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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)**



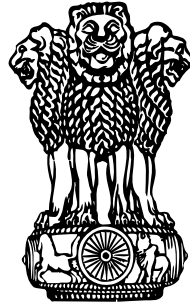
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Introduction

1.1 The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016

The Government enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 as passed by the Parliament in December, 2016. The Act was brought into force from 19.04.2017. In the new RPwD Act, 2016, the numbers of disabilities have been revised from existing 7 to 21 and also reservation has been revised from 3% to 4% in government jobs for certain process or class of persons with benchmark disability. Every child with benchmark disability between the age group of 6 to 18 years shall have the right to free education. The Act provides for penalties for offences committed against PwDs, designated Special Courts have been proposed to handle cases relating to violation of Rights of PwDs.

1.2 Salient features of the RPwD Act 2016:

- 1) Responsibility has been cast upon the appropriate governments to take effective measures to ensure that the persons with disabilities enjoy their rights equally with others.
- 2) Disability has been defined based on an evolving and dynamic concept.
- 3) The RPwD Act covers the following specified disabilities:
 1. **Physical Disability:**
 - a) **Locomotor Disability:**
 - i) Leprosy Cured Person
 - ii) Cerebral Palsy
 - iii) Dwarfism
 - iv) Muscular Dystrophy
 - v) Acid Attack Victims
 - b) **Visual Impairment:**
 - i) Blindness
 - ii) Low Vision
 - c) **Hearing Impairment:**
 - i) Deaf
 - ii) Hard of Hearing
 - d) **Speech and Language Disability:**
 2. **Intellectual Disability**
 - a. Specific Learning Disabilities
 - b. Autism Spectrum Disorder

3. Mental Behaviour (Mental Illness)

4. Disability caused due to-

- a) Chronic Neurological Conditions such as-
 - i) Multiple Sclerosis
 - ii) Parkinson's Disease
- b) Blood Disorder-
 - i) Haemophilia
 - ii) Thalassemia
 - iii) Sickle Cell Disease

5. Multiple Disabilities

- 4) Additional benefits have been provided for persons with benchmark disabilities and those with high support needs.
- 5) Every child with benchmark disability between the age group of 6 and 18 years shall have the right to free education.
- 6) 5% reservation of seats in Government and Government aided higher educational institutions for persons with benchmark disabilities.
- 7) Stress has been given to ensure accessibility in public buildings (both Government and private) in a prescribed time-frame.
- 8) 4% reservation in Government jobs for certain persons or class of persons with benchmark disability.
- 9) The Act provides for grant of guardianship by District Court or any authority designated by the State Government under which there will be joint decision – making between the guardian and the persons with disabilities.
- 10) Broad based Central & State Advisory Boards on Disability to be set up as policy making bodies.
- 11) The Act provides for strengthening of the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and State Commissioners of Disabilities which will act as regulatory bodies and Grievance Redressal agencies and also monitor implementation of the Act. These Offices will be assisted by an Advisory Committee comprising of experts in various disabilities.
- 12) Creation of National and State Fund to provide financial support to the persons with disabilities.
- 13) The Act provides for penalties for offences committed against persons with disabilities.
- 14) Designated Special Courts to handle cases concerning violation of rights of PwDs.

1.3 Population of Persons with Disabilities

As per census 2011, the population of persons with various disabilities is 268.10 Lakhs. This is the first time when broad categories of disabilities were included during enumeration. A total of eight types of disabilities were included in 2011 Census against the earlier five. The disability wise population is as under:

Disability-Wise Details

Disability	Population in lakh
In Seeing	50,33,431
In Hearing	50,72,914
In Speech	19,98,692
In Movement	54,36,826
Mental Retardation	15,05,964
Mental Illness	7,22,880
Any Other	49,27,589
Multiple Disability	21,16,698
Total	26,814,994

Disabled Population by Sex and Residence

Residence	Persons	Male	Female
Total	26,814,994	14,988,593	11,826,401
Rural	18,636,358	10,410,559	8,225,799
Urban	8,178,636	4,578,034	3,600,602

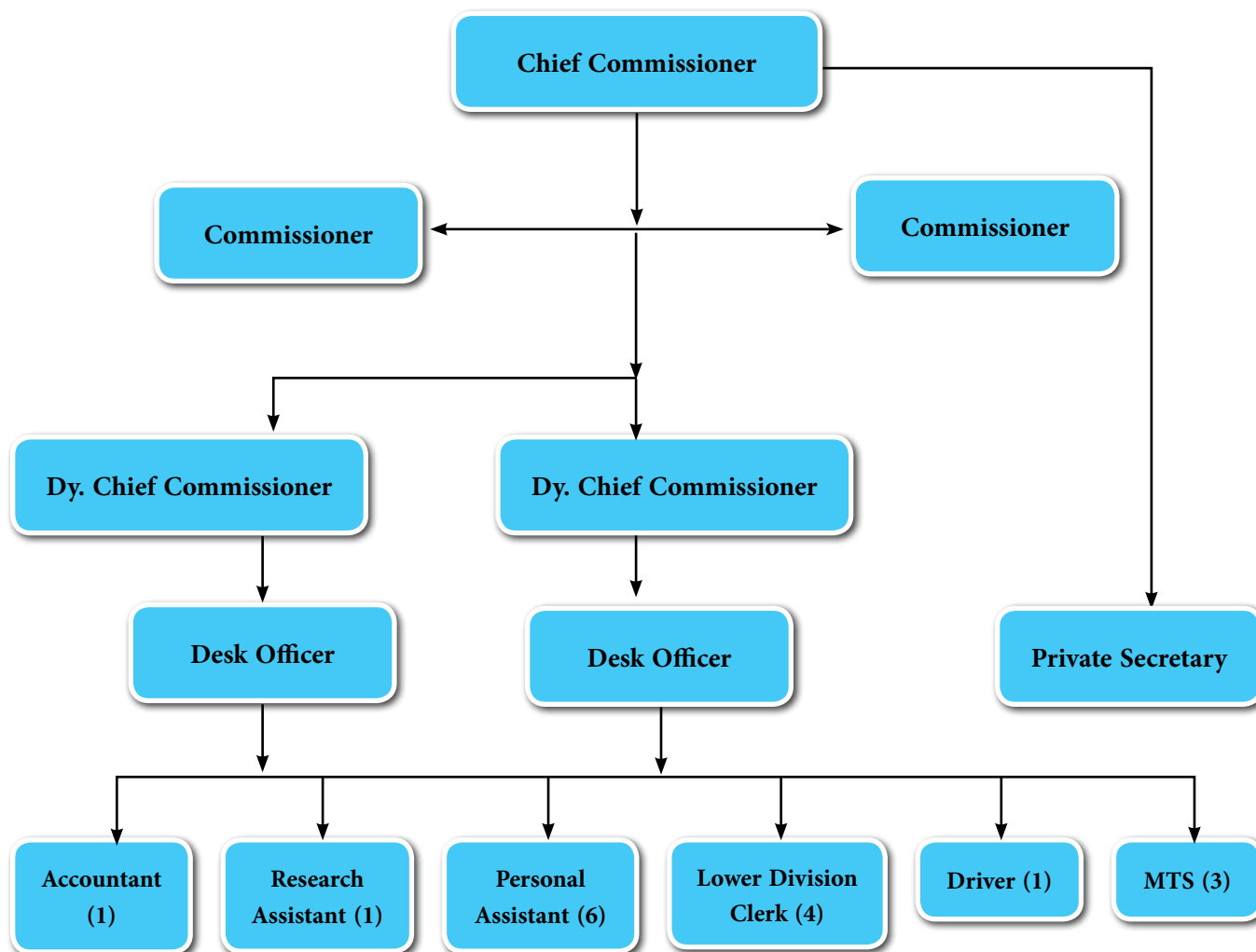
CCPD/SCPD for Persons with Disabilities

2.1 Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD):-

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 provides for appointment of a Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at the Centre and two Commissioners to assist the Chief Commissioner, of which one Commissioner shall be a Person with Disability. The Chief Commissioner can take steps to safeguard the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and monitor the implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. The Chief Commissioner is appointed by the Central Government under Section 74 (1) of the RPwD Act, 2016

2.2 Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD):

Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities came into existence with the appointment of the first Chief Commissioner on 01.09.1998. The organization chart of the Office of CCPD is as under:-



2.3 Functions of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD):

2.3.1 Under Section 75 (1), The Chief Commissioner shall:-

- (a) identify, suo motu or otherwise, the provisions of any law or policy, programme and procedures, which are inconsistent with this Act and recommend necessary corrective steps;
 - (b) inquire, suo motu or otherwise, deprivation of rights of persons with disabilities and safeguards available to them in respect of matters for which the Central Govt. is the appropriate Government and take up the matter with appropriate authorities for corrective action;
 - (c) review the safeguards provided by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force for the protection of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
 - (d) review the factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
 - (e) study treaties and other international instruments on the rights of persons with disabilities and make recommendations for their effective implementation;
 - (f) undertake and promote research in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities;
 - (g) promote awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities and the safeguards available for their protection;
 - (h) monitor implementation of the provisions of this Act and schemes, programmes meant for persons with disabilities;
 - (i) monitor utilisation of funds disbursed by the Central Government for the benefit of persons with disabilities; and
 - (j) perform such other functions as the Central Government may assign.
- (2) The Chief Commissioner shall consult the Commissioners on any matter while discharging its functions under this Act.

2.3.2 Whenever the Chief Commissioner makes a recommendation to an authority in pursuance of clause (b) of section 75, that authority shall take necessary action on it, and inform the Chief Commissioner of the action taken within three months from the date of receipt of the recommendation:

Provided that where an authority does not accept a recommendation, it shall convey reasons for non-acceptance to the Chief Commissioner within a period of three months, and shall also inform the aggrieved person.

2.4 State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (SCPDs):

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 under section 79 (1) provides for appointment of a Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in each State/UT for taking steps to safeguard and monitor the implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016. The Commissioner is appointed by the respective State Government/ UT under the provisions of Section 79 (1) of RPwD Act, 2016.

2.4.1 The State/UT Commissioner within the State shall:-

- (a) identify, suo motu or otherwise, provision of any law or policy, programme and procedures, which are inconsistent with this Act, and recommend necessary corrective steps;
- (b) inquire, suo motu or otherwise deprivation of rights of persons with disabilities and safeguards available to them in respect of matters for which the State Government is the appropriate Government and take up the matter with appropriate authorities for corrective action;
- (c) review the safeguards provided by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force for the protection of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
- (d) review the factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
- (e) undertake and promote research in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- (f) promote awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities and the safeguards available for their protection;
- (g) monitor implementation of the provisions of this Act and schemes, programmes meant for persons with disabilities;
- (h) monitor utilisation of funds disbursed by the State Government for the benefits of persons with disabilities; and
- (i) perform such other functions as the State Government may assign.

2.4.2 Section 81 provides that, whenever the State Commissioner makes a recommendation to an authority in pursuance of clause (b) Section 80, that authority shall take necessary action on it, and inform the State Commissioner of the action taken within three months from the date of receipt of the recommendation:

Provided that where an authority does not accept a recommendation, it shall convey reasons for non-acceptance to the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities within the period of three months, and shall also inform the aggrieved person.

2.5 Powers of CCPD:

2.5.1 Powers of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD):

Section 77 (1): The Chief Commissioner shall, for the purpose of discharging his functions under this Act, have the same powers of a civil court as are vested in a court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 while trying a suit, in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of witnesses;
- (b) requiring the discovery and production of any documents;
- (c) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office;
- (d) receiving evidence on affidavits; and
- (e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.

- (2) Every proceeding before the Chief Commissioner shall be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code and the Chief Commissioner shall be deemed to be a civil court for the purposes of section 195 and Chapter XXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

2.5.2 Powers of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (SCPDs)

Under Section 82. (1):- The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (SCPDs) shall, for the purpose of discharging their functions under this Act, have the same powers of a civil court as are vested in a court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 while trying a suit, in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of witnesses;
 - (b) requiring the discovery and production of any documents;
 - (c) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office;
 - (d) receiving evidence on affidavits; and
 - (e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.
- (2) Every proceeding before the State Commissioner shall be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code and the State Commissioners shall be deemed to be a civil court for the purposes of section 195 and Chapter XXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

2.6 Brief on the Areas of Intervention by the Office of CCPD:

- 2.6.1** A large number of persons with disabilities approach O/o CCPD whenever they are deprived of their rights by any Govt. body, not only for matters relating to the Central Government but also to various State Governments and local authorities and also private entities.
- 2.6.2** The O/o CCPD takes suo-motu notices of non-implementation of various provisions of the Act such as reservation in employment, admissions, instances of discrimination against PwDs reported in the press, media in appropriate portrayal of disability by electronic media and takes up with the concerned authorities. Such proactive initiatives have not only protected the rights of PwDs but also sensitized all the stakeholders and created awareness about the issues concerning PwDs.
- 2.6.3** The O/o CCPD inspects the organizations that are given grant-in-aid by Government of India under various schemes like ADIP, DDRS, etc. with a view to monitoring the utilization of funds. Physical verification of the beneficiaries is ensured in the process.
- 2.6.4** One of the major areas of intervention by the O/o CCPD is to gather information about the progress of implementation of various schemes, programmes and the provisions of the Act by different departments of Central/State/UT Governments through meetings and interactions.
- 2.6.5** The O/o CCPD takes initiative to audit and inspect public places such as Government office buildings, hospitals, stadium, market places, railway stations, airports, bus stops, religious places, etc. for their accessibility to PwDs and ensures that the required modifications are carried out.

