

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct the fitness test for cochlear implants under new ADIP scheme in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to provide the benefits of the said scheme to the disabled children in all parts of the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. As per the Scheme for Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will recognize an Institute of national stature from each Zone to recommend children eligible under the Scheme for cochlear implant, with a ceiling of Rs.6.00 lakh per unit to be borne by the Government. Ministry will also identify and recognize the Institutes in the zones wherein the surgery will be undertaken. Ministry will identify suitable agencies for providing cochlear implant (500 children per year) under the Scheme. The income ceiling for the beneficiaries will be the same as for other aids/appliances.

There are a number of factors that determine the degree of success in cochlear implant. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped (AYJNIHH), Mumbai, a National Institute under this Ministry and its regional centres will determine the candidates for cochlear implantation on an individual basis and take into account a person's hearing history, cause of hearing loss, amount of residual hearing, speech recognition ability, health status and family commitment to aural habilitation/rehabilitation.

(b) The Ministry has made Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped (AYJNIHH), Mumbai, as the nodal agency for providing assistance to them. They invite applications by issuing advertisements in news papers (all India editions) and also through their website: www.ayjnihh.nic.in. Applicants have to apply based on advertisement/details on website to AYJNIHH, Mumbai. Cochlear Implant shall be procured by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India

(ALIMCO), Kanpur and provided at the nominated hospitals. Surgery would be done at identified Government/State Government approved hospitals. For conducting cochlear implant surgery, initially, the Ministry has approved empanelment of 31 Hospitals (28 Government Hospitals and 3 State Government approved Hospitals).