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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3966 TO BE ANSWERED ON-25.03.2025

ADIP SCHEME

3966. Shri S Jagathratchakan:

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

(a) whether the Government has reduced or delayed the allocation of grants under the ADIP scheme for the distribution of aids and appliances for persons with disabilities in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the allocation and utilization of funds under the scheme during the Financial Year 2023-24;

(c) whether the State of Tamil Nadu has requested additional assistance to meet the rising demand for assistive devices in rural districts; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure timely delivery of aids and appliances, particularly in underserved regions of the State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) and (b) The Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP Scheme) is a Central Sector Scheme. There is no state-wise allocation of funds under the ADIP Scheme. The Budget Estimate(BE) and Actual Expenditure (AE) during the financial year 2023-24 for the ADIP Scheme is as under:-

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (Rs. in Crore)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
2023-24	245.00	290.60

(c) and (d) Under the ADIP Scheme, Grant in aid is released to various implementing agencies such as Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)/ National Institutes/Composite Regional Centres/Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Centres/Non Government Organizations etc. No such request for additional assistance to meet the rising demand for assistive devices in rural districts from the State of Tamil Nadu has been received. ALIMCO is the major Implementing Agency of ADIP Scheme across India. As far as ALIMCO is concerned, in order to extend the reach and delivery of Aids and Appliances the corporation has opened Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) in Chennai and Madurai ,which are walk in centres for availing aids and appliances by senior citizens and divyangjan. The corporation has also opened ALIMCO's Regional Marketing Centre in Chennai to provide benefit of aids and appliances. Also, the Corporation is in swift coordination with state government for organising camps under the provisions of ADIP scheme. The corporation has also approached to the district administration of identified aspirational Blocks in the state of Tamil Nadu for organising camps under the provision of ADIP Scheme.
