

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Divyangjan)  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.495  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2018**

**Gyan Prabha Scheme**

**495. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:**

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

- (a) the number of disabled persons benefitted so far under 'Gyan Prabha' Scheme;
- (b) the extent to which the scheme has been successful in illuminating the lives of the disabled persons with knowledge; and
- (c) the details of the future target fixed in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)**

- (a) The Gyan Prabha Scheme was started by the National Trust for Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities in the year 2008. So far 81 beneficiaries have been benefitted under the scheme.
- (b) The scheme aims to encourage persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities for pursuing educational courses like graduation, professional and vocational training leading to employment or self employment.
- (c) Keeping in view that fact that the Government has started various scholarship schemes for providing scholarships to persons with disabilities ( Divyangjan), it has been decided by the Board of the National Trust to discontinue the Gyan Prabha Scheme.

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