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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1260

ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

“PROGRESS OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DEPwD AND EDII”

1260: Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an MoU between the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, to empower Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through entrepreneurship, if so, the main objectives of this partnership; and
- (b) the number of PwDs who have been trained so far under the “SABAL” programme under this partnership and the number of person among them set up self-employment or enterprises, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(Shri B.L. VERMA)

- (a) No Sir. However, there is an MoU between National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), a Central Public Sector Undertaking under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, signed on 03.02.2023 with an objective for raising CSR funds to promote self-employment of Persons with disabilities.
- (b) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) funded the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) in 2023 for organizing Roundtable Meets for Corporates to ‘Support, Activate and Build Assured Livelihoods (SABAL) for Persons with Disabilities under CSR Actions’. There was no component of training of PwDs in this programme.
