

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any awareness programmes for economically and socially backward areas, so as to make the disabled aware of their rights and the opportunities they can avail; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) The policy and programmes of the Government are aimed at creating awareness in all areas of the country including backward areas through measures like sponsored All India Radio programme (Sanwanti Jayein Jeeven ki Raahein), print media etc.

(b) There are several schemes/ programmes of the Government for awareness generation. Under the Scheme of Assistance to Disable Person for Purchase/ Fitting of the aids/appliances (ADIP Scheme) funds are released for district- wise camp activity throughout the country and the scope of the scheme includes use of mass media, exhibition, workshop etc for exchange of information and awareness generation. National Trust, an autonomous body under the Ministry has been organizing awareness programme in the country including backward areas through its registered organizations. A Mobile Disability Awareness Expedition by the name of Badhte kadam is also being organized for the past two years in the country. This year also the programme is scheduled to be organized from 3rd November to 2nd December, 2011.

There are seven National Institutes under this Ministry working in the field of disability. These National Institutes conduct awareness programmes about rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, identification, prevention, sensitization on schemes/ programmes for disabled, in collaboration with State Governments, local bodies and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) throughout the country including the backward areas.