

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1950
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2013
INCENTIVES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Ahmed Shri Sultan

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

- (a) whether the Government has urged the private sectors for the economic empowerment/ employment of disabled persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the response of the private sector in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is providing any incentive to the persons with disabilities who are employed in the private sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount contributed in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a) to (d) A Scheme of 'Incentives to Employers in Private Sector for providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)' has been introduced with effect from 1.4.08 to encourage employers to employ PwDs. As per the Scheme the Government will reimburse the employer's contribution to Employees Provident Fund and Employees State Insurance for a period of 3 years in respect of PwDs, employed on or after 1.04.2008 with a monthly salary of up to Rs. 2500/-. Wide publicity has been given to the Scheme.

The apex Chambers of Industries have been requested to sensitize their members. The State Governments were requested to ensure wide publicity and close monitoring on the progress of the schemes. 20 Apex Industrial Organizations were also requested for giving widest possible publicity to the scheme. The scheme is monitored by a High Level Monitoring Committee. The apex Chambers of Industries are being associated in the meetings of the Committee. Publicity to the scheme is given by Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Employees State Insurance Corporation and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(e) So far Ministry has released employers share of Rs. 50 lakh in 2008-09 and Rs.50 lakh in 2012-13 to ESIC and Rs. 100 lakh in 2008-09 to EPFO.