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People with Mental Disorders

As per Census 2001, the total number of persons affected with mental disorders in the country is 22.63 lakhs which includes women and children.

The primary responsibility for programmes for rehabilitation and care of persons with disabilities lies with the State Governments as per entry No. 9 in the "State List." However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. The Central Government does not set up special schools for such children. However, under the Central Sector Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided to Non-Government Organization for providing various services to persons with disabilities including Special schools/residential schools for such children/persons. Further, as per information provided by the National Institute of Mentally Handicapped (NIMH), Secunderabad, there are an estimated 1400 special schools providing services for persons with mental retardation throughout the country including the north eastern states. Majority of these schools and centres are run by Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Two Special Schools at Secunderabad and NIMH Model Special Education Centre in Delhi are run by the National Institute of Mentally Handicapped of the Ministry and 24 Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped (VRCs) are functioning under the Ministry of Labour.

The amount earmarked and spent during the last three years, year-wise under Central Sector Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) by way of financial assistance to NGOs in the country is:

(Rs. in Cr.)			
Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Amount earmarked /Budget outlay	120.00	120.00	120.00
Amount released/spent for all projects under DDRS	82.27	86.16	46.99
Approximate amount released to Special Schools for Mentally Retarded children.	23.12	37.98	19.71

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 Rajya Sabhatoday.
