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Welfare of Disabled Persons

To provide comprehensive services to the Persons with Disabilities at the grass root level, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment facilitates creation of the infrastructure and capacity building at district level for awareness generation, rehabilitation, training/guiding of grassroots level functionaries, through setting up District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs). The amount sanctioned to these centres during the financial years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 is Rs. 201.08 lakh, Rs. 590.77 lakh and Rs. 410.09 lakh respectively.

A Central Sector Scheme namely “Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse” for Social Defence Services is being implemented for identification, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts through voluntary organizations, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local bodies and organizations/institutions fully funded or managed by State/Central Government are also eligible for financial assistance 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.
