

(a) whether the proposals have been sent by various States including Uttar Pradesh to incorporate some castes of backward classes in the Scheduled Castes on the social and educational grounds;

(b) whether some of the castes proposed by State Governments for inclusion in Scheduled Castes are already included in Scheduled Castes in some States; and

(c) if so, the details of such castes which are already included in Scheduled Castes, State-wise and caste-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) to (c) During last and current year proposal of Rai Sikh community of Uttarakhand, which is in the Central List of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) has been received for its inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes. The said community appears in the list of Scheduled Castes of the States of Haryana and Punjab.

#### **Help to disabled older persons**

†132. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide help to disabled old age persons;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has prepared a Scheme for providing Physical Aids and Assisted Living Devices for Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category and suffering from age related disabilities/infirmities.

#### **Provision of High-End-Aids and Assistive Devices**

133. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various high-end aids and assistive devices that were notified for visually impaired, leprosy affected, hearing impaired, kits for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and orthopedically impaired;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of funds earmarked for providing such aids and devices to Tamil Nadu, so far; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries who availed those aids and devices during the last three years in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) Consolidated list of high-end/contemporary aids and assistive devices that were notified by the Government consequent upon revision of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) Scheme with effect from 01.04.2014 for visually impaired, leprosy affected, hearing impaired, kits for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and orthopedically impaired is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The details of funds released and the number of beneficiaries who were benefited under ADIP Scheme during the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu are as indicated below:—

Year	Funds released and utilized** (₹ in lakh)	Number of beneficiaries##
2013-14	523.65	8882
2014-15	408.68	10183
2015-16	853.29	9243

\*\*The funds released are against a notional allocation of ₹230.00 lakhs in each of the three years. The figure also includes funds utilized by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation and National Institutions for Pan India Activity/ADIP-SSA Activity/Headquarter Activity/Organizing special camps in the State of Tamil Nadu.

## Number of beneficiaries includes those benefited out of funds utilized by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation and National Institutions for Pan India Activity/ADIP-SSX Activity/Headquarter Activity/Organizing special camps in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Further, the number of beneficiaries mentioned above include those Divyangjan who have received high end devices as well. In the State of Tamil Nadu, during the last three years high end devices were distributed to Divyangjan as mentioned below:—

Sl. No.	Aids/Assistive Devices for Visually Impaired	Number of beneficiaries
1	Daisy Player	4
2	Tablet	6
	Smart Cane	25
Sl. No.	Aids/Assistive Devices for Hearing Impaired	Number of beneficiaries
1	ALIMCO Digital Type hearing aids	6714
Sl. No.	Aids / Assistive Devices for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities	Number of beneficiaries
1	Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) Kits	76

***Statement***

*Disability-wise details of high-end/contemporary aids and assistive devices for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) notified after revision of ADIP Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2014.*

**(I) Visually Impaired:**

- (a) Assistive devices such as Smart Cane, Braille watch Quart/ Braille watch (ladies and gents), Smartphone with screen reading software for persons with blindness, Pocket size external keyboard for smart phone or tablet, Mouse-cum-Video Magnifier. Hand held electronic video magnifier, Tablet of individual devices, Daisy player (Advance model), Refreshable Braille Display, Screen Reading Software, Screen Magnification Software, Laptops with screen reading software, Cubarithem, Radio + CD Player, Talking Glucometer, Talking Blood Pressure Monitor, Audio Labeller. (17)
- (b) (i) Kits for School Children in Class 1 to 5 consisting of major items like Interline Braille Slate with two stylus, Taylor frame with arithmetic types (250 grams) with packing box, Drawing Board with 20 sheets, Puzzles (Inclusive Design), Tactile book of drawings of major monuments, shapes of tall trees, types of houses, bridges, dam etc., One adapted board game with Dice, Cubarithem, Talking wrist watch and Kit bag/specially designed school bag for assistive

devices. (12)

- (ii) Kits for School Children in Class 6 to 8 consisting of major items like Interline Braille Slate, Taylor frames large with Algebra Types, (250 grams) with packing box, Tactile Geometry Kit with 20 raising sheets, Drawing Board with 20 raising sheets, Tactile Draught Board (Inclusive Design), Tactile Chess Board (Inclusive Design), One accessible board game, Tactile diagram set for Science teaching, Audio labeller (Inclusive Design), Signature guide with rupee checker and wallet, Braille wrist watch, White folding cane, Measuring kit (inch tape, needle threader, small Braille scale, liquid indicator, measuring cup). Talking Table Clock, Packing box (16)
- (iii) Kits for School Children in Class 9 to 10 consisting of major items like Interline Braille Slate with two stylus. Small white folding cane (Five folds with packing), Talking calculator. Tablet computer, Rupee checker with wallet. Packing box. (6)
- (iv) Kits for School Children in Class II to 12 consisting of major items like Smart cane and DAISY Player with one speaker for blind and kits for low vision children like Mouse Cam Video Magnifier for low vision children and Need based optical and non optical devices as prescribed by the rehabilitation expert. (3)
- (v) Kits for College students like Smart phone with screen reading software and Pocket size blue tooth keyboard for smart phone or tablet, for blind students and Smart phone with magnifier App for low vision and Need based optical and non optical devices as prescribed by the rehabilitation expert for low vision students (3)
- (vi) ADL Kits for adults such as Rupee checker plastic with signature guide and rupee checker flexible with wallet. Smart Cane, Talking body thermometer, Talking wrist watch, Liquid level indicator, Pill dispenser. Talking table clock with four alarms and stop watch, Audio labeler, Talking calculator, Measuring kit and Packing Box. (10)
- (vii) List of common low vision devices such as Telescopic Glasses, Optical Magnifiers, Mouse Cam Video Magnifier, Hand held Electronic Video Magnifier up to 5 inches, Smart phone with magnifier app for low vision (5)
- (viii) High-end devices such as Brailier (for Upper Primary & above), Laptop with

