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**Welfare Scheme for Differently Abled People**

A statement containing the list of welfare schemes for the differently abled people in the country along with the annual target and achievements for the year 2013-14 is:

**Annual Targets & Achievements**

S.No.	Name of the Schemes	Targets (BE in Rs. Crore in 2013-14)	Achievements (Expenditure in Rs.crore in 2013-14)
<b>A</b>	<b>Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)</b>	90.00	63.64
<b>B</b>	<b>Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of Aids/appliances (ADIP scheme)</b>	110	95.36
<b>C</b>	<b>Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (SIPDA)</b>	105	47.71
<b>D</b>	<b>District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC):</b>	Target not fixed	6.70
<b>E</b>	<b>Scholarship Schemes</b>		
1	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities	12.00	9.655
2	National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities	<i>The scheme was not existing in 2013-14</i>	-
3	Pre-Matric Scholarship and Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities	-do-	-
4	Gyan Prabha (Scholarship) Scheme of National Trust	0.02	0.0124
5	Scholarship Scheme from Trust Fund	2500(in Number)	11.00
6	Scholarship Scheme from National Fund	500 (in Number)	0.5335
<b>F</b>	<b>SCHEMES OF NATIONAL TRUST</b>		
1	Aspiration - Early intervention activities	0.05	0.0256
2	Sahyogi – Care Givers Training Scheme	0.3524	0.3097

3	Niramaya (Health Insurance) Scheme	3.4122	3.409
4	Samarth (Residential Care Scheme)	0.4408	0.2940
5	GHARAUNDA (Group Home & Rehabilitation Activities under National Trust Act for Disabled Adults)	0.60	0.16
6	Innovative Schemes	0.10	0.0741
<b>G</b>	<b>SCHEMES OF NHFDC</b>		
1	Loan to the PwDs for self employment	70.00	75.82
2	Grant support for skill training of PwDs	4000 (in Number)	4889 (in Number)
3	Financial Assistance in the form of Education Loan	No target is fixed	0.5002

As per Section 39 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, all Government educational institutions and other educational institutions receiving aid from the Government, shall reserve not less than three per cent seats for persons with disabilities.

As per Section 33 of the said Act, every appropriate Government shall appoint in every establishment such percentage of vacancies not less than

3% for persons or class of persons with disability of which one percent each shall be reserved for persons suffering from (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment; (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability.

In addition, Under the scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) opportunities for the differently abled persons in the field of education and employment are provided by way of providing financial assistance in the form of Grant-in-Aid to NGOs. The major components of the scheme are:-

- (i) Vocational Training Centres,
- (ii) Sheltered Workshop
- (iii) Special Schools
- (iv) Project for Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training.

As per Census 2011 of India, there are 2.68 crore persons with disabilities who constitute 2.21 per cent of the total population, out of which about 1.50 crore are males and 1.18 crore are females. As per Census 2001, 49 per cent of persons with disabilities were literate, out of which graduate and above constituted 3 per cent. Moreover, only 34 per cent of persons with disabilities were employed as per the 12 th Plan Working Group Report.

According to estimate of WHO Global Burden of Disease study of 2004, 15.3 per cent of the world population (some 978 million people of the estimated 6.4 billion) had “moderate or severe disability”, while 2.9 per cent or about 185 million experienced “severe disability”.

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

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