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5.	Integrated Programme for Older Persons	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4500.00	5000.00
6.	Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse	4100.00	4100.00	4000.00	4500.00	2381.00
7.	Assistance to Voluntary Organization for providing Social Defence	500.00	500.00	500.00	300.00	201.00
8.	Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP)	2252.22	1994.28	1622.19	2171.24	854.10
9.	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme	8225.64	8615.51	4699.56	6364.09	4412.56
10.	Grants in aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes	5260.92	5348.22	1808.88	4000.00	3500.00
11.	Coaching for Scheduled Tribes	152.74	249.93	45.06	118.42	0.00
12.	Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe Girls in Low Literacy Districts	3756.03	3123.19	741.19	4030.01	3196.83
13.	Vocational Training in Tribal Areas	87.94	179.56	168.12	270.75	227.33
14.	Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs) (NGOs and UT component)	520.85	560.31	150.00	529.54	419.60

Augmentation of Braille press for visually challenged

2519. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: WILL the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be please to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of Government run Braille printing presses are in dire straits because of outdated machinery and old technology, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken by Government for capacity augmentation of Braille presses for the benefit of visually challenged; and

(c) the further steps taken by Government to provide digital and audio books to the visually challenged students keeping in view technological advancements in the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) to (c) The Government has approved the Central Sector Scheme of “support for establishment/modernization/capacity augmentation of Braille presses” for the benefit of visually challenged during the Twelfth Plan Period (effective from 2014-15). The objectives of the scheme are:

- (i) to establish 18 new Braille presses;
- (ii) to establish 03 small scale Braille printing units in UTs;
- (iii) to modernize 12 old Braille presses; and
- (iv) to augment Braille printing capacity of 3 modern Braille printing presses.

The Government has approved one proposal for establishment of new Braille press, three proposals for capacity augmentation and four proposals for modernization of Braille presses.

The Government has undertaken the following steps to provide digital and audio books to the visually challenged students:

- (i) The National Institute for The Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Dehradun has been recording talking books since 1984.
- (ii) The audio books are being recorded in Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) format.
- (iii) Facility to play audio books on several kind of devices such as mobile phones, DAISY players, normal mp3 players and computers.
- (iv) NIVH, Dehradun is in the process of upgrading its online Braille library.
- (v) Deptt. of Information Technology has implemented a project titled Content Generation for Capacity Building of Persons with Blindness and Low Vision audio books in DAISY format in human recorded voice, in synthesized voice. E-text books were also generated for graduate and post graduate level students with visual impairment.