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

- (a) whether a Conference of the State Welfare and Social Justice Ministers was held in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held in the Conference; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations made therein?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Ministry organized a Conference of State Welfare and Social Justice Ministers on 17-18th June, 2011 at New Delhi.
- (b) The Conference was held to review implementation of Schemes and Programmes pertaining to the target groups of the Ministry, viz. (i) Scheduled Castes (ii) Other Backward Classes (iii) Persons with Disabilities, (iv) Senior Citizens, and (v) Victims of substance abuse. The broad issues discussed were, inter alia, timely disbursement of scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes, simplification of disability certification, implementation of relevant Acts in an effective manner, need to monitor the utilization of funds etc.
- (c) The Central and State Governments take necessary action as appropriate on the points identified.