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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

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Integrative Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities

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

- (a) the initiatives undertaken by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for promoting integrative approaches to disability rehabilitation;
- (b) the nature, scope and names of various institutions involved in the research projects sanctioned under collaboration and implementation;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated for these projects and the specific focus areas covered;
- (d) whether there are any anticipated outcomes of the initiative on well being and quality of life for persons with disabilities, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the integrative approaches to disability rehabilitation by the Government in the Palghar district in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

The Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment

(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a): The Department promotes integrative rehabilitation through key schemes and initiatives. Nine National Institutes and 30 Composite Regional Centres provide courses, rehabilitation services, early intervention, and skill development across India. Schemes such Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP) through Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) support the provision and innovation of assistive devices. The Department offers national scholarships and skill development for persons with disabilities to enhance education and employment.

(b) and (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, in collaboration with medical colleges, technical institutes, and community-based organisations.

ALIMCO is undertaking key projects including low-vision assistive eyewear with CSIR-CSIO, a programmable Behind-the-Ear hearing aid with CDAC, Kadam Knee Joints with IIT Chennai and SBMT (DRDO), development of specialised dies with CIPET and establishment of a proposed R&D facility at Visakhapatnam in collaboration with AMTZ.

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 aim to enhance functional independence of persons with disabilities through technology-based, evidence-driven interventions and structured early childhood support. They promote holistic rehabilitation by integrating therapy, counselling and caregiver involvement, expand access to quality services via institutional and community platforms, and strengthen a nationwide cadre of skilled rehabilitation professionals.

(e) To promote integrative rehabilitation, ALIMCO, in coordination with local administration, has organised ADIP Scheme distribution camps in Palghar district, Maharashtra, providing assistive devices worth Rs. 97.39 lakh to 1,057 beneficiaries over the last three years. AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai conducts community-based rehabilitation and early intervention camps offering screening, therapy, caregiver counselling, assistive device facilitation, referrals, job fairs and awareness activities.
