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Persons with Disabilities fitted with Modern Electronic Artificial Limbs calls on President, Vice President and PM

A 50 member delegation of persons with disabilities (PwDs) fitted with Modern Electronic Artificial Limbs (prostheses) from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra visited Parliament House in New Delhi today. These people's lives have been improved thanks to the efforts of Yuvak Pratishthan an NGO started in 1980 and inaugurated by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the former Prime Minister of India, under the Mission Limb for Life project. Rehabilitation of persons with disabilities through modern electronic limbs is the mission of Dr. Kirit Somaiya, who is a Member of Parliament (MP) and President of Yuvak Pratishthan and has distributed artificial limbs to 250 persons with disabilities till date.

The young people met Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, jointly, who blessed their endeavours and said that this model should be replicated in other States. The delegation also had a chance to meet the President Shri Pranab Mukherjee and the Vice-President, Shri M. Hamid Ansari. Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot and Ministers of State Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar and Shri Vijay Sampla were also present on the occasion.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will now take this forward through the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) Make in India Programme for which an MoU has been signed with M/s Ottobock, Germany and the Transfer of Technology programme will be signed on 20 May 2015. ALIMCO, a PSU under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will also be modernized at a project cost of Rs.286 crore and the work shall commence in the current financial year.