

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DIFFERENTLY ABLED FOR STAGE PROGRAMMES

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

- (a) Whether any financial assistance is being provided by the department of disability affairs to person with disabilities to organise stage programmes at regional levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria adopted by the Government for granting financial assistance for the said purpose; and
- (d) the total amount of funds disbursed by the Government for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme has been launched in September, 2014 and is operational from the current Financial Year 2014-15 onward. Components admissible for assistance under the scheme includes setting up of a help line for online counselling of the PwDs, content development, publications and new media, organizing national events, participation in the international initiatives or to support various schemes organized by NGOs or self-help groups, volunteer service / outreach programme for sensitizing commercial establishment and employers, recreation and tourism, participation in community radio, media activities. So far, in the current financial year, 43 number of proposals have been received for financial assistance..

(c): The following types of organization are eligible under the scheme:-

- (i) Self-help groups
- (ii) Advocacy and self-advocacy organizations.
- (iii) Parents & Community Organizations working for mobilization and bring about change in social attitude
- (iv) Psychological and emotional support service
- (v) Community based rehabilitation organizations
- (vi) Organizations working for stress management and social isolation eradication
- (vii) Organizations working for labour market programmes, vocational training, social insurance, providing support services to PwDs.
- (viii) Organization seeking grant should be a not for profit organization with 3 years standing as a society or a Public Trust and with good track record.

(d): So far, in the current financial year, funds have not been disbursed under the scheme.