

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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Schemes for SC/OBC

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal/proposes to launch any schemes/ programmes to aid the development of persons belonging to SC/OBC community and differently abled persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to launch any scheme/programme for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes. However, there is a proposal to introduce the following for development of differently abled persons:

i) Establishment of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC):

The Ministry has approved establishment of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC). The main objectives of the Centre are (i) to promote the use of Indian Sign Language (ISL) in India, (ii) to carry out research in ISL and create linguistic record/analysis of the language, (iii) to train persons in Sign linguistics and other related areas at various levels, (iv) to design, promote and offer programmes in ISL, interpreting and bilingual education, at various levels, through various modes including the distance mode, (v) to collaborate with other institutions and organizations of the Deaf to promote and propagate ISL and (vi) to create and promote literature in and about ISL. The Budget allocation for the Centre during 12th Five-year plan is Rs 20.00 crore and BE for 2015-16 is Rs.4.00 crore.

ii) II. Establishment of National Institute for Inclusive and Universal Design (NIIUD)

The proposal to set up NIIUD is on the Inclusive Agenda of Universal Design and will focus on Environmental Access by everyone, though assigning higher importance to access by people with disabilities. The objectives of the Institute include (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 professional, govt. organization and institutions of higher learning, (iv) to offer community based out-reach services to maintain inclusiveness for persons with disabilities, (v) to generate new policies to expand environments capacity in villages and towns, (vi) to document and disseminate latest information and developments and undertake publications considered appropriate and (vii) to network, cooperate and coordinate with National, Regional or Local Agencies to promote social inclusion through environmental design. The 12th Plan outlay for the proposed Institute is Rs.20 crore.

iii). Establishment of Centre for Disability Sports. The Centre for Disability Sports would be a state of the art centre of excellence for sports for the persons with disabilities to provide them the training facilities at par with latest in the world. The Centre would also have other facilities like hostel, office, mess, recreation centre, auditorium, seminar hall, yoga centre etc. The Scheme has been included in the 12th Five Year Plan document, for which Rs. 20.00 crore has been earmarked for the plan period.