

**Reduction in disability percentage for pension**

†1881. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:

SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

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

(a) whether the disability percentage is being reduced from 80 per cent to 40 per cent under the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme and if so, by when; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Rural Development implements Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme. They have informed that there is no such proposal to decrease the disability percentage from 80 to 40 under the said scheme. The disability pension scheme under National Social Assistance Programme, being a welfare scheme, is targeted to extend benefits only to persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL category) as per laid down criteria in the Guidelines.

**Backward class post-matric scholarship scheme**

†1882. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State receives very less than required/partial amount only, from the Ministry under Backward Class Post-matric Scholarship Scheme; and

(b) whether the funds being provided by Government is needed to be increased under this scheme, keeping in view the limited financial resources of State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students is a funds limited scheme and it is not possible for Central Govt, to meet the full demand of the State Governments. Every year the total budget provided under the scheme is bifurcated and allocated to States/UT Administrations having OBC population on Notional Allocation based on their total population (as per 2011 census data). The Notional Allocation is conveyed to the States/UTs at the beginning of the 0 financial year and are requested to send proposals within their Notional Allocation.

During the current financial 2018-19 under the scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, budget allocation has already been increased from ₹ 885.00 crore to 1100.00 crore as compared to the last financial year 2017-18.

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