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SCHEMES FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED WOMEN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the schemes implemented for the upliftment of physically challenged persons particularly women in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any specific scheme for promoting the participation of physically challenged women in the field of education and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any concrete steps has been taken/proposes to be taken by the Government for upliftment of physically challenged women; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (d): Various schemes implemented for the upliftment of physically challenged persons including women in the country provide for educational, social, economic and psychological rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, creation of barrier free environment, providing assistive devices, special education, vocational training and early intervention programmes. All the Schemes and programmes, namely, Deendyal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS); Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIPDA); Scheme of Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS); Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA); Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship scheme for Students with Disabilities (RGNF); Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities; Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship and Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Gyan Prabha Scheme of National Trust; Scholarship Scheme from Trust Fund and Scholarship Scheme from National Fund are implemented for the upliftment of all Persons with Disabilities including women. Special provision for physically challenged women has been made in the following schemes / programmes:-

- (i) National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities: six out of twenty scholarships are reserved for women candidates.
- (ii) Pre-Matric Scholarship and Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities : 50% of the scholarships are reserved for girls.
- (iii) Scholarship Scheme from Trust Fund: 30% scholarships are reserved for female students with disabilities.