CHAPTER 3

Status of Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 by Central Ministries/Departments

The Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has been constantly pursuing with Central Ministries and Departments for the implementation of the provisions of RPwD Act by them and for adding separate chapter in their respective Annual Reports highlighting the actions taken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities.

The status of implementation of major provisions of the Act and facilities being extended to PwDs by Central Ministries & Departments are highlighted below:

3.1 Department of Atomic Energy

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	Being implemented as per Govt. of India order wherever applicable in the Department
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	Nil
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	Does not arise in view of (ii) above.
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	Gross: 27795.40 crores Net: 18264.49 crores
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	Yes Included
vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/ Department for the benefits fo persons with disabilities.	Annual Report for the year 2021-22 is under printing.

3.2 Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti

The policy decisions / guidelines issued by Govt. of India are under implementation by this Department. Apart from it, all the instructions/ circulars/ orders issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and CPWD regarding Accessible India.

Campaign is being fully complied by this Department and also been circulated to the Organizations under this Department for adherence.

A separate chapter for the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the beneflt of the Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) has been included in the Annual Report of the Department of Water Resources, RD & GR since 2006-07.

This Department is mainly engaged in providing technical and financial assistance to State Governments for completion of their water resources projects. However a special mention on relevant information of this Department may be seen at page no.215 (Chapter-I5 : Appointments of persons with special needs and page no. 220 (Staff in position) of Department's Annual Report 2021-22 is as under.

Staff in Position in the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

Group	Total Employee in position	SC	ST	OBC	Other	PH
A	112	14	06	02	90	---
B	164	28	07	43	86	3
C	122	35	09	26	52	2
Total	398	77	22	71	228	5

3.3 Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	Nil
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/ Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	
vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/Department for the benefits fo persons with disabilities.	

3.4 Department of Expenditure, Arun Jately National Institute of Financial Management, Faridabad

Over the period the Institute has started long Term Courses in Financial Management, Finance and Government Accounting and Internal Audit. The institute also conducts a variety of management development term programs 03 days to 03 month duration. The participants include officers from Central Government, Sate Government, Defence & Para – Military Forces, PSE, automonuuous bodies and students from open market.

In order to cater the needs of all varieties of participants / students, the institute has 12 class rooms, confercnce room, Meeting Room, Auditorium. Sports Complex and 03 hostels. All the buildings are equipped with retrohiting having provision of wheelchair ramp and railing at their entrance, disabled friendly toilets, lifts etc. whenever disabled participants are nominated for training programs they are given accommodation at ground floors. In case any participant is accompanied by helper then institute provides him/her a suitable accommodation so as to accommodate helper with the participant.

In all the institute has a disabled friendly environment and it abides by all relevant provisions of RPwD Act, 2016.

3.5 Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	Nil
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/ Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	
vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/Department for the benefits fo persons with disabilities.	

3.6 Ministry of Textiles

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	<p>Cotton Corporation of India. The Corporation ensures the environment is feasible for persons with disabilities to have the right to equality, life with dignity and their Integrity to be treated equally at par with others. Appropriate steps are taken to utilize the capacity of personnel working in the organization with disabilities by providing them appropriate working environment and providing platform for their active participation in events. GM level officer has been nominated as Liaison Officer to look after matters relating to the representation of PwD.</p> <p>Moreover, a ramp at the entrance of Head Office of the Corporation specifically designed for disable persons (divyang) to enter the Office premises by wheel chair as an alternative for stairs.</p> <p>Textile Committee</p> <p>The Textile Committee ensures the environment is feasible for persons with disabilities to have the right to equality, life with dignity and their integrity to be treated equally at par with others. Appropriate steps are taken to utilize the capacity of personnel working in the organization with disabilities by providing them appropriate working environment and providing platform for their active participation in events.</p>

		<p>Liaison Officer at senior most level has been nominated to look after matters relating to the representation of PwD. However, in reference to sustainable environment maintained in the Textile Committee, no representation has been received from personnel with bench mark disability for the year 2021-22. Moreover, a ramp at the entrance of H.Q., Textile Committee specifically designed for disable persons (divyang) to enter the office premises by wheelchair in the year 2017 as an alternative for stairs.</p> <p>Central Cottage Industries Corporation</p> <p>CCIC has been implementing provisions of RPwD Act, 2016 for the benefit of persons with disabilities. Accordingly, CCIC has been filling the positions of PwD's as per roster.</p> <p>National Institute of Fashion Technology</p> <p>All NIFT Campuses are Divyangjan-friendly. In addition, regular instructions are passed from time to time to all Campuses to make additional provisions to upgrade provisions to remain Divyangjan-friendly in most expeditious manner.</p> <p>Central Silk Board</p> <p>Central Silk Board (CSB) has been implementing various beneficiary oriented components under the Central Sector Scheme "Silk Samagra-2" for the benefit of all categories of sericulture farmers/stakeholders including SC/ST & Women. Since these beneficiary components are implemented through the respective State Sericulture Departments. The information on support provided specifically to the persons with disabilities is not readily available with CSB.</p>
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	<p>Further, the CSB has been following the reservation policy as per the direction of Govt. of India for the persons belonging to SC/ST, other backward classes, economically weaker section and reservation for physically challenged persons as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 under direct recruitment and for promotions also. Apart from this, the reservation policy is also extended to the persons with disabilities for direct recruitment in all groups and for promotion under Group "C" category under the equal opportunities and protection of Rights and Full Participation Act, 1995 of Govt. of India.</p>
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	<p>National Institute of Fashion Technology. All constitutional and statutory provisions pertaining to PwD such as reservation in admissions for Divyang students, reservation in recruitments, leave provisions, etc. are being followed.</p>

iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	There is no separate budget for PWD stand alone schemes in Ministry of Textiles. Moreover, various benefits to the PWD employees are appropriated from the Budget of Ministry of Textiles.
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	Yes, separate chapter has been included in the Annual Report of Ministry of Textiles (Chapter No.12, Welfare Measures for SC/ST, Women & Persons with disability) highlighting the basic information on personnel with Disability.
vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/ Department for the benefits for persons with disabilities.	The Annual Report of Ministry of Textiles is available on the website of the Ministry of Textiles..(http://texmin.nic.in/documents/annual-report)

3.7 Department of Space

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	<p>The guidelines on "Reservation for the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities" issued by Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, are implemented in DOS/ISRO.</p> <p>Provided ramps for access into the building at Admin Building, Purchase & Store building, Training Facility Building, Resident Doctor room/ Clinic & Guest House, reserved parking facility for PH personnel at entrance, exclusive toilets for easy access in all their areas of work.</p> <p>Provided additional SS Hand railing for Stair cases at Main Building (both stairs from Ground Floor to Second Floor), Guest House (Ground Floor to First Floor) and connecting corridor in Main Building as Part of civil works'.</p> <p>Granting of Special Casual Leave, Payment of Transport Allowance at double the normal rates, favourable consideration in allotment of residential accommodation are extended as per Government orders.</p>

		<p>At ISRO Headquarters, Bengaluru, NVDA [Non Visual Desktop Access] software has been Provided in personal computers for visually impaired persons.</p> <p>During the COVID'19 Pandemic, work from home facility has been extended as per Government of India instructions.</p> <p>At Liquid Propulsions System (LPS), a differently abled official has been provided with a more convenient and comfortable new sitting place. A ramp with Stainless Steel handrails for hassle free movement from road to his room, and an exclusive accessible toilet with wash basin and water taps facility have also been provided.</p> <p>ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) conducted meeting with PwD employees on 03.12.2021 which is marked for International day of Persons with Disabilities in order to sort out the grievances and to render all possible support to them.</p> <p>New Space India Ltd. (NSIL), a Central Public Sector Enterprises under Department of Space has been proactively undertaking various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and sustainable Development activities. During financial year 2021-22, NSIL has allocated an amount of Rs.53,214,500/- for PwDs towards enabling, equipping and empowering the Persons with Disability (PwDs) with equipped Assistive and Adaptive devices & livelihood opportunities.</p>
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	Expenditure towards the various schemes for the benefits of Person with Disabilities met from the budget allotted to Department of Space (DOS).
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	372 employees Percentage – 2.21%
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	Budget Provision of the Ministry / Department 13,949.09 Crores
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	A separate chapter has been earmarked for PwD in the Annual Report of Department of Space (DOS).

vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/ Department for the benefits for persons with disabilities.	A copy of Annual Report (2021-2022) in English and Hindi are enclosed.
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3.8 Ministry of Steel

The Ministry of Steel follows the Government's rules with regard to the implementation of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act). As on December 31, 2021, five persons [one hearing handicapped (HH), one visually handicapped (VH) and three orthopaedically handicapped (OH)] with disabilities are employed in the Ministry of Steel.

3.8.1 Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)

Provisions related to reservation for Persons with Disabilities in terms of RPwD Act is followed at Plants/ units of SAIL.

Continuous efforts are/have been made for barrier free environment at work place for persons with disabilities.

SAIL extends free medical facility even to non-entitled brother or sister of an employee, if they are disabled and dependent on the employee.

Various facilities for sports and cultural activities are provided exclusively for the disabled persons at plant locations. Separate play grounds have been earmarked for the handicapped at some of the plant locations.

SAIL provides scholarship to the physically disabled children of its employees to support their education.

Special relaxation is provided in allotment of quarters to disabled employees. Care is taken to allot ground floor to such employees.

3.8.2 Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)

- RINL is earmarking stipulated percentage of posts in Group-A, B and C as per RPwD Act. As per the Act, RINL has been implementing reservation whenever recruitment is taken up. Concessions and relaxations are extended to PwDs like Upper Age Limit (10 years), Application fee Exemption, 10% relaxation in Qualification marks at par with SC/ST, 10% relaxation in marks in Selection Tests at par with SC/ST.
- Since the Act came into force, RINL has employed 214 persons with various disabilities (excluding 10 persons on merit).
- Facilities provided as per statute include identification of jobs, post recruitment, and pre-promotion training, providing aids/assistive devices, accessibility and barrier free environment at work place, preference in allotment of company's quarters, grievance redressal, Liaison Officer appointed for matters relating to Persons with Disabilities, Special Casual Leave and preference in transfer/posting.
- Providing Ramp Way, Auditory Signal in the lifts of the building, Provision of a wheel-chair at the Reception Centre are some of the actions taken up for the convenience of the differently-abled persons at different offices at main administrative building / corporate office.

3.8.3 NMDC Ltd.

NMDC, being a mining organization, is governed by the provisions of the Mines Act and Rules and Regulations there of. Considering the safety factor, it is not possible to employ PwDs in jobs involving working in the mines/plant. However, efforts are being made to induct PwDs in posts where field work is not involved and at present NMDC has 100 employees with disabilities in various posts.

NMDC has taken several steps for convenience of differently enabled persons visiting the Offices of the Company like providing ramp way, auditory signal in the lifts etc. Employees in the Projects who become disabled while in service are redeployed in identified posts.

3.8.4 MOIL Ltd.

- At work place, employees have been provided welfare facilities for improving their service conditions, quality of life and social security.
- Therefore, facilities in line with Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 i.e Lift/Elevators, Toilets, Drinking Water, Wheel Chair, Crutches, Range of reach, Path/Walk, Physically handicapped allowance etc. have been provided for the Divyang employees.
- The manner of selection of persons with disabilities for various posts: Recruitment for identified posts for persons with disabilities is carried out Reservation, relaxation and concessions provided to persons with benchmark disabilities as per Govt. of India directives/ instructions, are followed.
- Preference in Transfer and Posting: As far as possible, the persons with disabilities is exempted from the rotational transfer policy/transfer.
- Preference in allotment of Residential accommodation/Guest House: MOIL gives preference to the person with disabilities for providing them accessible accommodation in company's township.

3.8.5 MECON Ltd.

MECON has implemented the provisions of RPwD Act. Total employment strength of MECON as on 31.12.2021 is 1138, out of which persons belonging to disabled / physically handicapped category in various posts is 10. In view of the Government's policy for 'Divyang' persons, the Company's website has been made user friendly for visually impaired by installing Screen Reader Technology. For the convenience of the Divyang persons, ramp is provided for entering into the office premises.

3.8.6 MSTC Ltd.

As on 31st December, 2021, MSTC has 09 employees who are persons with disabilities or Divyang.

3.8.7 KIOCL Ltd.

As on 31st December, 2021, KIOCL has 11 employees who are persons with Disabilities or Divyang.

3.8.8 Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd. (FSNL)

FSNL is a service organization, rendering its specialized services to the customer plants in scrap management & allied jobs. FSNL carries out its operational activities in open area in all the seasons. The Heavy Earthmoving Equipments like Balling Cranes, Magnetic Separators, Dozers, Dumpers etc. are used by FSNL for carrying out the operational activities. Therefore, the atmosphere/working conditions of FSNL is not conducive for the persons with disabilities and hence their engagement for such field jobs is not

safe. However, adhering to the Government directives, FSNL has identified three posts each in Executive & Non-executive categories for persons with disabilities, one each for Visually Handicapped (VH), Hearing Handicapped (HH) and Orthopaedically Handicapped (OH) under Group-A & Group-C categories. Besides, company's website has been made user friendly for visually impaired by installing Screen Reader Technology. Ramp and railings have been provided in office premises and specially modified/compatible toilets have been provided.

