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WELFARE OF DISADVANTAGED SECTIONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the performance of special schemes/centrally sponsored schemes being implemented for the welfare of the disadvantaged sections of the society;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the success achieved through implementation of these schemes; and
- (d) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for effective implementation of these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The evaluation studies have revealed, inter-alia, that the schemes implemented for the disadvantaged sections are generally effective and benefits are reaching the target groups. However, there is also a need for revision of rates of scholarships, timely release of grants, creation of awareness, simplification of procedures and strengthening of implementation machinery.

(c) Achievements of some of the important schemes of the Ministry during 2009-10 have been as under:-

- (i) 40,58,980 SC students were provided Post Matric Scholarships;
- (ii) Assistance was given for creating hostel facilities for 2156 SC Boys and Girls;
- (iii) 14,01,620 (apprx.) OBC students were provided Post-Matric Scholarships;
- (iv) 4000 seats were created through assistance for construction of hostels for OBC boys and girls.
- (v) 1,13,544 Disabled persons were provided services under the Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Scheme;
- (vi) Assistive devices were provided to about 2 lakh disabled persons under the Purchase/Fitting of Aids & Appliances (ADIP) Scheme to the Disabled Persons;
- (vii) About 96,678 beneficiaries were assisted for rehabilitation under the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse;
- (viii) 33,100 Senior citizens were provided services under the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons;

(d) Revision of Schemes and other appropriate measures are taken for effective implementation of the Schemes. Several Schemes, such as, Scheme of Integrated Programme of Older Persons; Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse, Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana, Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Children of those engaged in Unclean Occupations, Centrally sponsored Scheme of Hostels for SC and OBC Boys and Girls (OBC Component) and the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme have been revised during the last three years.