

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF PEOPLE OF WEAKER SECTION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any national level programme has been started for rehabilitation of people of weaker sections of the country particularly of Bihar State State-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified for this purpose and number of targeted beneficiaries; and
- (c) the State-wise amount released for this purpose during the current financial year, till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has launched two National Level programmes for rehabilitation of weaker sections:

- (i) National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers (NSLRS) in 1991-92.
- (ii) National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD) in 1999-2000.

These programmes are implemented throughout the country.

(b) NSLRS is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and funds are released to the States. The scheme was launched with the objective of assisting scavengers for their training and rehabilitation in alternative occupations. 6,76,008 scavengers have been identified for training and rehabilitation in alternative occupation throughout the country as a whole. Under the Scheme of NPRPD, 82 districts are to be covered in different States of the country for providing comprehensive Rehabilitative Services to persons with disabilities especially those living in rural areas.

(c) During the current financial year, under the scheme of NSLRS, the proposals have been received from the following State Governments and funds have been released:-

Andhra Pradesh - Rs.27.38 crore
Himachal Pradesh - Rs.2.40 crore

The NPRPD is a State Sector Scheme, which was launched in 1999-2000 and during the Xth Plan Period, funds releases were made by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. However, in the Tenth five Year Plan (2002-07), the States have to fund the programme through their own resources and as such there is no budgetary allocation under NPRPD in the current year.