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Self employment training programme for differently abled persons.

The District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) set up by the Government under the scheme of implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (SIPDA), provides rehabilitative services to persons with disabilities through many activities including:

(i) Arrangements of loans for self employment, through banks & other financial institutions;

(ii) To Provide supportive and complimentary services to promote education, vocational training and employment for persons with disabilities through:-

- Orientation training to teachers, community and families.
- Training to persons with disabilities for early motivation and early stimulation for education, vocational training and employment.
- Identifying suitable vocations for persons with disabilities, keeping in view local resources and designing and providing vocational training and identifying suitable jobs, so as to make them economically independent.

Each DDRC is run under a District Management Team headed by the District Collector. As on 25.11.2014 249 DDRCs have been set up.

Further, under the Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) grant-in-aid is provided to voluntary organization for running projects including imparting vocational training to persons with disabilities.

In addition, National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking under Department of Disability Affairs, provides financial assistance for wide range of income generating activities for the persons with disabilities.

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.
