

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance,
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Lok Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 229

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Reduction in Budget Allocation

QUESTION

229. SHRI PINAKI MISRA

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) the reason behind the reduction in the allocation of Budget 2021-22 for the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities from Rs. 1325 crore to Rs. 1171 crore; and
- (b) the number of people with disabilities benefited from the Prime Minister's Special Economic and Comprehensive Package of Rs. 20 lakh crores as announced in May 2020 ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) The basis of final budgetary allocation is the overall fiscal position and subject to that the absorptive capacity of a particular Ministry/ Department. In case of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), the allocation of Rs. 1171.77 crore under BE 2021-22 was 30.20% more than the revised estimates (RE 2020-21) of Rs. 900 crore.
- (b) On 26.03.2020, Government had announced Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus. One of the components of said package was to provide ex-gratia of Rs.1000/- in two installments (Rs.500/- each) to the existing old age, widow and disabled/Divyangjan beneficiaries of the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). A total of Rs.2814.50 crore as ex-gratia to States/UTs in April, 2020 as first tranche and in May, 2020 as second tranche under PMGKY for the existing 282 lakh beneficiaries of NSAP schemes. This includes, release of Rs 77.34 crore under PMGKY for making payment to 7.73 lakh disabled people, who are beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS).