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Welfare of Differently abled Persons

During 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, an amount of Rs.106.59 lakhs, Rs.201.08 lakhs and Rs.596.03 lakhs respectively has been provided to the State Governments for running District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs).

Under the Ministry's Scheme of "Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse and for Social Defence Services", Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies are already eligible for financial assistance, provided they send an appropriate proposal in this regard.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri D. Napoleon in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha today.

Concession to Mentally Challenged

“Relief of the disabled” figures at S. No. 9 in “List II” (“State List”) in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. Hence, granting of concessions to various categories of persons with disabilities for travel in buses falls within the purview of the concerned State Governments.

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