screen reading software and with Indian language and Indian English TTS, Refreshable Braille Display (40 cells or more) with Braille inputs keys, Daisy Player Advance Model, Screen Reading Software (Blind), Screen Magnification Software (Low Vision) (6)

- (ix) Other common devices such as Braille (for Upper Primary & above), Laptop with screen reading software and with Indian language & Indian English TTS, Refreshable Braille Display (40 cells or more) with Braille inputs keys, Daisy Player Advance Model, Screen Reading Software (Blind), Screen Magnification Software (Low Vision). (6)

Total : 84

**(II) Leprosy Affected:**

- (i) ADL Kit consisting of Universal Cuff, Nail Cutting Device, Soap Holder, Button Hook, Zipper Pull, Writing Aid or Adapted Pen with positioning splint, Rubber Gloves, Insulated Scissors, Insulated Tumbler or Adapted Glass Holder, Wider Blim Plate, Long Handled Lever Tap, Cell Phone. (12)
- (ii) Individual Devices ( optional as per requirement) such as Adapted Spoon, Built up Spoon, Angled Spoon, Grip Aid. Latex Prosthesis, Gutter Splint, Extension outrigger- Short, Extension outrigger- Long, Thumb Spica, Volar/ Dorsal cock-up, Finger Loops, Knuckle Bender, MCP Block. Opponens Strap, User Friendly Spoon, Build-up Screw Driver, Foot Drop Strap. Farming Gloves, Padded Sand Digger, Anti Claw Positioning Device/Knuckle Bender Splint, Fixed Ankle Brace, Patellar Tendon Bearing Brace (Conventional), Patellar Tendon Bearing Brace(Moulded). Foot Orthosis Moulded insole, Temporary below knee Prosthesis, Permanent below knee Prosthesis, Patellar Tendon Bearing Orthosis, Foot Drop Spring. Patellar tendon bearing Orthosis variant, Moulded Sandal, MCR Sandal, Custom made Symes Prosthesis, Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFOVFixed Ankle Brace (FAB), Accommodative foot Orthosis (34)

Total : 46

**(III) Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:**

- (i) Kit for age group 0-3 years ( Early intervention group) consisting of Rattle 3 types, Teethers, ADL Kits ( 4 types). Palm Grip (4 types), Sensory Footsteps, Crib Toy, Pyramid Rings, Wooden Blocks ( 6 Nos), Sensory Mat, Stimulation

Toys ( 3 Nos). Any Safe Toys (3 Nos), Musical Book, Kit Bag etc. (13)

- (ii) Kit for age group 0-3 years ( TLM Kit for Multiple Disabilities) such as Resonance Board, Water Play Set, Different Texture Gloves and Socks, Pre-Braille book (shape), Visual/Auditory/Olfactory Stimulation Kit, Pre-Cane; (6)
- (iii) Kit for age group 3-6 years (Pre Primary group) like Number Picture Tray, Building blocks. Fine Motor Skill Nat, Peg Board, Dolls ( male & female), Raised Shape Tray, Puzzles, Count and Match. Sensory Books, Word Cubes. Face Puzzle, Kit Bag etc. (12)
- (iv) Kit for age group 7-11 years ( Primary group) consisting Picture Puzzle, Picture and Word Cards, Assembling Kit. Number Cards. Pound Toys, Jigsaw Puzzle, Telling Time Kit, Count & Match. Alphabet Worm. Beads. Functional Literacy Flip Charts, Kit Bag etc. (12)
- (v) Kit for age group of 12-15 and 16-18 years ( Secondary and Pre-Vocational) containing Wooden Block of Alphabets. Needle Work Kit, Alphabets-Words Wooden Cubes, Fitting and Assembling Kit, Number Files, Measuring Sets, India General (picture cards, word cards and Jaihind game, Mobile Phone, Number Cubes, Multiplication Tactile Board, Kit Bag etc. (12)
- (vi) TLM Kit for Multiple Disabilities ( for age group 3-6 years) consisting of Sign Language Tutor Set, Pre-Braille Book or Typo scope Reading and Writing device, Embossed Picture Book, Tangible Symbols and Calendar System and Trampoline (4)
- (vii) TLM Kit for Multiple Disabilities (for age group 6-10 years and above) containing Sign Language Tutor Sets, Pre-Braille Book or Typo scope Reading and Writing device Embossed Picture Book. Tangible Symbols and Calendar System and Trampoline and Android Tablet etc. (5)
- (viii) ALIMCO Model Sensory Kit: Multi Sensory Inclusive Education Development (MSIED) Kit containing Eye Hand Coordination Loop/Infinite Loop, Stepping Stone, Massage Ball with Stick, Olive Massage Ball, Squeezer, Air cushion, User Manual and Kit Bag. (8)

