

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2017**

National Scholarship Scheme for Differently Abled Students

No. 479 : SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

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

- (a) the details of the National Scholarship Scheme being implemented by the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) for Students with Disabilities;
- b) the details of the funds disbursed under the scheme, State and year-wise since inception;
- c) whether the said scheme is available for students studying in various unaided higher educational institutions in the country;
- d) if so, the details thereof; and
- e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)**

- (a) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is implementing a Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund) for Students with Disabilities. Under this Scheme 2500 Scholarships are awarded per year to Students with Disabilities to pursue degree and post graduate level technical and professional courses from recognized institutions. 30% Scholarships are reserved for female beneficiaries.
- (b) the details of the funds disbursed under the scheme, State and year-wise since its inception are placed at **Annexure**.
- (c) & (d) the scheme is available for students pursuing technical and professional courses of degree and post graduate level from unaided higher educational recognized institutions in the country. Under the scheme Non-refundable fees are fully awarded in case of Government/Government-aided institutions. In case of private/unaided institutes, the reimbursement is restricted to similar courses in Government/Government-aided institutions.
- (e) does not arise
