

Welfare schemes for weaker sections of Uttar Pradesh

834. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Programmes being implemented by Government for the welfare of SCs, STs, Backward Classes, Minorities and other weaker sections of the society in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total budget allocated and funds released to this State under the said schemes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, district-wise; and

(c) the number of persons benefited from those schemes during this period, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Jobs to SC and ST

835. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is being contemplated by Government to enact laws for providing jobs to the youths belonging to SC and ST communities of the country in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to ensure providing jobs to these categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Coordination Committee on Affirmative Action has been constituted to conduct a dialogue and guide the private sector towards promoting employment and employability of the youth belonging to SC/ST categories. The Apex chambers of industry and commerce have put in place Voluntary Codes of Conduct (VCC) for affirmative action by the private sector. The private sector has in some cases also initiated various training and skill upgradation programmes for the target group to enhance their employability.

Employment of persons with disabilities

836. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether scheme for employment of persons with disabilities is being modified to make it more attractive for employers; and