GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECT ON MISSION MODE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ministry implements `Science and Technology Project in Mission Mode` for developing appliances for the benefit of persons with disabilities;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) the kind of assistance provided under the project;

(d) the funds provided to the scientific institutions, autonomous bodies, research laboratories and R&D engineers for development of suitable assertive devices during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the number of persons benefited by this project during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b): Yes sir, the Ministry implements the `Science and Technology Project in Mission Mode` to coordinate, fund and direct application of technology in development and utilization of suitable and cost effective aids and appliances and methods of education and skill development for persons with disabilities, which can lead to enhancement of opportunities for employment, easier living and mobility, communication, recreation and integration in society

(c) & (d): Financial assistance is provided to Research & Development Institutes, Public Sector Undertakings, Educational bodies and other Scientific establishments of Government and Non-Governmental Organizations for undertaking suitable research work leading to the fulfillment of above objectives. The year-wise funds disbursed during the last three years and current is as under:

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 Year                       Funds disbursed


 2003-04    Rs. 82.84 lakhs
 2003-04    Rs. 99.36 lakhs
 2004-05     Rs. 36.49 lakhs
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(e) The scheme leads to development of Technology/new type of aids and appliances, the impact of which is more qualitative.