3.9 Department of Posts

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	Guidelines/instructions in respect of PwD, as issued by Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Department of Expenditure are scrupulously followed by Department of Posts.
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	<p>There is no fund allocation for the welfare of specific categories of employees under the budgetary Estimates of Department of Posts, as the welfare schemes are implemented by the Department out of the Grants provided by the government for the purpose. However, there is a separate welfare fund from which funds are released to the Circles @ Rs. 100/'per employee to support welfare activities. The details of welfare activities for PwDs are as given below:-</p> <p>(i) Scholarships/Educational schemes to disabled children of Postal employees. 3% of scholarship is reserved for disabled children of Postal employees.</p> <p>(ii) Financial assistance for the purchase of aids and appliances to disabled Postal employees and 2nd class railway fare from the place of duty to the artificial limb centre and back.</p> <p>(iii) Transport charges/hostel subsidy to disabled children of Postal employees.</p>
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	As per the data received from 16 Postal Circles for the FY 2021-22, total 567 PwDs got benefit under various schemes.
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	Total budget provision to Postal Welfare Fund under the head 3201-06-101-01-00'31 (Postal Welfare Fund) is Rs. 9 Crore
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	Section (c), (e), (para-3) and (g) of Chapter 7 of Annual Report 2021'22 of this Department, inter-alia highlights, various activities undertaken for the benefit of the PwDs.

vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/ Department for the benefits for persons with disabilities.	Attached
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3.10 Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	<p>The University Grants Commission (UGC), from time to time, has been conveying to the Universities and deemed universities the policy decisions, including reservation in admission and employment in the Government of India pertaining to the persons with disabilities. In addition, the decisions taken and the guidelines framed at the level of the Commission in this regard have also been circulated to all universities for implementation. The UGC has also circulated the Gazette Notification of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 to the Universities requesting them to strictly follow the provisions contained therein.</p> <p>UGC has issued the instruction to all Universities regarding need for special arrangement for persons with disabilities in educational institutions vide letter NO. F.6-2/20213(SCT) dated 8.4.2021 and 22.07.2021.</p>
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	<p>There is no separate budget provision for the PwDs, however, the UGC and AICTE have the following Schemes for benefit of the PwDs in HEIs:-</p> <p>UGC schemes for PwDs:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher Preparation in Special Education (TEPSE) two Universities approved TEPSE scheme during the year 2015-16. 2. Higher education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN) 3. Financial Assistance to Visually challenged Teachers. 4. National Fellowship for Persons with disabilities (NFPwD) <p>AICTE has also launched a scheme namely Saksham Scholarship for differently-abled students on National Educational Day in 2014 with an aim to provide encouragement and support to pursue technical education. All students having disability of more than or equal to 40%. Family income of upto Rs.8 Lakh Per annum and admitted of AICTE approved institution & AICTE approved course eligible to apply for the said scheme.</p>

		<p>AICTE under Saksham Scholarship Scheme awards Rs. 50000 Per annum to all the eligible differently-abled students. The details of the No. of the beneficiaries & amount disbursed in the financial year 2021-2022 is follows:</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2">S. No.</th><th rowspan="2">Category of Students</th><th colspan="2">No of Beneficiaries</th><th rowspan="2">Amount released (Rs.in Lakh)</th></tr><tr><th>Fresh</th><th>Renewal</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Gen (open) & OBC</td><td>499</td><td>427</td><td>578.74</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>SC</td><td>101</td><td>90</td><td>119.89</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>ST</td><td>22</td><td>19</td><td>23.08</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>622</td><td>536</td><td>721.71</td></tr></table>	S. No.	Category of Students	No of Beneficiaries		Amount released (Rs.in Lakh)	Fresh	Renewal	1	Gen (open) & OBC	499	427	578.74	2	SC	101	90	119.89	3	ST	22	19	23.08		Total	622	536	721.71
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iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	<p>As per AISHE Report 2020-21, representation of PwD students enrolment, teaching and non-teaching staff in Higher education institutions (HEIs) are as follow;-</p> <table><tr><th>Particulars</th><th>Total</th><th>PwD</th><th>% PwD</th></tr><tr><td>Students Enrolment</td><td>38536359</td><td>92831</td><td>0.24</td></tr><tr><td>Teaching Staff</td><td>1503156</td><td>4676</td><td>0.31</td></tr><tr><td>Non-Teaching Staff</td><td>1290701</td><td>8618</td><td>0.67</td></tr></table>	Particulars	Total	PwD	% PwD	Students Enrolment	38536359	92831	0.24	Teaching Staff	1503156	4676	0.31	Non-Teaching Staff	1290701	8618	0.67											
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vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/ Department for the benefits fo persons with disabilities.	The Annual Report for the year 2021-22 of this Ministry is under preparation, and will be forwarded after printing of the same.																											

3.11 Central Sanskrit University

Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, was established by the Govt. of india in the year 1970 as per the recommendations of Sanskrit Commission 1956. Its main aim & objective was to promote, propagate and preserve Sanskrit learning, teaching and research throughout the country. It was fully funded by the Ministry of HRD (now Ministry of Education), Govt. of India. Considering its contribution in the field

of promotion and propagation of traditional Sanskrit education, the Govt. of India accorded it the status of Deemed to be University w.e.f. 7th May, 2002. The erstwhile Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed to be University w.e.f. 7th May 2020 (No. 5 of 2020) passed by the Parliament and assented to be his Excellency, the President of India and started functioning as the Central Sanskrit University, Delhi since 30th April, 2020. With its Headquarters at New Delhi, it has twelve campuses spread across the country. All 12 Campuses and Headquarters Office of University are built up-disabled friendly. In addition to these constituent campuses, it has granted affiliation to 58 Sanskrit institutions established in different regions of the country.

- i) The Headquarters office as well as its Campuses are barrier free environment for persons with disabilities in physical environment. The amenities like entrance, ramps, drinking water facility, toilets, lifts, special wheel chairs, Braille and audio guide facility etc. are available which are accessible to the persons with disability.
- ii) The University is conducting courses from Pre-Matric to Post Graduation and Vidya Varidhi (Ph.D) courses in Sanskrit. The admission in the University are open to all irrespective of religion, caste, creed, category, geographical area etc. During 2021-22, a total number of 162 students belonging to PwBD category appeared for examinations of different courses. PwBD students were exempted from the examination fees on producing relevant mandatory certificate.
- iii) University is providing Merit Scholarships to the students studying Sanskrit/Pali/Prakrit Language in Pre-Matric to Post Graduation and Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) courses, under the schemes for Sanskrit promotions. During 2021-22, a no. of 27 students under PwBD category are benefitted with these scholarships in different courses of studies.
- iv) Budget allocated for PwBD students during 2021-22 was Rs. 156.00 lakhs and expenditure incurred during this period was Rs. 155.39 lakhs.
- v) The Govt. has enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, which came into force on 19.04.2017. Section 34 of the said Act provides for not less than 4% reservation in vacancies for categories of persons with benchmark disabilities (disability of 40% or more). The CSU implemented the provision of reservation in vacancies under the RPwD Act, 2016. Copy of the Act has been circulated to the Campuses in time. Presently, there are 02 Associate Professors, 05 Assistant Professors, 01 Professional Assistant, 02 LDCs and 03 MTS who belong to PwBD category are appointed in Headquarter office and Campuses of the University. Separate Rosters are also maintained for PwBD reservation recruitment in Teaching/Non teaching staff, as per rules. In addition, as per provision, PwBD candidates are given following exemption/relaxation and facilities in recruitment process:
 - i) Such candidates are charged a lower amount of Rs. 500 as processing fees in Recruitment, compared to Rs. 1000/- from non-exempted categories.
 - ii) Upper age limit relaxation of 10 years is given in addition to community wise age relaxation.
 - iii) They are also provided assistance of Scribes for appearing in recruitment examinations.
- vi) Besides above, the University has also appointed a Nodal Officer-Shri Sonraj Patidar, Section Officer, CSU, Headquarter Office, Janakpuri, New Delhi, entrusted with the responsibilities of maintaining records of representations/grievances relating to PwBD employees/students in CSU, New Delhi.
- vii) There is one PwBD Cell Constituted by the Competent Authority, comprising of five members. Dr. V.S.V. Bhaskar Reddy, Associate Professor (Shiksha Shastra), CSU, K.J. Somaiya Campus, Mumbai (Maharashtra) is the Chairman of the Committee.

- viii) University has duly constituted Anti-Discrimination Cell and it strictly follows the Govt. of India policy and monitoring concerned activities in its 12 Campuses of the University, spread all over the India. The officials/faculty members of University strictly adhere the instructions of Govt. of India and desist from any act of discrimination against SC/ST/PwBD students on grounds of their social origin. A page has already been developed in the website-www.sanskrit.nic.in for lodging such complaints of caste discrimination by SC/ST/PwBD students and also placed complaint registers in all Director officers in University's Campuses, for the purposes. University ensures that no official/faculty member of the Campuses indulged in any kind of discrimination against any community or category of students.

3.12 Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	<p>The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education lays impetus on the schooling of children with disabilities (CwD). The National Education Policy (NEP) was approved in July, 2020 with specific recommendations on areas of access, equal participation, pedagogy, suitable content development, research and teacher education etc. for the inclusion of children with disabilities within the general schooling system.</p> <p>The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 is in complete consonance with the provisions of the RPwD Act 2016 and endorses all the recommendations of the RPwD Act, 2016 with regard to school education. In addition, the Centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha- an integrated scheme for school education, has also been revamped and aligned with the NEP, 2020.</p> <p>Samagra Shiksha has a dedicated Component for Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs (CwN), through which various provisions are made available for the educational needs of children with disabilities. Support is provided for identification & assessment camps, provision of aids, appliances, teaching learning materials (TLMs) as well as transportation, escort and scribe allowances etc. In addition, individualized support is provided through resource centers at block level.</p> <p>The focus of Samagra Shiksha is on providing inclusive education to children with special needs wherein, children regardless of their abilities/disabilities participate and learn together in the same class, thus creating an enabling educational environment for all students.</p>
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	For the year 2021-22, an estimated budget of Rs. 1,226.21 crore was approved under the Inclusive Education component of Samagra with Shiksha for the education of children with disabilities. The States & the UTs have reported an expenditure of Rs. 888.70 crore for the year 2021-22.

iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	Samagra Shiksha has allocated support for over 18 lakh children with disabilities (through the IE for CwSN component) for the year 2021-22.
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	For the year 2021-22, the total estimated outlay of Samagra Shiksha Scheme was Rs. 67,161.34 crore.
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	There is already a separate chapter in the Annual Report of this Ministry.
vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/ Department for the benefits for persons with disabilities.	Annual Report for the year 2021-22 of Ministry of Education has not been finalized yet.

3.13 Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	<p>The Programmes undertaken for welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) during the Financial Year 2021-22 is available in the Annual Report of Department of Commerce for the Financial Year 2021-22</p> <p>Section 34(1) of 'The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 inter-alia states that every appropriate Government shall appoint in every Government establishment, not less than four per cent of the total number of vacancies in the cadre strength in each group of posts meant to be filled with persons with benchmark disabilities of which, one per cent each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and one per cent for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (d) and (e) namely:</p> <p>(a) Blindness and low vision</p> <p>(b) Deaf and hard of hearing</p> <p>(c) Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy</p>

		<p>(d) Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness</p> <p>(e) Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities.</p> <p>There are guidelines on providing facilities to disabled persons so that a barrier-free workplace is made accessible to the differently abled persons. In pursuance of Section 23(1) of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 RPwD Act, 2016) a Grievance Redressal Officer has been nominated in Department of Commerce.</p> <p>(A) The Project and Equipment Corporation of India Limited (PEC Ltd.)</p> <p>Government Directives/instructions with regards to Persons with Disabilities are duly complied with in PEC. In PEC, there exists a Time Scale Promotion Scheme for staff cadre. Qualifying period for promotion for employees belonging to Persons with Disabilities categories is relaxed by one year in each stage of promotion. Further, a complaint register is being maintained at Head Office. No complaint has been received till date.</p> <p>(B) Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC Ltd.)</p> <p>In order to have easy access to office premises, ramp has been provided for physically challenged employees.</p> <p>PwD employees are posted to positions, taking into account their disability, to enable them to perform their job efficiently. Office buildings have auditory signals announcing the floor destination. Some of them have floor requisition buttons in Braille symbols. Also, there is separate washroom for PwD employees in the office building.</p> <p>(C) Spices Board</p> <p>Spices Board has nominated a Liaison officer for looking after the reservation matters and grievances of persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>During the year 2019, an expert committee has also been constituted for the purpose of identification of posts suitable for Person with Disabilities as per the Right of Person with Disabilities Act, 2016. The Director (Finance) as the Chairperson of the Committee and having other four members including one Group-B officer belongs to PwD Category.</p> <p>(D) Noida Special Economic Zone (NSEZ)</p> <p>This office is already equipped with features like corridors, reception, toilets, staircases with handrails etc. accessible to persons with disability.</p>
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		<p>Recently, a lift with Braille has also been installed in the premises. In addition, six numbers of Public Conveniences have also been constructed by NSEZ in the Zone complex with specific arrangements for divyangjan.</p> <p>(E) Tea Board</p> <p>Tea Board usually undertakes programmes for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) followed by the instructions/ guidelines issued by the Government of India from time to time.</p> <p>(F) India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)</p> <p>Guidelines on reservation were complied with ITPO. Liaison Officers have been nominated to look after the interest of PwDs. The provisions contained in Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act 1995 regarding reservation in posts/ services for disabled person have also been complied with including EWS reservation.</p> <p>(G) Rubber Board</p> <p>Rubber Board appointed Liaison officer/Grievance Redressal Officer to attend the grievances of Persons with Disabilities. He maintains statutory register to file the complaint/grievances and Board periodically monitors such complaints, if any, and dispose in time.</p> <p>Board celebrates the “International Day of Persons with Disabilities” on 3rd December every year by organizing speeches of eminent persons with disabilities and honour the employees of the Board who are differently abled. Board provided ‘ramp’ and lifts for the smooth movement of PwD employees. Visually handicapped employees are engaged in the operation of EPABX. Board provided unisex toilet facilities to PwDs.</p> <p>(H) Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)</p> <p>As per Government norms, the reservation of PwDs is 4% of total strength in all grades. Against the existing staff strength of 80, two incumbents are physically handicapped. APEDA has taken care of the welfare of persons with disabilities (PwDs). APEDA has provided motorized wheelchair to one of the employees to move within the office. Further, all the facilities as per rule are given to them. So far no complaints have been received from them.</p> <p>(I) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PwD candidates are transferred according to suitability of posts to PwD employees.
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ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	Nil
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	Nil
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	BE for the year 2021-22 was Rs. 4986.01 crores and RC ceiling was Rs. 7421.00 crores.
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	Yes, Chapter 9-Programmes undertaken for the welfare of SCs/STs/OBCs, Women and Persons with Disabilities, of Annual Report 2021-22 of Department Commerce.

vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/ Department for the benefits for persons with disabilities.	<p>The Annual Report 2021-22 of the Department of Commerce may be accessed at the website.</p> <p>The Department of Commerce liaises with the attached and subordinate offices, autonomous bodies, Public Sector Undertakings and Commodity Boards under its administrative control for proper implementation of the directions of the Government of India related to the reservation as well as other welfare measures for the SCs, STs, OBCs, EWSs and PwD categories.</p> <p>There are two separate Liaison officers (one for SC/ ST/PwD and other for OBC/EWS) functioning in the Department of Commerce. The Liaison Officers ensure prompt disposal of the grievances of the SC/ST/OBC/PwD/EWS category employees and also take care that the various benefits admissible to the reserved categories are complied with by the associate organizations of the Department. In addition to this, a separate 'Internal Grievance Committee' for Scheduled Tribe community employees and Scheduled Caste community employees of Department of Commerce (proper) have been constituted.</p> <p>A statement showing total number of Government employees and the number of SCs/ STs/ OBCs/ EWSs as on 30th September 2021 in Department of Commerce (proper) and its associate organizations is at website.</p>
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3.14 Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

Sl.No	Particular	Reply
i	Various activities and the policy decisions taken for Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 during F.Y. 2021-22.	Nil
ii.	Allocation under various schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the amount released and the amount utilized.	Nil
iii.	The number of beneficiaries with disabilities and their percentage in relation to the total number of beneficiaries.	Nil
iv.	Information about the total budget provision of the Ministry / Department.	Nil
v.	Whether a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the Ministry/Department outlining the policy decisions and activities undertaken for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities has been included? If not, when does the Ministry / Department proposes to do so?	Yes, MoHUA has included a separate Chapter No. 26 ("Implementation of the Rights of Person with Disabilities Act, 2016) in its Annual Report for the year 2021-22.

vi.	A copy of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 indicating policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Ministry/Department for the benefits for persons with disabilities.	Copies of the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 (Hindi and English) are at the website of the Ministry.
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3.15 Ministry of Rural Development

Caring for Persons with Disability

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA

Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is a demand driven scheme. Hence, separate earmarking of employment/resource: has not been provided for differently abled.

The disabled or differently-abled persons defined under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 196) as persons with disabilities, the severity of which is 40% and above are considered as special category of vulnerable persons for the purposes of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. The disabled persons as defined in the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999) are also to be considered as disabled for the purpose of inclusion of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

To increase participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) in the Scheme, some major initiatives are being suggested such as:

- Special schedule of rates for PWDs.
- Identification of suitable works for PWDs.
- Organization of PWDs in groups.

As per the information uploaded by the States/UTs in Management Information System (MIS), during the year 2021-22 (till 31" December, 2021), a total of 5.27 lakh disabled beneficiaries have been provided employment who together generated 1.75 crore person days of work.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)

DAY-NRLM recognizes that poverty and disability are closely linked to each other and therefore it addresses specific needs of individuals as well as families of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). The states undertake participatory vulnerability assessment processes as part of social mobilization. This entry point activity at the village level with a specific focus on identification of households of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall ensure greater inclusion of these individuals and families into the DAY-NRLM network. The details regarding inclusion and capitalization of PWDs SHGs are as follows:

Table: Inclusion and Capitalization of PwDs SHGs

S.No.	Particulars	Total	FY – 2021-22
1	No. of PWD – SHGs formed	148388	46052
2	No. of PWD – SHGs received RF	55362	11742
3	Amount of RF provided to PWD-SHGs (In Rs. Lakh)	8002.24	1747.63
4	No. of PWD – SHGs received CIF	33008	7270
5	Amount of CIF provided to PWD-SHGs (In Rs. Lakh)	23703.92	5619.44

About Inclusive development of people with disabilities (PWDs)

Inclusive development of people with disabilities (PWDs) is one of the critical components of DAY-NRLM. This entails implementation of interventions that focus on community-integration of PWDs and their families. Under DAY-NRLM, priority is given to the promotion of exclusive SHGs of differently abled persons and their care givers. The initial social mobilization process lays great stress on including members of differently abled households in the SHG fold. The organization of PWDs into groups has led to increased awareness and accessing of entitlements and rights. DAY-NRLM also seeks to provide financial support in the form of Revolving Fund and Community Investment Fund to these SHGs on a priority basis. DAY-NRLM also provides scope for inclusion of minors through the adult parent or immediate caretaker of the minor as nominee.

It also provides 50% more fund allocation to the SHGs of PWD.

A draft advisory for deepening work with elderly and people with disability has been developed and it has been shared with the states. The work is being undertaken with the support of technical support agency HelpAge. States have been supported in incorporating the detailed activities in the plan 21-22 at least in two to four blocks.

- At present, the work is undertaken in States of MP, UP, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Assam, Tripura, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, HP, Punjab, Haryana and Uttarakhand in 51 districts and 100 blocks.
- Training of St anchor at SMMU, DMMU and BMWU from 2 to 4 blocks has taken place.
- Fifty staff from the states have been given training and exposure visit in HelpAge immersion sites in Cuddalore and 136 CRPS provided immersion training in HelpAge immersion sites of Tamilnadu, West Bengal and Bihar.
- The SRLMs would be provided hand holding support in inclusion of elderly and finances inclusion and livelihood interventions.
- Action Groups aimed at Social Reconstruction (AGRSAR) programme is being implemented by MOSJE and MORD and 15 SRLMs of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, MP, Odisha, Sikkim, UP, Tamilnadu, Tripura, West Bengal and financial assistance has been released to 5000 groups. The programme focusses on inclusion of the elderly.

Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)

As per DDU-GKY guidelines, States have been mandated to ensure that at least 5% of beneficiaries in the skill training course being implemented in the state are from among persons with disabilities (PwD). In 2021-2022 (upto 31.12.2021), 131 PwD candidates have been trained under DDU-GKY projects.

Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs)

Under RSETIs Scheme, during the year 2021-22 (upto 31.12.2021), 1,038 PwD candidates have been trained.

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides for social security for persons with disabilities. Accordingly, in the scheme of PMAY-G while deciding the inter-se priority among the beneficiaries who

are to be provided assistance, households with any disabled member and no able bodied adult member have been accorded additional deprivation score so that such households are given priority while allotting the houses. Keeping this in view, State should ensure that at least 5 % of beneficiaries are from among persons with disabilities.

In case where the beneficiary is old or a person with disability and is therefore not able to get the house constructed on his/her own, such houses, are taken up as a part of the Rural Mansoon Training (RMT) programme. In case there are still some beneficiaries left out, the State/UT Governments ensure that such beneficiaries are assisted through the Gram Panchayats or a ground level programme functionary to get their house constructed. As on 31st December, 2021, a total of 32,099 houses have been sanctioned for the physically and mentally disabled and out of which 26,669 houses have been completed.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

PMGSY is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective to provide access to the basic services through construction of all -weather roads to populations residing in the rural areas including Differently abled.

National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)

In February, 2009, the Government approved Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) under NSAP for BPL households with severe or multiple disabilities between the age group of 18-64 years with assistance @200/- per month per beneficiary.

For the purpose of defining severe or multiple disabilities the following legal provisions are followed:

- a. As per Section 56(4) of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (PWD Act, 95), "persons with severe disability" means a person with 80% or more of one or more disabilities.
- b. As per Section 2(h) of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (National Trust Act, 1999), "Multiple Disabilities "means combination of 2 or more disabilities.
- c. Steps are being taken to implement the Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016 for the NSAP schemes.

Consequent upon the lowering of age under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), the upper age limit under IGNDPS has been lowered from 64 years to 59 years. With effect from 1.10.2012, the amount of pension under IGNDPS has been increased to Rs. 300/- per month and upper age limit has been increased to 79 years. After attaining the age of 80 years, the beneficiary would be shifted to IGNOAPS for getting pension of Rs. 500/-. The total number of beneficiaries under the scheme is 10.58 lakh.

3.16 Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare

As far as Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare is concerned, the input in this regards is furnished as under:-

- (i) The Department Pensions and Pensioners Welfare was set up in 1985 as part of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to formulate policy and coordination of matters relating to retirement benefits of Central Government employees. Being the nodal Department for pension and pension related matters, on reference received from other Ministries/Departments this Department renders advice on interpretation Pension Rules. As per the Allocation of Business Rules, the Department is responsible for:-

- Formulation of policy and coordination of matters relating to retirement benefits of Central Government employees,
 - Administration of Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972; the Central Civil Services (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981 and the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1939,
 - Matters relating to amendment to, or relaxation of Pension Rules; and
 - Policy and coordination relating to welfare of Central Government Pensioners.
- (ii) Decision on the matter with financial implication are subject to the concurrence of Ministry of Finance. Action in respect of other matters involving recurring financial implication by relaxation of liberalization of any rule of subject, to guidelines of agreed between Department of Pensions and Pensioners Welfare and the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure.
- (iii) So far as this Department is concerned there was no separate budget provision made for persons with disabilities in FY 2021-22. Also there is no separate budget allocation for persons with disabilities in this Department. The annual report is also consolidated with Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. The information in respect of points (ii) to (v) may be treated as Nil. The information in respect of point (vi) i.e. policy decisions and the activities undertaken by the Department are given as under:-
- (a) DoP&PW has notified CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 in place of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Provision for liberalised income criteria has been made in the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 in respect of child/children/siblings suffering from disability, for eligibility for grant of family pension for life, if his/her overall income, other than family pension, is less than the entitled family pension at ordinary rate i.e. 30% of the last pay drawn by the deceased Government servant/pensioner plus the Dearness Relief admissible thereon.
- (b) **Invalid Pension –**
39. Invalid pension.- (1) The case of a Government servant acquiring a disability, where the provisions of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are applicable, shall be governed by the provisions of the said section:
- Provided that such employee shall produce a disability certificate from the competent authority as prescribed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017.
- (2) If a Government servant, in a case where the provisions of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are not applicable, intends to retire from the service on account of any bodily or mental infirmity which permanently incapacitates him for the service, he may apply to the Head of Department for retirement on Invalid Pension:
- Provided that an application for invalid pension submitted by the spouse of the Government servant failing which by a member of the family of the Government servant may also be accepted, if the Head of Department is satisfied that the Government servant himself is not in a position to submit such application on account of the bodily or mental infirmity:
- Provided further that where a Government servant, who has acquired a disability and in whose case the provisions of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are applicable, intends to retire under this rule, the Government servant shall be advised that he has the option of continuing in service with the same pay scale and service benefits which he is otherwise entitled to and in case the Government servant does not withdraw his request for retirement under this rule, his request may be processed in accordance with the provisions of this rule.

- (3) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (2), the Head of Office or Head of Department shall, within fifteen days of the receipt of such application, request the concerned authority for examination of the Government servant, not later than thirty days from the date of receipt of such request by the following medical authority, namely:-
- (a) Medical Board in the case of a Gazetted Government servant and of a non-Gazetted Government servant whose pay, as defined in rule 9 (21) of the Fundamental Rules, 1922 exceeds fifty- four thousand rupees per month; and
 - (b) Civil Surgeon or a District Medical Officer or Medical Officer of equivalent status in other cases.
- (4) The medical authority shall also be supplied by the Head of the Office or Head of Department in which the applicant is employed with a statement of what appears from official records to be the age of the applicant, and if a service book is being maintained for the applicant, the age recorded therein should be reported and a copy of the letter requesting for examination by the medical authority shall be endorsed to the Government servant.
- (5) The Government servant shall appear before the concerned medical authority for medical examination on the date fixed by that authority and the medical authority shall examine the Government servant to ascertain whether or not the Government servant is fit for further service or whether he is fit for further service of less laborious character than that which he had been doing.
- (6) No medical certificate of incapacity for service may be granted unless the medical authority has received a request from the Head of his Office or Head of Department for medical examination of the Government servant.
- (7) A lady doctor shall be included as a member of the Medical Board when a woman candidate is to be examined.
- (8) Where the medical authority referred to in sub-rule (3) has found a Government servant mentioned in sub-rule (2) not fit for further service or has found him fit for further service of less laborious character than that which he had been doing, it shall issue a Medical Certificate in Format 6 and if the Government servant is found to be unfit for further service, he may be granted invalid pension in accordance with rule 44 not later than forty five days from the date of the receipt of medical certificate in Format 6.
- (9) A Government servant, who retires from service even before completing qualifying service of ten years, shall also be granted invalid pension and, in his case, the amount of pension shall also be calculated at fifty percent of emoluments or average emoluments, whichever is more beneficial to him in accordance with rule 44:

Provided that in such cases the Government servant-

- (a) **Has been examined by the appropriate medical authority either before his appointment or after his appointment to the Government service and declared fit by such medical authority for Government service; and**
 - (b) **Fulfil all other conditions mentioned in this rule for grant of invalid pension.**
- (10) In case, the Government servant has been found to be fit for further service of less laborious character than that which he has been doing, he shall, if, he is willing to be so employed, be employed on lower post and if there be no means of employing him even on a lower post, he may be admitted to invalid pension.

REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES

- 4.1.1 Under Sections 75 and 76 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) is mandated to take steps to safeguard the rights and facilities made available to persons with disabilities and to redress their grievances related to the deprivation of their rights and non implementation of laws, rules bye-laws etc. made by the appropriate Government for their welfare.
- 4.1.2 The office of CCPD receives complaints that relate to a range of issues like non-implementation or wrong implementation of reservation in employment/education, unfair selection, promotion, transfers, denial of service benefits and other service related matters; denial of admission, improper infrastructure and facilities for education, writing of examinations, harassment, accessibility-related issues, denial of banking facilities, preferential allotment of land, etc. A large number of organizations and persons with disabilities also sought clarifications on various issues related to persons with disability. In case of violation of any provision of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 or of any law, rules and regulations etc. made for the benefit of persons with disabilities, the office takes up the matter with the concerned authorities and resolves it either through conciliation/advice or quasi judicial proceedings that are concluded by passing orders with appropriate direction/advice to the concerned authorities.
- 4.1.3 The office has developed a comprehensive format of notice to show cause, which gives brief facts of the complaint, the position of law, the violation committed and also the course of remedial action by the respondent Organizations. This has helped in exercising the quasi-judicial powers vested with the CCPD for the redressal of grievances relating to the rights of persons with disabilities. The CCPD also on his own initiative registers complaints/cases against establishments, whose actions are in violation of statutory provisions and administrative arrangements meant for persons with disabilities.
- 4.1.4 Interventions of the office of CCPD have resulted in increased awareness and understanding about various provisions of the law, the responsibilities of the establishments, attitudinal and behavioral changes towards PwDs and about the mechanism for grievance redressal. The observations and directions of the CCPD have also been instrumental in bringing about major changes in policies viz. The National Insurance Company Limited has amended its guidelines for providing scribe to candidates with disabilities (VH), KVPY has decided to include empowerment initiative for persons with disabilities from 2013 onwards, Kendriya Vidhyalaya Sanghathan amended its admission guidelines, Department of Personnel & Training has amended the format of disability certificate, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare amended the definition of family by including the dependent disabled brother in the definition of family without any age limit.
- 4.1.5 Office of the CCPD since its inception in October 1998 till 31.03.2022 took up 27875 matters (excluding matters taken up in Mobile Courts) either on its own initiative or on the basis of complaints/representations received in the office. In the year 2021-22, 488 cases were registered as new cases including of Mobile Courts/ Review Meetings. In addition to the fresh cases registered during 2021-22, 258 pending matters from previous years were also carried forward for taking appropriate action.
- 4.1.6 Online Hearings: Due to Covid prevalence in the country for the first time all cases were heard and disposed of online through video conferencing. In the year 2021-2022, 336 cases were disposed of online. The work of CCPD office was not stalled despite adverse circumstances in comparison to other Courts.

4.1.7 Year-wise number of cases registered and disposed by the O/o of the Chief Commissioner since its inception is given in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Grievance Redressal Cases, Year-wise

Year	Matters received & taken up including suo-motu in office)	Complaints registered in Mobile Courts	Total cases registered during the year	Backlog of previous years	Total cases	Cases Disposed off	Cases Disposed off (Mobile Court)	Total Disposed	Carried forward
1998-99	65	Nil	65	0	65	12	Nil	12	53
1999-00	476	Nil	476	53	529	355	Nil	355	174
2000-01	944	Nil	944	174	1118	803	Nil	803	315
2001-02	2386	2200	4586	315	4901	1331	2200	3531	1370
2002-03	427	Nil	427	1370	1797	1409	Nil	1409	388
2003-04	534	Nil	534	388	922	718	Nil	718	204
2004-05	970	Nil	970	204	1174	977	Nil	977	197
2005-06	1413	144	1557	197	1754	1333	144	1477	277
2006-07	1576	366	1942	277	2219	1401	366	1767	452
2007-08	1178	3941	5119	452	5571	680	3941	4621	950
2008-09	1161	3591	4752	950	5702	1103	3580	4683	1019
2009-10	931	Nil	931	1019	1950	1070	1	1071	879
2010-11	993	Nil	993	879	1872	1238	2	1240	632
2011-12	1065	05	1070	632	1702	714	8	722	980
2012-13	1190	Nil	1190	980	2170	1023	1	1024	1146
2013-14	1216	Nil	1216	1146	2362	1155	2	1157	1205
2014-15	2164	32	2196	1205	3401	1842	31	1873	1528
2015-16	2138	63	2201	1528	3729	2340	31	2371	1358
2016-17	1659	88	1747	1358	3105	1498	98	1596	1509
2017-18	1762	10	1772	1509	3281	1528	20	1548	1733
2018-19	1510	20	1530	1733	3263	1656	16	1672	1591
2019-20	832	00	832	1591	2423	1194	05	1199	1224
2020-21	797	00	797	1224	2021	1901	14	1915	106
2021-22	488	00	488	106	594	336	00	336	258
Total	27875	10460	38335	37953		27617	10460	38077	

YOGA DIWAS

The idea of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi in his speech at the UNGA on 27 September 2014. Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body thought and action restraint and fulfillment harmony between man and nature a holistic approach to health and well-being.

On this occasion, like every year, this year too, Yoga Day was celebrated in the Office of CCPD (Divyangjan), DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. Yoga performance was conducted on 21st June, 2021 in the morning hours in the lawn of the CCPD office in which more than 25 Officer/employees participated on the day.



Dr. Sanjay Kant Prasad alongwith staff members, Office of CCPD, DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India during the Yoga Day Celebration on 21st June, 2021 at CCPD Premises

CHAPTER 6

HINDI PAKHWADA

The Hindi Pakhwada is celebrated in the Office of CCPD (Divyangjan), DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India from 16-30 September, 2021. Hindi, which is the official language of India was given status on September 14, 1949. This resolution was adopted under the Constitution of India in 1950.

During the fortnight several programmes on promotion of Hindi were conducted. Poetry, speech, debates on Hindi promotion were conducted. The participation who wrote best articles, poems, write-up in Hindi were awarded with cash prize and citation with momentos. During this fortnight all the official work was carried out in Hindi.



CCPD office celebrated Hindi Pakhwada from 16-30th, September 2022 at CCPD Premises

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

Vigilance Awareness Week 2021-2022 is being observed by the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India on 29th October, 2021 with the theme “Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity”.

During this occasion Dr Janak Raj, Dy. Chief Commissioner administered the pledge to the staff of the office and also highlighted the various stress being taken by the Central Govt. from the country. He also added that we should work honestly and transparently. The various lectures and debates were also conducted in the office to combat corruption in the Govt. office and its effects on Governance. He also added that we should fight unitedly against this Social Evil.



*Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week at CCPD Office- Pledge being administred by
Dr. Janak Raj, Dy. Chief Commissioner, O/o CCPD*

CHAPTER 8

AWARENESS WORKSHOP TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RPwD ACT, 2016

Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) and DEPwD conducted 02 days sensitization workshop in Kevadia, Gujarat 4-5th March, 2022 with the Secretaries and Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) of States/UTs to create awareness about Central Government Schemes/Programmes and Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.



Secretary DEPwD & CCPD, along with Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and other dignitaries in the Sensitization workshop conducted in Kevadia, Gujarat during 4-5th March, 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1. **REPLY FILING** – Some establishments either do not file Reply at all or do not file Reply within prescribed time. Hence some rule may be made either using rule making powers or through amendment in Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 to punish the establishments who are not filing Reply.
2. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY** – In course of Complaint Redressal Mechanism it is observed that appropriate provisions relating to transfer, as prescribed in DoPT O.Ms. are not included in Equal Opportunity Policies framed by the establishments. Similarly, many establishments avoid providing post-recruitment and pre-promotion trainings. Hence, Rule 8 of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 can be made more stringent or any other step may be taken to ensure effective implementation of Rule 8.
3. **UNFILLED VACANCIES AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION** – The most common complaint relating to recruitment is that on many occasions vacancies reserved for Divyangjan are declared 'unfilled' because of 'No one found suitable' reason. Establishments do not adopt and apply principles of Reasonable Accommodation which is already enshrined in Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Necessary steps may be taken to ensure that establishments adopt Reasonable Accommodation and relax the standards in order to provide opportunities to divyang candidates.
4. **LIST OF POSTS IDENTIFIED SUITABLE FOR DIVYANGJAN** – Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities issued list of posts identified suitable for Divyangjan on 04.01.2021. However, it is observed that there is huge difference between the nomenclature of posts used by the establishments and nomenclature of posts as mentioned in the list. This loophole is used by the establishments to avoid implementation of the list. Hence, it is important to ensure that all the establishments are bound to inform Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities about the nomenclature of posts used by such establishments.
5. Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Act, 2016 being a Central Act, working and functioning of the office of the State Commissioner should be uniform throughout the country. There should be a standard administrative structure of office of State Commissioner of all States in the country. Its size and number of officials may vary depending upon the size and need of the State. Office of CCPD will help in developing a standardized common protocol for functioning of State Commissioners.
6. The procedure of taking up complaints/grievances of persons with disabilities and the manner of their disposal should also be uniform. All offices of State Commissioner should follow/adopt the procedure prescribed under Rule 38 of RPwD Rules, 2017. The format of notices or summons, requisitions and issuance of commission for examination of witness or documents should be uniform in all States.
7. A Whatsapp group of State Commissioners should be generated, whose group admin should be either CCPD or his sub-ordinate officer, so that the best practices and remarkable judgments could be shared.
8. A One- day workshop of State Commissioner may be convened by the Office of CCPD to develop a uniform format for notices, summons, requisitions and issuance of commission for examination of witness or documents.

9. The State Commissioners need to take proactive role in ensuring implementation Accessible India Campaign in association with the concerned Department of State Government.
10. The State Commissioners in association with General Administration Department and Department dealing with empowerment of PwDs of the States/UTs may take steps to ensure implementation of the provision of reservation for PwDs and maintain data of employees with disabilities in State Government/ UT Administration establishments;
11. There is a greater need for liaison on the part of State Commissioners with all State Departments and for holding sensitizing workshops about rights and entitlements of PwDs and protection available under RPwD Act, 2016.
12. The State Commissioners need to take steps to popularize the schemes and programmes of the Central and State Government for empowerment of PwDs and also the Early Intervention Centres being set up at seven National Institutes and seven Composite Regional Centres.

CHAPTER 10

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016 BY STATES/UTs

10.1 Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non-deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	All the Departments under A & N Administration is strictly adhering the provision of section 3 of RPwD Act, 2016 and ensuring the implementation of the same.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	All the Departments under A & N Administration is strictly adhering the provision of section 4 of RPwD Act, 2016 in order to protect and ensure the inherent worth, dignity and integrity of women and children with disability.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities' access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Yes, all the effective measures had been ensured in order for the implementation of section 5 of RPwD Act, 2016.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Through A & N Administration effective measures had been taken to protect the PwD's from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Regular follow-up for the set subject is done through the constituted committee in all the Departments under A & N Administration.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Pertains to Police Department. However the Department of Social Welfare will be taking special care and protection of Divyangjan in coordination with Department of Health Services and other line Departments too.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	There is none of such cases had been reported in these islands till date.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Effective sensitizations measures had been ensure on this subject.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Yes, in A & N Islands access free mode of election is conducted to protect the rights and privileges of PwD's.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Yes, in A & N Islands special courts and public prosecutors had been designated by strictly adhering to the provisions of section 84 & 85 of RPwD Act, 2016.

