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Education for Physically Challenged Persons
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special project has been launched for the education of physically challenged persons during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the names of the organizations working for the upliftment of the deaf and blind particularly in the backward areas;
- (d) the names of the agencies running institutions for the deaf;
- (e) the details of the projects for the welfare of the deaf being run by the Non-Governmental Organisations, State-wise; and
- (f) the details of activities being carried out by the said agencies/organizations for the welfare of the deaf and dumb persons?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : The Details of the Schemes, being implemented for education for physically challenged persons are as given below: Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS); Scholarship Schemes: Post-Matric Scholarship, Scholarship for Top Class Education, National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (NFPwD); National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities; Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities. In addition to the Government has established Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) for the benefit of hearing impaired as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, under the aegis of this Ministry in September, 2015. The main objective of the Centre will be to develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language.

(c) to (f): The Department is implementing a Scheme, namely, Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) under which only grant-in-aid is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for their projects including Special School for Deaf and Blind, aimed at enabling persons with disabilities to reach and maintain their optimal, physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric or social functional levels. The list of NGOs running of the project for Deaf and Blind is at Annexure-I and II.