Total : 72



**(IV) Hearing Impaired:**

- (A) Assistive devices like Body level hearing aids, Analog/Non Programmable- (Behind the ear(BTE), In the ear (ITE), In the canal (ITC), Completely in the Canal (CIC); Digital/Programmable - (Behind the ear (BTE), In the ear (ITE), In the canal (ITC), Completely in the Canal (CIC); Personal FM Hearing Aids, Bluetooth neck loop for hearing aids, Vibratory Alarm, Baby-crying Alerting Wireless device. Door Bell Signaler, Fire Smoke Alarm, Telephone Signaler, Amplified Telephone, Telephone amplifier. Audio induction loop. Infrared system. Hearing aids with bone vibrator, Educational Kit containing Language (Vocabulary) Book, Articulation drill book, Story book, Other materials (Family Hand Puppets, 5 puzzles, Montessori equipments/toys. Shape sorter clock, One set of noise makers, Block sorter boxes, Set of verb cards, 5 soft toys). (32)
- (B) Cochlear Implant: Provision of Cochlear implant for 500 children per year with Hearing disability with a ceiling of ₹ 6.00 lakh per unit included. This will result in providing life long relief for hearing impaired children in the age group of 0 to 5 years.

Total : 32

**(V) Orthopedically Impaired:****(A) Lower Exdtremity Prosthesis (17)**

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| (i) Trans-tibial Prosthesis (Below Knee)    | : | 7 Types |
| (ii) Through Knee Prosthesis (TK)           | : | 2 Types |
| (iii) Trans-femoral (Above Knee) Prosthesis | : | 6 Types |
| (iv) Hip Disarticulation Prosthesis         | : | 1 Type  |
| (v) Symc's prosthesis                       | : | 1 Type  |

**(B) Upper Extremity Prosthetics (9)**

- (i) Silicone Finger Prosthesis each
- (ii) Silicone Thumb Prosthesis each
- (iii) Silicone Partial Hand Prosthesis each
- (iv) Trans Radial or Below Elbow / Wrist Disarticulation Passive Prosthesis

- (v) Body Powered Prosthesis (Trans Radial or Below Elbow/ Wrist Disarticulation)  
Its components includes trans radial kit and socket.
- (vi) Trans Humeral or Above Elbow/Elbow Disarticulation Passive Prosthesis.
- (vii) Body Powered Prosthesis (Trans Humeral or Above Elbow/Elbow Disarticulation).
- (viii) Shoulder Disarticulation Passive Prosthesis
- (ix) Shoulder Disarticulation body powered Prosthesis
- (C) High End Upper Extremity Prosthesis (2)
  - (i) Externally Powered below elbow or Trans radial / Wrist Disarticulation prosthesis
  - (ii) Externally Powered Trans Humeral / Elbow Disarticulation Prosthesis
- (D) Lower Extremity Orthosis (2)
  - (i) Reciprocating Gait Orthosis
  - (ii) Off Loader Knee Orthosis (Unit Price)
- (E) Spinal Orthosis (1)
  - (i) HALO Brace
- (F) Mobility Aids (3)
  - Motorized Wheel chair
  - (i) Quadriplegic wheel chair with Chin and Head Control
  - (ii) Quadriplegic wheel chair with joy stick
  - (iii) Motorized wheel chair (Handle driven)

Total : 34

Grand Total : 268

Note:

The extent of financial support would be limited to ₹ 10,000 for each disability and ₹ 12,000 for students with disabilities in respect of devices costing up to ₹ 20,000. All expensive items costing above ₹ 20,000 and Government shall bear 50% of cost of these



items and the remainder shall be contributed by either the State Govt. or the NGO or any other agency or by the beneficiary concerned subject to prior approval of Ministry on case to case basis; limited to 20% of the Budget under the Scheme.

**Application for inclusion in OBC category**

134. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether applications are pending before Government from individuals for inclusion in Other Backward Classes (OBC) category;
- (b) if so, how many applications are pending and for how long they are pending;
- (c) how many of them have been approved;
- (d) what are the criteria for including a person among OBC;
- (e) the reasons why people are still desiring to become a member of OBC; and
- (f) how many applications are pending from Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) No application is pending with the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The broad criteria is Social, Educational and Economic backwardness. Inclusion of caste/communities in the Central List of Other Backward Classes is a continuous process for inclusive growth of such castes that fit into the criteria cited above.

(f) No application from Kerala is pending in the Ministry.

**Vacancies in various National Commissions**

135. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Commissions for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Safai Karmacharis are headless for some time now;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Vice-Chairperson and one Member of the