13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	In A & N Islands the same ensured in the form of 'Limited Guardianship' as per section 14(1) of the RPwD Act, 2016.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Yes.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Yes.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities'(CwDs).	Directorate of Education is providing education to CWDs in all schools through PSRTs.
17	Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Section 16	
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Yes, the same is being adopted in A & N Islands.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Yes, the same is facilitated and imparted through concerned Departments under A & N Administration.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Strictly adhering to the provisions of section 34 of RPwD Act, 2016 all the Departments under A & N Administration is abiding the same.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Under A & N Administration all the Departments are strictly abiding to the norms stipulated by Govt. of India.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Every Department under A & N Administration were maintaining the same in the form of roster.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Yes, all the Departments under A & N Administration had been appointed Grievances Redressal Officers to look after the grievances and Redressal of the issues meant with Persons with Disabilities.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An amount of Rs. 2500/- is being paid monthly to Divyangjan without any income ceiling. All the health care facilities are provided free of cost irrespective of the patients. Provision of separate queue for the disabled in the hospitals and therefore given priority in treatment and consultations. Surveys, investigation and research on occurrence of disabilities will be undertaken in due course of time especially the birth defects. Screening of all children once in a year will be undertaken in the current FY through department of school education and the RBSK, NHM. Sponsor awareness campaigns and pre-natal, care of mother-child are ongoing. Public awareness through village level and anganwadi workers is ongoing and are to be strengthened. Awareness of disability through electronic and print media is ongoing and are to be strengthened. Medical facilities for emergency treatment and procedures, sexual and reproductive health care are done free of cost. Comprehensive proposal shall be mooted to the Ministry, GOI for extension of benefit of unemployment allowance to PwDs. In Chief Pay and Accounts Officer, the Pay and Accounts Officer-IV has been nominated as Grievance Redressal Officer. No scheme of extension of unemployment allowance to PwDs for being unemployed more than 2 years is implemented by the Employment Exchange, Port Blair. However, as required under Section 24, a comprehensive proposal shall be mooted to the Ministry, GOI after obtaining due approval from A and N Administration for extension of benefit unemployment allowance to PwDs in the A and N Islands.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	All Govt. Servants including PwDs of the UT Administration are covered under the Insurance Scheme for the Government.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department is maintaining a disabled home wherein they are being provided with all required facilities including medical treatment. They are also provided with the facilities of education. The services of Care Takers are also deployed in the centre for providing support for the day to day activities. The DHS is providing medical Rehabilitation to Hospital inmates and also act as consultant to the District Disability centre at Port Blair.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reporting of microcephaly under zika virus disease program is ongoing and research on birth defects will be undertaken in near future.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school Health Program named as RBSK of GoI under NHM is providing services for early diagnosis of Disabilities among children. The communicable diseases which may lead to disabilities also been taken care of by routine reporting system such as microcephaly arise due to Zika virus infection.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International day for Divyangjan is being celebrated every year for PwDs. Para Olympics sport meet is being conducted from time to time for PwDs.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports activities for children with special needs and PwD teachers are organized in school, zonal and state level every year. Special games and sports at state level are conducted for them.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under RTE norms free education is given to all category of students from age 6-14 years In Andaman and Nicobar Islands, all students are provided free elementary education. Free special education is provided for children with disabilities at Vocational Rehabilitation Centre.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Institute of Higher Education has already given directions to reserve 5% seats for the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities(PwBDs). This Institute is extending the seat reservation and age relaxation to PwDs as per the policy of GoI/Pondicherry University norms. 5% seats are reserved for students with Disabilities; age relaxation is as per Pondicherry/University Rules.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posts have been identified and furnished to expert committee for approval. Appropriate government and local authorities are advised to give reservation of 4% to PwDs. Vacancies have been identified and submitted to expert committee.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reservation roster as per reservation policy is maintained by the department. However, the IT cadre posts are accounted for in different departments similar to AC Cadre staffs. Reservation is provided. Once posts are identified by the expert committee and notified by the nodal department i.e. Social Welfare department the reserved posts shall be divided according to the recommendations of committee w.r.t. the specific posts. Shall be followed in to.

	<p>ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%.</p> <p>iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%.</p> <p>2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department is taking due cares while filling up of vacancies. • Reservation Roster has been prepared post-wise duly vetted by Tribal Welfare Department (Nodal Deptt) and being maintained. • Since the post sanctioned to this Institute is already identified post, constitution of committee is not required. • Reservation is being extended as per Section 34 of RPwD Act, 2016. One percent each for the said three types of disabled categories are reserved. • The Labour Department has implemented directions/instruction issued by the UT Administration in respect of filling up Post for Disabled Persons. • The instructions contained under section 33 & 34 will be adhered strictly for reservation of vacancies. • All the identified post for persons with Disabilities has been filled up. • This Department has constituted Committee to identified post in various cadres which can be held by respective category of persons with benchmark disabilities. The Department has reserved the following post for the persons with Disabilities • Categories:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blindness or low vision 2. Hearing impairment 3. Locomotor disability or cerebral palsy (includes all cases or Orthopedically handicapped person) • 5% for each of the three (03) categories. However, the reservation of 5% shall be equally distributed between persons with the categories of Disabilities for Whom the post has been identified. • This Directorate has given appointment to persons with Disabilities (Physically Handicapped persons) out of the total vacancies occurred under Direct recruitment. • This Directorate had submitted the detailed quarterly return to the employment exchange. • 04% of total vacancies are reserved for physically challenged candidates. Selection is done on the merit basis. However, this 04% will be divided among all categories of disabilities henceforth. • The Directorate of Social Welfare has passed the information to all the Departments that the Persons with Disabilities are being entitled for 4% reservation in Government establishments.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory issued to all private sectors to provide incentives to employees.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate Employment Exchange is already providing the services to Persons with Disabilities.

37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appropriate government and local authorities has already directed to give reservation in respect of allotment of land and housing on concessional rates. • Hospitals and some guest houses are already provided with barrier free access. The new public buildings constructed by APWD are being provided with barrier free access. In existing building, barrier free accesses are being provided in phased manner.
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Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appropriate government and local authorities has already directed to give reservation in respect of allotment of land and housing on concessional rates. • Hospitals and some guest houses are already provided with barrier free access. The new public buildings constructed by APWD are being provided with barrier free access. In existing building, barrier free accesses are being provided in phased manner.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitization programmes and awareness campaigns are being organized from time to time for Divyangjan. Circular was issued to all the health institutions for sensitization of staffs for Issues related to the Divyangjan.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Accessible India Campaign the work for accessibility is under progress by the executive agency. • Timelines affirmed in Supreme Court by Andaman and Nicobar administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) In Phase I, Completing accessibility audit of at least 25 to 50 most important government buildings and making them fully accessible. (25 buildings identified at Port Blair).

		<p>ii) In Phase II, making 50% of all the govt. buildings of National capital and all the state capitals fully accessible (25 buildings identified at Port Blair).</p> <p>iii) In Phase III, completing the accessibility audit of 50% of govt. buildings and making them fully accessible in 10 most important cities/towns of states not covered in targets (I) and (II). (20 buildings identified in Andaman and Nicobar Islands).</p> <p>iv) In phase – 1 entire expenditure is met by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. In phase II and Phase III as per scheme guidelines, every department has to use their own funds.</p> <p>v) The progress is closely monitored by the Supreme Court and timeline to be adhered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state portal https://andaman.gov.in and website of NIC has been made accessible by Divyangjan as per GIGW guidelines. • The APWD A&N Islands has been requested to create facilities for the Divyangjan in the health institutions has been asked to cooperate with the NGO appointed by GOI for Accessible India Campaign.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All STS buses have been made divyang friendly by providing additional footsteps to ease the accessibility for boarding and de-boarding of Divyangs. • The Department of Transport is purchasing fully ready built buses directly from the manufacturer in which the standard norms and provisions for disabled passengers are being maintained as per Bus Body Code AIS 052. • Hand rails are provided in every STS bus for the secure/safe journey of disabled persons. • Ramp has been provided in all bus Terminals. • Free travel in public transport buses along with one attendant for divyang with 40% and above disability. • In every STS bus, 1st two seats are kept reserved for divyangs. • PA systems have been installed in all Bus Terminus for forecasting the Scheduled departure and arrival of buses. • Digital Passenger Information Systems are being installed in all Bus Terminuses. • PA Systems have been installed in all Bus Terminuses for forecasting the scheduled departure and arrival of buses. • The Transport Department website is developed by NIC as per the guidelines for Indian Govt. websites and hosted in the NIC server. • The documents uploaded in the Departmental website are OCR based pdf format.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	<p>The action taken report of Andaman and Nicobar Administration are as under:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User friendly Website has been provided for Persons with Disabilities. • The State portal https://andaman.gov.in and website of NIC www.and.nic.in have provision of converting the contents into audio as per the GIGW guidelines for accessible by Divyangjan. The following information are made available online for easy access to all persons:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobile application on Andaman Tourism. 2. Revamping of Tourism website under the URL: www.andaman.gov.in 3. Installation of WIFI at Rajiv Gandhi Water sports complex and RGWSC has been made free WIFI zone under the Prime Ministers Digital India Project. 4. Online registration for tourists and tickets for sound and light show at Ross Island and Cellular Jail has been made computerized through Single Window System.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Tourists Information Centre at Airport and Cellular Jail has been connected with Single Window System at Directorate of IP and T Building. 6. Website for Information and Publicity Division and made available the website under the URL: www.andssw1and.nic.in/doip. 7. Releases and allotment of Govt. Advertisements, press releases through online to the local media. 8. Online Telephone Directory of A & N Administration. 9. The work of computerization of Gazettes of all departments is under process. 10. Online registration & renewal of Bed and Breakfast scheme is posted in the internet at URL: http://db.and.nic.in/bnd. 11. Dynamic website of Andaman Tourism under the URL of www.andmantourism.gov.in 12. Online registration of Parasailing activities in A&N Island is under construction. 13. E-tourist a portal through tourist can book their advance tickets for visiting sound and light shows at Cellular Jail and Ross Islands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following information are made available online for easy access to all person: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobile application on Andaman Tourism. 2. Revamping of Tourism website under the URL: andamans.gov.in 3. Installation of Wifi at Rajiv Gandhi Water sports complex and RGWSC has been made Free Wifi zone under the Prime Ministers Digital India Project. 4. Online registration for tourists and tickets for Light & Sound Show at Ross Island and Cellular Jail has been made computerized through Single Window System. 5. Tourists Information Centres at AIRPORT and CELLULAR JAIL have been connected with Single Window System at Directorate of IP&T Building. 6. Website for information and Publicity Division made available the website under the URL: andssw1.and.nic.in/doip 7. Release and allotment of Govt. Advertisements, press release through online to the local media. 8. Online Telephone Directory of A & N Administration. 9. The works of Computerization Gazettes of all departments are under process. 10. Online registration & renewal of Bed and Breakfast scheme is posted in the internet at URL: http://db.and.nic.in/bnd. 11. Dynamic website of Andaman Tourism under the URL of www.andmantourism.gov.in 12. Online registration of Parasailing activities in A&N Island is under construction. 13. E-tourist a portal through tourist can book their advance tickets for visiting sound and light shows at Cellular Jail and Ross Islands.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	<p>The compliance report of Andman and Nicobar Administration are as under:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under ADIP scheme PwDs are being provided with assistive devices at free of cost viz Hearing aids, Wheel chairs, Crutches, Elbow crutches, Walking sticks, Walkers etc. • A total of 07 assessment camp was conducted by NIEPMED from 2nd Sept to 12th Sept 2014. The following cases were assessed and the Aids/Appliances delivered during the month of December 2014. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aids and Assistive Devices for Visually Impaired: 33 • Mental Impairment Kits: 29

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobility Aids: 51• Aids and Assistive Devices for Leprosy Cured: MCR Chappals are provided to them, dressings with antibiotics for ulcer patients, Planning surgery for correctable deformity shortly.• Cochlear Implants: Nil• Aids and Assistive Devices for Hearing Impaired: 82																																														
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Adherence of the Building norms is being maintained and the Government buildings are being designed Divyang friendly.																																														
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Work in Progress (will be completed by June 2021)	02	Balika Niketan	Social Welfare
		High Court Building, S/ Andaman	High Court
		Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Work Main Building	ALHW
		Port Management Buuilding	Port Management Department
		Directorate of Tourism, Information and Publicity, S/Andaman	Tourism Department
		District and Sessions Court Building, South Andaman	District & Sessions Court Building, South Andaman
		Directorate of Rural Development Building	Rural Development Department
		Directorate of Shipping Services	Shipping Department
Revised estimate sent to Ministry, and Ministry has released an amount of Rs. 65,07,155/- on 27.03.2021	02		
Status of Sanction/Progress in Phase – II (Total Buildings – 25)			
Status	Unit	Buildings	Department
Work Completed	06	NIC Building	CPWD
		Vocational cum Rehabilitation (VRC)	CRC (This building has been renovated and handed over to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on temporary basis for running the CRC).
		One Stop Centre	Social Welfare Department
		S.S school Junglighat Girls Sr. Sec. School S.S.S School Line	Education Department
Work in Progress	12	ITI Dolly Gunj, 90	Labour Department Target Date June 2021
		ANTRI, 60%	Tribal Welfare Target Date July 2021
		ANCOL (90% Completed)	ANCOL Target Date July 2021
		AYUSH Building	Directorate of Health Sciences Target Date Oct. 2021
		DBRAIT Auditorium	DBRAIT Target Date Oct. 2021

				S.S.S Model School Govts boys School, Middle point SSS Haddo	July 2021 July 2021 Oct. 2021	
				Tagore College RBV School SSS GaraCharma (Education Department)	July 2021 July 2021 July 2021	
				Abbhudaya Complex, 95%	Social Welfare Department Target Date July 2021	
	Partially Completed	02		PBMC main office building Ambedkar Auditorium	PBMC	
	Work Awarded	01		ANIIDCO building	ANIIDCO Six months after award of work	
	Tender Accepted	01		DBRAIT College	DBRAIT Dec. 2021	
	Work not required	02		Prayas building (Under New Construction)	Legal Section Judiciary	
				Forest building	The building not in use	
	Sanction awaited	01		JNRM	Higher Education	
		Status of Sanction/Progress in Phase – III Total Buildings - 25				
			Status	Unit	Buildings	Department
			Work Completed	01	WWH, DollyGunj	Transport Department
					WWH, Phongychang	Social Welfare
			Work awarded	08	WWH Car Nicobar	Social Welfare
					Govt. Sec. Sr. School, Pokadera Sec. School, Webi Govtsen. Sec School, Sita Nagar, Govt .Sec. Sr. School Sabri	Education Department
					AC Office, Mayabunder AC Office Diglipur	DC, N&M Andaman Nov. 2021 Dec, 2021
					CHC, Diglipur	DHS Dec, 2021
			Work in Progress	07	WWH, Phongychang	DC, N&M Andaman
					PHC, Kadamtala	DHS July 2021
					Govt. Sec School, Mus	Education Dept. Aug. 2021
					BJR, Car Nicobar	DHS, August 21
					DC Office, Car Nicobar	DC, Car Nicobar August 2021
					Labour Commissioner Office, Rangat	Labour Dept July 2021

				BDO, Car Nicobar	---
		Sanction awaited	02	Sec.Sr.School, Rangat	Education Department
				CHC, Rangat	DHS
				MGGC, Mayabunder	Mahatma Gandhi College, Mayabunder
		Tender under Finalization	03	Govt. Sec. School, Lapathy State Library, Car Nicobar Dr. RP Hospital, Mayabunder	Education Department Nov, 2021 Nov, 2021 April, 2022
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramps have been provided at ticketing counters of Shipping Services Transport Services, Tourism Department several schools State Library. 			
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two employees of Department of Social Welfare have been trained in making of artificial limbs and callipers through National Institute of Orthopaedic Handicapped (NIOH), Kolkatta. 			
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directions have been issued to all Departments to conduct social audit of their schemes to ensure that the schemes meet the requirements and concern of persons with disabilities. 			

