

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1725  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018**

**Single Window for information of projects for disabled**

**1725. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is not enough awareness among the persons with disability about the skill development projects available to them;
- (b) whether persons with disability have to run from pillar to post for information and awareness of these projects; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to start a single window for availability of information of these projects?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)**

(a) to (c) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities implements an umbrella scheme namely Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) which has a component of Skill Development for PwDs. Under this component, the Department launched the National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Person with Disabilities (PwDs) in March, 2015. The scheme took off from 2016-17 as initial year (2015-16) was dedicated towards empanelment of training partners and framing of guidelines. Under NAP, financial assistance is provided to the Empanelled Training Partners (ETPs), National Institutes (NIs) & their Composite Regional Centers (CRCs) and National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) to conduct skill training programme for PwDs in trades aligned with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) in accordance with Common Norms notified by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. So far, 264 training partners spread across the country have been empanelled with this Department. During the last four years since 2014-15, financial assistance of Rs. 147.15 crores has been provided for skill training of 1,39,528 PwDs.

Information about scheme guidelines, details of ETP, details of trades etc. are displayed on the website of the Department. In addition, All States/UTs have been advised to bring to the notice of District authorities about the scheme to ensure effective implementation.

Further, a National Workshop was organized by the Department on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi with a view to sensitize all stakeholders including states, employers, training partners and civil society organizations in respect of skill training programme of PwDs. ETPs were urged to generate awareness about the skill training programme to enhance participation of Rural Youth with Disabilities.

The Department also generates awareness about the rights of PwDs as well as initiatives/schemes/programmes of Government for empowerment of PwDs through print/electronic media as well as institutions/NGOs under its Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme.

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