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Rehabilitation of Mentally Retarded Adults

Under the 'Swadhar Greh' scheme of the Ministry of Women & Child Development any women in difficult circumstances including mentally retarded women can get shelter. It covers their children also. Under the scheme free food, medical care, clothes, pocket money and vocational training are being provided to the beneficiaries.

The primary responsibility for programmes of rehabilitation and care of persons with disabilities including that of mentally retarded persons lies with the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment supplements the efforts of the States in the rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities.

The Central Government does not set up homes for mentally retarded persons. However, under the Central Sector Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided to Non-Government Organizations for providing various services to mentally retarded persons for projects like special schools for persons with mental retardation, vocational training centres, project for cerebral palsied children, Pre-school and early intervention & training, half way homes for psycho-social rehabilitation of treated and controlled mentally ill persons etc. Funds are not allocated by the Ministry to State Governments under the Scheme.

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