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SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): Sir, the National Programme of Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD) Scheme has stopped from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2004 in Bellary district, Karnataka and the same is likely to be transferred to some other district. This Scheme was initiated in October, 2001 and successfully implemented in Bellary district till 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2001. There were 14 Multi Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) and 376 Village Rehabilitation Workers (VRWs) working in the district in this Scheme.

As per survey report, there are about 22,000 disabled persons in Bellary district and nearly 60 per cent of them need assistance like rehabilitation, reservation, Medical Board certificates, travelling concession, NHFDC loans, vocational guidelines, scholarship and aids and appliances etc. to make them self-reliant.

MRWs and VRWs played an important role to implement above Scheme to maximum extent and their services are recognizable.

I urge upon the Government to continue NPRPD Scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2004 so that the disabled persons could be benefited to full extent.