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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR UNIVERSAL DESIGN AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Institute for Universal Design and Assistive Technology;
- (b) if so, the details along with the salient features and main objectives thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said Institute is likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The vision of National Institute for Inclusive and Universal Design (NIUD), likely to be set up soon, will be to prevent discrimination, offer personal independence and provide equal opportunities for people with disabilities by ensuring environmental access through universal design, leading to social inclusion.

Main objectives of the Institute will be:-

- (i) To initiate, sponsor, conduct and stimulate research to expand environments capacity to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.
- (ii) To promote inclusive development in villages and in towns for persons with disabilities.
- (iii) To direct education conduct training and build awareness about universal design among environmental design professionals, govt. organizations and institutions of higher learning.
- (iv) To document and disseminate latest information about universal design.
- (v) To network, cooperate and coordinate with National, Regional or Local Agencies to promote social inclusion through environmental design.