

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

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SCHEMES RUN BY DR. AMBEDKAR INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several schemes are being run by Dr. Ambedkar Institutes through Non-Governmental Organizations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the salient features of such schemes;
- (c) the achievements in respect of the said schemes; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal for modification of the said schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): No such Institutes namely 'Dr. Ambedkar Institute' are functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (SJ&E). However, presently Dr. Ambedkar Foundation an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Deptt. of SJ&E is implementing "Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for celebration of Birth Anniversary of Great Saints". Eligible Non-Governmental Organizations may, inter-alia, apply apply for financial assistance as per extant provisions under the Scheme. Salient features of this scheme are at Annexure.

(c): During 2012-13, Rs 3.75 lakh was released to Mumbai University under the Scheme, for celebrations of birth anniversary of Saint Namdev based on a complete proposal received from it.

(d): Presently, there is no proposal for revision of the said scheme.