continuing this occupation and will not change their livelihood, because it provides greater security than any other work. With regard to social security, it is found that most do not want to join the social security scheme because their income will not be sufficient to meet the expenditure. They feel that it is complicated to get insured. They are afraid that they may be deceived by bad people. Besides, they already have a 30-baht healthcare gold card. Those who want to become insured persons under the social security scheme have problems understanding the rights that they are entitled to. If they are insured persons, they want to enjoy all the rights in the same way as do normal individuals. They do not want to be treated differently.

The study suggests that there are some persons with disabilities willing to pay their contributions to the social security scheme and that they want the government to provide them with social security rights on an equal basis to formal workers. There

should not discriminate between formal and informal workers. Joining the social security scheme will lead to improvements and further development of the life of the insured person in all aspects who as a result will truly enjoy the benefits under the principle of shared misery and happiness. If this can be done, persons with disabilities will not become too much of a burden to society and family and will enjoy a better quality of life accordingly.