

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1721**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

**TRAINING TO DIVYANGJAN FOR SELF-EMPLOYMENT**

1721: SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any scheme to provide training to differently-abled persons of rural areas for self-employment and entrepreneurship;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement has been done with any institution for imparting training to differentaly abled persons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) &(b) Yes, Sir. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements 'National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)' which was launched in March, 2015. The objective of the scheme is to provide skill training to Persons with Disabilities including PwDs in rural areas for enabling them to become self-reliant and productive members of the society and to integrate them with the mainstream of the society.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. In order to strengthen the base of training partners, Department signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Food Industry Capacity and Skill Initiatives (FICSI) on 02/12/2020 for Skilling of PwDs under National Action Plan(NAP) under 'Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, (SIPDA)'. Further, two more tripartite MoUs have also been signed by the Department and Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities with Flipkart Internet Private Limited on 26/04/2022 and with Amazon Seller Private Limited on 28/09/2022 to jointly provide skill training and employment opportunities to PwDs in E-commerce sector.

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