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Rehabilitation of Physically and Mentally Challenged Persons

The District Disability Rehabilitation Centres are set up under the Plan Scheme. "Scheme for implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995 (SIPDA). Establishment of DDRCs started as an out reach activity of this Ministry for providing comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities at the grass root level and for facilitating creation of the infrastructure and capacity building at the district level for awareness generation, rehabilitation and training of rehabilitation professionals. Out of 199 DDRCs approved before 2010, 184 are functioning. In the year 2010-11, 100 new DDRCs were approved for setting up. Accordingly on receipt of complete proposals from the concerned State Governments, 41 new DDRCs have been sanctioned so far.

Each new DDRC is provided for the first year grant in aid (recurring + non-recurring expenditure) of Rs 17.20 lakh in case of general and Rs 18.82 lakh in case of special areas like NE States, J&K & UTs. From second year onwards only a recurring grant of Rs 10.20 lakh for general for a period of 3 years and Rs 11.82 lakh for special areas for a period of 5 years is provided.

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 Sabha today.

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