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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

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TO BE ANSWERED ON - 16/12/2025

UPGRADATION OF REHABILITATION CENTRES FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS

2651. Shri Zia Ur Rehman:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed challenges faced by persons with disabilities, elderly citizens and other vulnerable groups in accessing welfare schemes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures taken to upgrade rehabilitation centres, scholarship programmes and skill training facilities; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce new initiatives to ensure social inclusion and economic empowerment of disadvantaged communities, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B L VERMA)

(a) to (c): The Government regularly reviews implementation of welfare schemes through various mechanisms.

As per the latest Third Party Evaluation report for ADIP Scheme distributing assistive devices by ALIMCO and other Implementing Agencies, beneficiaries reported significant improved mobility, greater access to opportunities for education and livelihood and overall well-being. Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras established under the Scheme have further strengthened the department's integrated and accessible rehabilitation services.

The Umbrella Scheme "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)" is regularly monitored through various regular internal reviews and its Third Party Evaluation report states that beneficiaries have seen its delivery has been strengthened through mandatory UDID, One-Time Registration, bio/face authentication and mapping of the National Scholarship Portal with the UDID Portal ensuring authentic disbursements.

For senior citizens, the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment implements Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, and a Third Party Evaluation study has shown that through its Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, enhancement of grant-in-aid, monitoring by Project Monitoring Unit for surprise inspections and initiation of projects in uncovered States, all has led to a positive outreach. A dedicated Senior Citizen Portal was also launched in 2025 to further strengthen digital access to schemes and faster grievance redressal.

The Department has approved 30 Composite Regional Centres as outreach arms of National Institutes to provide rehabilitation services, train personnel, support education and skill development, and raise community awareness on rights of persons with disabilities. Skill training is being provided under the National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities to persons aged 15 to 59 years through Government and non-government training partners.

The Government takes steps for further strengthening inclusive welfare measures, ensure regular reviews with stakeholders, expand rehabilitation and skill initiatives, improve digital access to schemes for all vulnerable groups.
