

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

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Prevention of Disability

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that prevention of disabilities is more important than rehabilitation;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to implement any awareness programme in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a) Yes

(b) Government has launched a Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme in September, 2014 with an objective to give publicity to the schemes/programmes of the Government through electronic, print, film media etc., to educate Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and civil society about legal rights of PwDs, sensitize the employers on special needs of PwDs, promote awareness and sensitize society on causes leading to disabilities etc. Components, admissible for assistance under the scheme, include setting up a help line for online counselling of the PwDs'; contents development; publications and news media; organizing national events; participation in the international initiatives, to support various programmes, organized by NGOs, or self-help groups; volunteer service/ outreach programme for sensitizing commercial establishment and employers; recreation and tourism; participation in community radio; and media activities.

(c) A sum of Rs.0.71 Crore was sanctioned for various projects under this Scheme to different organizations in the financial year 2014-15 for taking up activities for persons with disabilities