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions: (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Director of Social Welfare has been designated as Registering Authority.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	It is affirm that no individual has established any institutions for Persons with Disabilities without a certificate of registration. The Administration has been received one application for certificate of registration of institution under RPwD Act.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The UT Advisory Board on Disability has been notified vide Notification No. 140/2019/F No.12-05/DSW/WP/Civil No. 116-1998/2013 PF-II dated 05.08.2019.

72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	All the three Dy. Commissioners of all the three Districts viz South Andaman, North and Middle Andaman and Nicobar District in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have vide Office Order No. 1071 dated 14.08.2019, 696 dated 08.08.2019 and 380 dated 08.08.2019 respectively constituted the District level Committees on disability.
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State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, WhatsApp No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p>	<p>Shall be completed with. As per the Act, as the UT Administration is without legislature all Acts and Rules of GOI are followed:- Name of the Commissioner's : Shri Rajesh Goyal Directorate of Social Welfare Goalghar, Port Blair-744101 Whatsapp No/Mb. No: 8900916004 Tel No: 03192-233356 E-Mail: directorsw4@gmail.com</p> <p>A Disability Cell is working under the Welfare Officer (Handicapped) under the supervision of Nodal Officer (Disabilities) at Directorate of Social Welfare to assist the State Commissioner (Disabilities) in related matters of Divyang persons.</p>
	<p>iii) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>iv) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/ Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>v) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Commissioner</p>	<p>No such registered NGOs has yet applied for Grant-in-Aid, however an only NGO namely SAHARA Association has been registered under the RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <p>----</p> <p>----</p>

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	The UT Administration vide notification No.F.No. 12-252/2019-Legal dated 23.08.2019 has designated the Court of Additional District & Session Judge, Port Blair and Additional District & Session Judge, Mayabunder as the Special Court to try the cases instituted under the said Act.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	The Administration has vide Notification No.F.No.5-85/2015-Legal dated 23.08.2019 appointed Special Public Prosecutor to defend the cases instituted under the "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	State Govt. has not constituted any State Fund.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act – Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	So far the Administration has not come across any incident where in any person have been found contravening the provisions of the Act. As and when reports are received, action has deemed under section 89 will be executed.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack?	Shall be complied with. As per the Act as the UT Administration is without legislature all Acts and Rules of GOI are followed.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Rules have been framed vide Notification No. 145/2019/F.No.8-17/DSW-2016 dated 08/08/2019.

10.2 ANDHRA PRADESH:**NOT SUBMIT****10.3 ARUNACHAL PRADESH****NOT SUBMIT****10.4 ASSAM****Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Following Schemes are put in action under Social Welfare Department in regard to ensure equality, non-discrimination, non-deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with Disabilities: 1. Deendayal Divyangjan Pension Scheme. 2. Deendayal Divyangjan Punarsansthan Scheme. 3. Scholarship to differently abled students. Scholarship to differently abled students pursuing Medical & Technical Education etc.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	All the above mentioned Schemes are inclusive of Women and Children Respecting their views to be treated equally with others.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	The Social Welfare Department has been implementing various schemes for the PwDs in Assam to empower them with their unique abilities. Following Schemes are put in action in regard to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Homes for mentally ill persons. Homes/Hostels for Mentally retarded persons/children There are four nos. Govt. Schools for persons with disabilities. These are:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> B.D.S. Govt. School for Hearing Impairment. Jorhat Blind Institution, Jorhat School for Hearing Impaired, Jorhat. Guwahati Blind High School, Basistha. Following Schools receives grants in aid from Govt. for persons with disabilities. These are:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Special School for The Hearing and Visually Impaired, Lakhimpur Assam AndhaSisu Vidyalaya Seva Samity, Bihpuria Mental Welfare Society, Guwahati Sreemanta Sankar Mission Blind School, Nagaon
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	<p>4 nos. of Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs) are currently functional in the following locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MMCH, Guwahati AMCH, Dibrugarh SMCH, Silchar Goalpara Civil Hospital <p>The District Legal Service Authority of the district organizes camps to sensitize the people in this regard.</p>
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Social Welfare Department has taken up the matter with various Departments to create a mechanism throughout the State to provide protection of the PwDs from abuse, violence and exploitation.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) has brought out a publication for awareness generation among PwDs on tackling natural and other disasters. This publication is also available in Braille Script for visually impaired.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Sensitization programmes are taken up time to time at the district level in associations with Integrated Child Protection Society (ICPS), Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and other stakeholders so that the rights of a child with disability are protected.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Updation of all eligible couple in the area covered by every ASHA is one of the major work undertaken by ASHA. This includes even individuals or spouses having disabilities. Counselling on RCH & family planning is provided to all irrespective of disabilities of any kind. ASHA supports AWW at AWC. Rashtriya Bal SwasthyaKaryakram (RBSK) is a systematic approach for early identification of 4'D's. The 4Ds are as follow: ► Defects at Birth. ► Diseases. ► Developmental Delays and Disabilities. ► Deficiencies. Development Delays and Disabilities include Vision impairment, Hearing Impairment, Neuro motor impairment, Motor delay, Cognitive delay, Language delay, Behaviour disorder (Autism) and Learning disorder. Mobile Health Team of RBSK visits every Anganwadi Centre twice a year for screening children between the age group of 6 weeks to 6 years. Once in a year in the govt. and govt. aided schools for screening of children within the age group between 6-18 years (class 1 to 12).

		<p>5. Children enrolled at Child Care Institutions are screened, referred and are managed under RBSK since Nov'2019.</p> <p>6. Any Child during the screening found to have any health related issues that comes under the 43 disease code of RBSK are referred to DEICs/District Hospitals (where DEIC is not present) and sometimes to the tertiary level health institutions like Medical colleges and higher centres.</p> <p>Number of screening, treatment and referral of cases under RBSK for 2021-22:</p> <table> <tr> <th>No. of Screening at Anganwadi Centre and Schools (Govt. & Govt. aided)</th><th>No. of Referrals</th><th>No. of Treatment</th></tr> <tr> <td>2969364</td><td>142079</td><td>127605</td></tr> </table>	No. of Screening at Anganwadi Centre and Schools (Govt. & Govt. aided)	No. of Referrals	No. of Treatment	2969364	142079	127605
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11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	During Assam Assembly Election- 2021 the state Election Department sought to ensure that minimum facilities for voters with disabilities are available at polling stations. An exercise for comprehensive mapping of PwDs against polling stations was done by field functionaries of Social Welfare Department at District levels in consultation with Booth Level Officers so as to facilitate easy casting of votes by PwD. Also, during training of Polling Personnel special focus was laid on facilitation of PwD voters.						
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	The scope and extent of providing legal aid to PwD through the Legislative Department/ State Legal Services Authority is being examined.						
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has written to the Assam State Legal Services Authority and to the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts to ensure implementation of the provisions under this Section.						
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	The Deputy Commissioners of all Districts have been asked to form Local Level Committees (LLCs) for taking up the issues of local Guardianship for people with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.						
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	<p>Voluntary organisations initiated community mobilization and social awareness programmes/activities by grants provided by the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam.</p> <p>1. There are 17 nos. of NGOs designated for running home/hostels for Mentally Retarded persons/children for the year 2019-20.</p> <p>2. There are 33nos. of NGOs designated for running homes for Mentally ill persons for the year 2019-20.</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 2,16,00,000/- has been proposed for releasing grants-in-aid to 26 nos. NGOs working with Mentally ill Persons (FY 2022-23).</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 73,80,000/- has been proposed for releasing grants-in-aid to 15 nos. NGOs working with Mentally retarded Persons (FY 2022-23).</p>						

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to CWD's. Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	<p>Samagra Shiksha – the Integrated Scheme on School Education of all children including Children with Special Needs (CwSN), in a continuum from pre nursery to Class XII. The Scheme covers all children with special needs Act ds with one or more disabilities as mentioned in the schedule of disabilities of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 studying in Government, Government-aided and local body schools.</p> <p>The Inclusive component provides support for various student oriented activities which include identification and assessment of CWSN, provision of aids, appliances, corrective surgeries, Braille books, and uniforms, therapeutic services, development of teaching-learning material (TLM), assistive devices & equipments, environment building and orientation programme to create positive attitude and awareness about nature and needs of CWSN, purchase/development of instructional materials, in-service training of special educators and general teachers on curriculum adaptation, stipend for girls with special needs etc. SSA ensures that every child with special needs, irrespective of the kind, category and degree of disability, is provided meaningful and quality education. Hence, SSA has adopted a zero exclusion policy. This means that no child having special needs should be deprived of the right to education and taught in an environment, which is best, suited to his/her learning needs. These include school readiness programmes for CWSN, home-based education for the severely disabled CWSN. The ultimate aim, however, is to mainstream all CWSN in neighbourhood schools. The major thrust of SSA is on inclusion or mainstreaming CWSN into the fabric of formal elementary schooling.</p> <p>Architectural barriers in schools have been removed for easy access and to promote inclusion of CWSN as far as possible. Efforts have been made to provide all kinds of disabled-friendly facilities in schools and educational institutions. Development of innovative- designs for schools to provide an enabling environment for children with special needs is also a part of the programme. Schools are designed using an inclusive lens to create barrier-free environments and addressing Equity Issues in accessible buildings have been incorporated not only through ramps, but also through accessible classrooms, toilets, playgrounds, etc.</p> <p>The resource rooms / day care centers provide the adequate support therapeutically and motivates for the academic activities. These inventories take a prime role in moulding different types of children with special needs in all round development by providing academic support to them. Different levels of special educators are involved in the advancement of CWSN.</p> <p>Curriculum has been adopted for the children with Visual Impairment. The adaptation and transcription have been carried out from class I to VIII in collaboration SCERT. Braille Books are provided to Visually Impaired children from class I to VIII.</p> <p>For mapping of needs, assessment of each identified child has been carried out.</p>

		<p>A team has been constituted at the block/ cluster level to carry out this assessment. The extent and type of the disability, the developmental level of the child, the nature of support services required, assistive devices required by the child and the most appropriate form of special training to be given to the child etc are ascertained by the assessment team.</p> <p>Individualised Educational Plan (IEP) is prepared for every child with special needs in consultation with parents and experts by the Special Educators. Its implementation is monitored from time to time. The IEP is prepared to review the effectiveness of various strategies and support services used by children with special needs periodically, after developing indicators.</p> <p>There is a provision for providing Transport Allowances and Escort Allowances to the CWSN. Accordingly Transport Allowances, Escort Allowances and Girls stipend are provided to the CWSN for attending school and Day Care Center.</p>
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	<p>In Assam at present only Centrally Sponsored adult literacy programme namely Padhana Likhna Abhiyan (PLA) is on process. There is no special measure to be taken for participation of PwD in the CSS programme PLA. In any PwD illiterate may be included in the literacy programme. There is no bar for inclusion of PwD illiterates in the Scheme.</p> <p>The Education Department has proposed a special literacy programme in Tea Garden /Ex Tea Garden areas, riverine areas, other disadvantage areas where the special measure for inclusion of PwD illiterates may be taken.</p>

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	At present there is no existing schemes and programmes or provisions of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs. However the Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training, Assam follow all norms relating to admission of PwD candidate in Industrial Training Institute (ITI) of the State. It is also to be stated that the construction of Divyang ITI, Dibrugarh exclusively for PwDs is under process which will certainly give impetus to the PwDs.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	<p>The Personnel Department, Govt of Assam has issued an Office Memorandum for reservation of posts for persons with Benchmark Disabilities and other Concessions, vide No ABP. 180/2017/105 dtd. the 7th January 2019.</p> <p>Further, all the Administrative Departments have been instructed to immediately take necessary steps for the implementation of all the specific provisions under this Section.</p>
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	All the Administrative Departments have been instructed to immediately take necessary steps for the implementation of all the specific provisions under this Section and inform the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, accordingly.

