GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

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SCHEME FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF DNT COMMUNITIES

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

- (a) the current status of the special scheme for the economic empowerment of De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT) Communities in the country;
- (b) the total amount spent for the scheme for the economic empowerment of DNT communities as of 31 March 2023;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries under the scheme; and
- (d) the various programmes that have been implemented so far under the scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

- (a) to (d) The Department has introduced a scheme namely "Scheme For Economic Empowerment of DNT Communities (SEED)", for welfare of DNT communities, having following four components:-
 - (i) To provide coaching of good quality for DNT candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations;
 - (ii) To provide Health Insurance to them;
 - (iii) To facilitate livelihood initiative at community level; and
 - (iv) To provide financial assistance for construction of houses for members of these communities.

Around 4703 applications have been received under the scheme and these have been forwarded to concerned States/UTs for physical verification.
