

Children, Youth and Sports on 'Demands for Grants (2025-26)' pertaining to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

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### STATEMENT BY MINISTER

#### Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Tenth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs

**आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री (श्री मनोहर लाल):** महोदय, मैं आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय की 'पीएम स्ट्रीट वेंडर्स आत्मनिर्भर निधि (पीएम स्वनिधि)' के संबंध में विभाग-संबंधित आवासन और शहरी कार्य संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति के दसवें प्रतिवेदन (सत्रहवीं लोक सभा) में अंतर्विष्ट सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति के संबंध में एक वक्तव्य सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ।

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### REFERENCE BY THE CHAIR

#### World Autism Awareness Day

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, today, April 2, is recognised by the United Nations as World Autism Awareness Day. This House, I strongly feel, would reaffirm its commitment to promoting the rights and well-being of individuals with autism. This year's theme, 'Advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals', highlights neurodiversity and sustainable development. Yesterday, a distinguished hon. Member of this House, Shri Sujeet Kumar, emphasised the need for autism awareness with a special focus on facilitation for a unique disability identification card and advocated holding of camps and supporting families for the same. India's legislative framework, including the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 and National Trust Act, 1999, has established crucial entitlements and support programmes. Entitlements have meaning only when they reach the intended persons. Our inclusive education and vocational training initiatives are creating meaningful opportunities for autistic individuals, but more is required to be done. Moving forward, we must prioritize awareness early in time.

Unique disability ID certification camps and inclusive policies to ensure proper support and opportunities, aligning these efforts with Sustainable Development Goals, particularly quality education, decent work and reduced inequality, will