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Rehabilitation of Physically and Mentally Challenged Persons

The disability-wise number of persons with disability as per census 2001 is as under:-

Visual Disability	Speech Disability	Hearing Disability	Locomotor Disability	Mental Disability	Total
10634881	1640868	1261722	6105477	2263821	21906769

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements a number of schemes for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities including physically challenged and mentally retarded persons.

Schemes implemented by the Ministry of SJ&E for the rehabilitation of the Persons with Disabilities

- (a) Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) – Under the Scheme funds for the welfare of persons with disabilities are provided to non-Governmental organizations for projects like Special Schools, Vocational Training Centres, Half Way Homes, Community Based Rehabilitation Centres, Early Intervention Centres for disabled and Rehabilitation for Leprosy Cured Persons etc.
- (b) Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)- Under the Scheme aids/appliances are distributed to the needy persons with disabilities which includes physically/mentally challenged persons also.
- (c) Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (SIPDA)- Under this scheme, assistance is provided for setting up of District Disability Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centres, creation of barrier free environment in public buildings, making websites accessible, awareness generation etc
- (d) Scheme of Incentives to Employees in the Private Sector for providing employment to persons with disabilities- Under the Scheme, Government of India provides the employers' contribution for Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) for three

years for persons with disabilities employed in the private sector on or after 1.4.2008 with a monthly salary upto Rs.25,000/-

- (e) National Institutes: The Ministry supports seven autonomous National Institutes which provide rehabilitation services and undertake manpower development with the overall objective of providing rehabilitation services for different types of disabilities.
- (f) The National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation provides concessional credit to persons with disabilities for setting up income generating activities for self employment.
- (g) The National Trust National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities (a statutory body) also implements various schemes/ programmes for the welfare of persons with disabilities.

Further, a total 216 District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) providing a range of comprehensive services to the persons with disability are already functional in the country and 66 more are proposed to be set up.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF 216 DDRCs ALREADY SET UP IN THE COUNTRY & 66 DDRCs PROPOSED TO BE SET UP

Sl. No.	State/UT	DDRC already set up	DDRCs proposed to be set up
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	2	-
2.	Andhra Pradesh	13	6
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	2
4.	Assam	9	3
5.	Bihar	21	3
6.	Chhattisgarh	6	-
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	-
8.	Daman & Diu	1	-
9.	Goa	1	-
10.	Gujarat	11	-
11.	Haryana	5	-

12.	Himachal Pradesh	3	-
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	5	1
14.	Jharkhand	6	-
15.	Karnataka	8	-
16.	Kerala	3	7
17.	Madhya Pradesh	23	-
18.	Maharashtra	9	6
19.	Manipur	3	1
20.	Meghalaya	3	2
21.	Mizoram	3	-
22.	Nagaland	1	-
23.	Odisha	8	3
24.	Punjab	7	1
25.	Puducherry	2	-
26.	Rajasthan	11	6
27.	Sikkim	1	2
28.	Tamil Nadu	7	-
29.	Tripura	4	-
30.	Uttar Pradesh	24	16
31.	Uttarakhand	5	-
32.	West Bengal	7	7
	Total	215	66

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) implements two Schemes of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for award of scholarship to a total of 1500 students with disabilities every year, including those pursuing higher and Technical education.

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 Lok Sabha today.
