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FUNDS TO NGOS FOR EMPOWERMENT OF DISABLED

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds are being allocated to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under the schemes being implemented for empowerment of disabled persons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the funds allocated/released/utilized during the last three years alongwith the names of the NGOs under the above schemes;
- (c) the machinery available with the Government to monitor utilisation and detect misutilization of funds by these NGOs;
- (d) the number of cases of misutilization of funds detected during the said period; and
- (e) the action taken against these NGOs alongwith the nature of the action?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b): Funds are released to the Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working for the welfare of persons with disabilities for running various projects under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP). Details of funds released/utilized and the number of NGOs assisted during the last three years is at Annexure. Grants are released only on obtaining utilization certificates that have become due in respect of previous grants.

(c): In order to ensure proper utilization of the funds by the Non-Governmental Organizations, several measures are in place including recommendation and inspection report by the State Government, inspection by the officers of the Ministry whenever necessary, periodic reports, audited statement of accounts, Utilization Certificates etc.

(d) & (e) During the last three years, 02 NGOs were found to have misutilised funds under DDRS. Further grant-in-aid to them has been stopped and they have been blacklisted.