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Artificial Limb to Physically Handicapped Persons

Under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances(ADIP), grant-in-aid is provided to various Implementing Agencies to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhance their economic potential. The Scheme also envisages conduct of corrective surgeries, whenever required, before providing an assistive device. Under the existing scheme, persons with disabilities (PwDs) with an income upto Rs. 6500/- per month, get the aids/appliances free. For income level between Rs. 6,501 to 10,000, aids are provided at 50% of the cost. Only those aids/appliances, which do not cost more than Rs. 6000/- are covered under the Scheme.

Ministry of Rural Development constituted a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission to prepare a proposal for a Comprehensive National Social Assistance Programme. Further action has been initiated keeping in view the recommendations of the Task Force.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri P. Balram Naik in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.
