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**Shelter for Mentally Challenged Girls in the Capital**

The primary responsibility for programmes for rehabilitation and care of persons with disabilities lies with the State Governments. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. The Central Government does not set up shelters/homes for mentally challenged girls. 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/half way homes for such children/persons.

As per information received from Government of NCT of Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi is running the following residential homes for mentally challenged girls:

- (i) School & Home for mentally retarded (Girls) (SHMR) which has sanctioned capacity of 75 in which at present there are 219 residents.
- (ii) Institution for Severe and Profound Mentally Retarded (Girls) (ISPMR) which has a sanctioned capacity of 100 in which at present there are 247 residents.

Both these institutions/homes are situated at Asha Kiran Complex, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi.

Further, the National Trust under this Ministry, for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities is implementing a residential care scheme named 'Samarth' for providing respite care and long term stay facility for adult persons. Orphan/destitute below 18 years, including mentally challenged girls, are also eligible under this scheme. Presently, this scheme is running at 106 places in the country, including 2 in the Capital at following places:

- (i) Manovikas Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Research Centre, A-267, Surajmal Vihar, Delhi.
- (ii) Society for Child Development, Apne Sahare, 7/27 A, Ground Floor, Roop Nagar, Delhi.

Besides, a lifelong shelter and care facility scheme namely Gharaunda is being implemented by the National Trust for adult persons both men and women at 4 places in the country including one in the Capital at DERA Mandi, Dera, Near Chattarpur (by Muskaan), Sector-B, Pocket-2, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

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 RajyaSabha today.

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