

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The term 'welfare' has been incorporated in section 2(k) of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

(c) The Government is implementing The Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons' under which financial assistance is provided to suitable NGOs for running various projects for the welfare of the senior citizens. Some of these include maintenance of old age homes; maintenance of respite care homes and continuous care homes for older persons; multi service centres; Mobile Medicare Units; day care centres for Alzheimer/Dementia patients; physiotherapy clinics for older persons; help lines and counseling centres etc.

#### **Industrial training to SCs and STs**

†2969. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide various types of industrial training to the people of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country to make them economically self-dependent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The schemes which contain components to upgrade skill of SCs/STs for income and employment generation are Scheme of 'Vocational Training in Tribal areas', Scheme of 'Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for SCs' and the scheme of special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes sub plan. In addition National Scheduled Castes Financial Development Corporation and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation provide skill development training to SCs for industrial training in various trades.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Employment of disabled persons**

2970. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

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

(a) whether Budget Speech, February 2008, promised to employ one lakh disabled persons in private sector in 2008-09;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.