

The important activities of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during August, 2016, were as follows:-

This Ministry has introduced a Bill titled "The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016" in the Lok Sabha on 02.08.2016. The Bill is presently pending for consideration and passing in the Lok Sabha.

2. Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) Memorandum was circulated suggesting several reforms in the scholarship schemes as well as projecting requirement of higher funds in the 12th Five Year Plan.
3. The Draft Cabinet Note on National Policy for Drug Demand Reduction, 2016 was sent to Prime Minister's Office in April, 2016. Subsequently, an advisory was issued to the States/Union Territories on 11/08/2016. The Ministry has been recently asked by Prime Minister's Office on 05/09/2016 to convene a meeting of the National Consultative Committee on De-addiction and Rehabilitation (NCCDR), review the action taken by the States/Union Territories on the advisory and also place its Cabinet Note before the Group of Ministers chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs. Action has been initiated in this regard.
4. An agreement was signed on 30.08.2016 between the Ministry and National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS for conducting the National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use.
5. The draft Cabinet Note on National Policy on Senior Citizens (NPSrC) was sent to Prime Minister's Office in January, 2015. Subsequently, after receiving observations of the Cabinet Secretariat and conducting inter-ministerial consultations, the final Draft Cabinet Note was submitted in July, 2016. The Prime Minister's Office has offered some comments on 22nd August, 2016, which have been taken into consideration and the Draft Cabinet Note has been modified accordingly.
6. A Meeting of the National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSrC), under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment was held on 30.08.2016 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Representatives from Central Ministries, NITI Aayog, National Human Rights Commission, State Governments, Non-Government Organization, Experts in the field of Ageing & other related areas etc. participated in the meeting.
7. National Consultation on review of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens (MWPSA) Act, 2007 was held on 31.08.2016 at Vigyan Bhawan. Representation from State Governments, Bar Council of India, Law Commission, Regional Resource & Training Centres (RRTCs) under IPoP and All India Senior Citizens Confederation (AISCCON) participated in the meeting.
8. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 03.08.2016 approved the proposal for notification of the Central List of Other Backward Classes applicable to the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. A Gazette Notification was issued on 11/08/2016 for inclusion/amendment in the Central List of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
