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DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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HOLISTIC REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

2060. SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI:
SHRI AMAR PAL MAURYA:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to promote a holistic approach towards the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities;
- (b) the nature and scope of the research projects approved under the collaboration and the institutions involved in their implementation;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated for these projects and the specific focus areas which have been covered; and
- (d) the expected outcomes of this initiative on the well being and quality of life of PwDs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a): The Department promotes integrative rehabilitation through key schemes and initiatives. Ten National Institutes and 30 Composite Regional Centres provide rehabilitation services, early intervention, and skill development across India. Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP) Scheme provides assistive devices. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) manufactures and supplies Assistive devices through its camps and its Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras.

(b) & (c): Under the Research sub-scheme of SIPDA, DEPwD supports projects on assistive technology development, rehabilitation protocols and therapy modules, accessible learning and communication technologies, habilitation research, digital and ICT-based interventions, and

evidence-based prevalence and functional assessment studies. Recent projects are being implemented by PDUNIPPD, New Delhi; AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai; NIEPID, Secunderabad; NIEPVD, Dehradun; and NILD, Kolkata. Under the Research Sub-scheme of SIPDA scheme implemented by DEPwD, cumulative expenditure for FY 2020-21 to 2025-26 is ₹3.49 crore.

(d): These initiatives cater to enhance functional independence of persons with disabilities through technology-based, evidence-driven interventions and structured early childhood support, integration of therapy, involvement of caregiver, among others.