22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	This Directorate has recently initiated online records of Registration system. Henceforth, all records relating to PwD has become online. Development of Management Information System (MIS) pertaining to this Directorate is under process. Once it is developed, all records (such as registration, placement, training, etc) will be reflected in the MIS.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Matter regarding appointment of Grievance Redressal Officer at each Govt. Department has been communicated to all Heads of the Departments and accordingly the departments have appointed the Grievance Redressal Officer to look into the complaint related matters of PwDs.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Under Deendayal Divyangjan Pension Scheme Rs. 1,000/- per month is provided for taking care of their health by Department of Social Justice & Empowerment. Sneha Sparsha Plus, literally meaning the 'Touch of Love', is a recent unique Health Care Initiative by National Health Mission, Assam realizing the plight of children below 14 years of age) with neurological disorders especially Cerebral Palsy, Congenital Neurological Disorders, Motor Neurone Disease etc. As per Govt. Notification No. HLA.661/2021/6 Dated 30th Dec' 2021, One-time Financial assistance of @Rs. 50,000/- and 36 instalments of Rs. 2500/- will be made to the children with neurological disorders after a detailed screening by Expert Committee. During 2021-22, One Time Financial Assistance @Rs.50,000/- provided to 1073 nos. Monthly instalment (1st & 2nd instalment) of Rs.2500/- was released to 501 nos. beneficiaries in 1st Phase in FY 2022-23 (upto June 2022).
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Disabled government Employees are covered by the Insurance Scheme as available to all Government Employees.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Rs 20,000/- as onetime grant is provided under Deendayal Punarsansthapan Scheme for rehabilitation of PwDs by Department of Social Justice & Empowerment. District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC): ✓ DEIC under RBSK by National Health Mission, Assam provides the much needed early interventions services, which are easily approachable, adaptable user friendly and cost effective. ✓ Provides interdisciplinary approach of multi-disciplinary teams placed under one roof by housing age appropriate and domain specific equipment and with specific trained domain specialities. ✓ Acts as the apex centre of the district and ensures comprehensive services under one roof, with a holistic approach to children with special needs and also provides referral linkages to higher health care institutions.

		<p>✓ Provides referral support to children detected with health conditions during health screening, primarily for children up-to 6 years of age group.</p> <p>✓ Early Identification and early Intervention Programme for these 4 Ds minimizes the disability and therefore significantly improve the quality of their lives.</p> <p>✓ Meaning of 4D: Defects at Birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, Developmental Delays & Disability. Services provided under DEIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medical Services: Screening, Management and Referral of 4Ds. ▪ Dental services: For problems of teeth, gums and oral hygiene in children from birth to 6 years esp. "Early Childhood Caries" ▪ Audiology: Helps in treating hearing issues. ▪ Speech: Helps in speaking fluency & language improvement. ▪ Occupational therapy and Physical therapy: Helps in improving skills and reducing disabilities. ▪ Psychological services: Administering and interpreting psychological tests and evaluation of a child's behaviour related to development, learning and mental health. ▪ Vision services: Identification of children with visual disorders or delays and providing services and training to those children. ▪ Cognition services: Helps in improvement of learning, attention and memory, hence improving intelligence. <p>Special Education: Helps in reducing learning disabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nutrition services: Services that help address the nutritional needs of children that include identifying feeding skills, feeding problems, food habits, and food preferences. ▪ Lab services: For routine blood investigations among children for confirming congenital hypothyroidism, Thalassemia and Sickle cell anaemia or other inborn error of metabolism depending on the prevalence of such diseases. <p>DEIC aims at early detection and early intervention so as to minimize disabilities among growing children.</p>															
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29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	<p>a) 3 (three) nos. of VI-I (Visually Handicapped) employees working as Drama Artist at LKRB State Music College under Directorate of Cultural Affairs,</p> <p>b) 2 (Two) nos. of VH (Visually Handicapped) employees working as Accompanist at LKRB State Music College under Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam</p> <p>c) 1 (One) OL (One leg) employee working as Gd-IV at the Directorate (Head Quarter)</p> <p>d) 2 (Two) nos. of LV (Low Vision) employees, 1 (One) OA (One Arm) employee and 1 (One) OL (One Leg) employee; totalling 4 (Four) nos. of employees working as Gd-III at various Cultural Centres.</p> <p>In total, 10 (Ten) nos. of PWD employees of various disabilities are involved in diverse recreational activities and having a cultural life under the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam.</p>																								
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	<p>As per the Integrated Sports Policy of Assam, 2017-18, which has come into force from 1st January, 2018, it is proposed to develop affirmative programmes for specially abled to enable them to take sports with confidence, realize their potential and also to provide appropriate opportunity to focus on Sports.</p> <p>Sports & Youth Welfare Department has been organized “State Divyanjan Sports Meet for Special and Paralympics” since 2018 to 2021, where a sizable number of athletes had taken part in various events from different parts of the State. But, due to outbreak of Covid19 during the 2020-21 & 2021-22, “State Divyanjan Sports Meet for Special and Paralympics” could not be organized.</p> <p>Moreover, Sports & Youth Welfare Department has provided financial assistance to Shri Parishmita Duwarah, Shri Abinandan Goswami, Shri Abhishek Gogoi, Shri Utpal Basumatary, Mary Kardong and Shri Uday Dutta for winning medals in various events in their categories as per Integrated Sports Policy of Assam. Further, an amount of ₹. 97.00 lakh (Rupees ninety seven lakh) only has also earmarked under SOPD budget for providing cash incentives to the medal winners during this current financial year, 2022-23.</p> <p>As per the Integrated Sports Policy of Assam, 2017-18, Sports & Youth Welfare Department has made a provision to provide Cash Incentives to the sports persons of Assam who has secured First, Second & Third positions in National & International Sports Competitions organized by recognized/authorized sports bodies as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Events</th><th>Medals</th><th>Amount (In lakh)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Paralympics Games</td><td>Gold</td><td>100.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Silver</td><td>75.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bronze</td><td>50.00</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">International Tournaments for Specially abled Category</td><td>Gold</td><td>50.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Silver</td><td>30.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bronze</td><td>20.00</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">National Tournaments for Specially abled Category</td><td>Gold</td><td>10.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Silver</td><td>05.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bronze</td><td>03.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Events	Medals	Amount (In lakh)	Paralympics Games	Gold	100.00	Silver	75.00	Bronze	50.00	International Tournaments for Specially abled Category	Gold	50.00	Silver	30.00	Bronze	20.00	National Tournaments for Specially abled Category	Gold	10.00	Silver	05.00	Bronze	03.00
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		<p>Sports & Youth Welfare Department has also provided Grants-in-Aid to Sports Academy for Differently Abled, Assam Association of the Deaf, and All Assam Blind Youth Development Council for organizing various competitions/tournaments for Specially Abled persons during last financial year, 2021-22. Similarly, Sports & Youth Welfare Department has also allocated fund for Paralympics Association and Special Olympic Bharat, Assam as Grants-in-Aid for an amount of ₹. 10.00 lakh and ₹. 5.00 lakh respectively during this current financial year, 2022-23.</p> <p>Sports & Youth Welfare Department has also provided all required assistance and co-operation to Paralympics Association of Assam for organizing 2nd All Assam Para Sports Meet, 2022 which was held from 3rd to 4th June, 2022 at Guwahati.</p>
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Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	The below mentioned schools provides free education to children with benchmark disabilities: 1. B.D.S. Govt. School for Hearing Impairment, Kahilipara, Guwahati. 2. Guwahati Blind High School, Basistha. 3. Jorhat Blind Institution, Jorhat. 4. School for Hearing Impaired, Jorhat.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	Department of Higher Education, Govt of Assam has been implementing the provision under this Section in all Higher Educational Institutions.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Interviews for 511 nos. of GRADE- IV posts under various Govt. departments were held and results are currently being awaited.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	Implemented. Govt. of Assam has been released an office memorandum regarding reservation of Post for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities and other Concessions vide letter no: ABP.180/2017/105 dated 7th January 2019.

35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Data is being collected.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Vide Notification No.GLR(RC)110/98/179, dated 21-01-2000 the following District Employment Exchanges (in addition to the existing Special Employment Exchanges) have been notified as Special Employment Exchanges under Sec 34 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 with jurisdiction over the following districts of Assam:- these are District Employment Exchanges of Nalbari, Barpeta, Dhubri, Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon, Darrang, Sonitpur, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Nagaon, Morigaon, Jorhat, Sivsagar, Golaghat, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Cachar, Karimganj, Hailakandi, N.C Hills and Karbi Anglong.
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres	The matter of ensuring reservation in individual benefit schemes has been taken up with concerned Departments. Letter has also been issued by the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Assam to concerned Departments to take immediate action. Benefits are being extended to PwD under PMAY (G). Benefits of employment under MGNREGA are also being provided to PwD category.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	On requisition and upon consideration Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment provides Aids and Appliances to PwDs with high support needs with the help of ALIMCO.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Grants in Aid is provided to different voluntary organisations to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	GoI has already notified the same.

41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	<p>Under Section 41, there are facilities for PwDs at bus stations such as ramps, wheel chairs, signage for Persons with Disabilities, etc. Seat Reservation facilities, signage both audio-visual and by default, the Kneel - down feature available in some of the vehicles of the Corporation. Other facilities such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bus doors are atleast 1200 mm wide.2. Apparatus such as hydraulic lift or pull-out/ foldable ramp at the entrance of the bus.3. Low floor buses.4. Kneel down feature in some of the buses.5. Handrails and/ or stanchions at the entrance of the bus.6. Footlights at the entrance of the bus.7. Atleast two (2) passenger seats in case of Mini & Midi buses.8. Atleast four (4) passenger seats in case of other buses designated as priority seats for PwD.9. Signage indicated seats designated to disabled.10. Space for wheelchairs at an appropriate position without preventing other passengers from getting on or off in some of the buses.11. Wheel stoppers and wheelchair safety belts in some of the buses.12. Priority seats with appropriate facility for securing the crutches, canes, walkers, etc.13. Audio/ Visual or Audio - Visual Information System permitting driver or recorded or digitised human speech/ visual messages in some buses.															
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	<p>“E-prastuti” is an initiative by Govt. of Assam under which Standardized Websites Framework (SWF) has been developed. Using the framework 204 standardized websites were developed for Govt. departments and its sub-organizations.</p> <p>The websites developed under e-Prastuti are fully GIGW (Guidelines for Indian Government Websites) Complaint. These websites are also Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.00 compliant (Level A & AA).</p>															
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	<p>Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) by National Health Mission, Assam coordinates with the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) and State Scheme for providing Spectacles, Hearing aids and Cochlear Implant to the beneficiaries. These products and accessories are procured under schemes (NPCB, NPPCD and State Schemes). When RBSK team screens any child with vision impairment, hearing impairment or cochlear implant, the team coordinates with the respective Govt. programmes and assists them accordingly.</p> <p>The data are as follows for the financial year 2021-22:</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Disease</th><th>Referral</th><th>Treatment</th><th>Remarks</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Vision Impairment</td><td>9818</td><td>7390</td><td>2967 (Spectacles were distributed by RBSK in coordination with NPCB&VI programme)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Hearing Impairment</td><td>1889</td><td>1273</td><td>14 (Hearing Aid were distributed by RBSK in coordination with NPPCD programme)</td></tr></table>	Sl. No.	Disease	Referral	Treatment	Remarks	1	Vision Impairment	9818	7390	2967 (Spectacles were distributed by RBSK in coordination with NPCB&VI programme)	2	Hearing Impairment	1889	1273	14 (Hearing Aid were distributed by RBSK in coordination with NPPCD programme)
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44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	To create barrier free environment in various public buildings, construction is going on under Accessible India Campaign.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	In Phase-I of Accessible India Campaign, there are 24 numbers of Govt. Institutions are access audited and accordingly construction is going on. Till date, constructions of 14 numbers of Buildings have been completed. In Phase-II of Accessible India Campaign, 62 numbers of Govt. Institutions have been access audited and reports have been submitted to Assam Plain Tribes Development Corporation for preparation of Plan & Estimate.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Partially implemented.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	A plan to train up 200 employees and other persons in Sign language has been taken up during the financial year 2019-20 so as to create a pool of sign language interpreters across the state to assist public authorities in communication with persons with hearing impairment. The first phase of training was started in October, 2019.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	The Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Assam has been implementing various schemes for welfare of the persons with disabilities with availability of funds as per annual budget. The utilization certificates for the expenditures incurred against the schemes are regularly furnished to the Govt. All the records of transactions made against the schemes are properly maintained and periodical audit is done through the office of the Accountant General, Assam.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	The Director of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam has been notified as the competent authority for the purpose of registration of institutes working for PwDs.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Grants in Aid is provided only to the registered institutions under the RPwD Act 2016.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Not Provided
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	Not Provided

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details:</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year:</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p>	<p>Shri Debeswar Borah, ACS Independent Charge Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Latakata, Basistha, Guwahati Assam -781029 Mobile No : +91-9476570329 Telephone: 0361- 2999858 Email : commdisabilityassam@gmail.com</p> <p>(ii) Yes, constituted vide Social Welfare Department notification no. SWD.431/2017 dated 9th October, 2017 and was functional under RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <p>(iii) Staff details: 1. Senior Assistant: 01 no. 2. Junior Assistant: 03 nos., Vacant: 01 no. 3. Computer Operator: 02 nos. 4. Driver: 01 no. 5. Grade-IV: 04 nos., Vacant: 01 no.</p> <p>(iv) Nil Year 2019- 20 : Number of inspections - 05 nos. Year 2020- 21 : Number of inspections - 16 nos. Year 2021- 22 : Number of inspections - 12 nos.</p> <p>1) For effective implementation of provision of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 communications have been made frequently with all relevant Govt. Departments. 2) Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities conducted awareness and sensitization programme on the RPwD Act, 2016 among Govt. officials of 5 nos. of major Districts of Assam during 2021-22. 3) Special efforts were made for clearing backlog in recruitment of persons with disabilities in government jobs. Interviews for 511 nos. of Grade IV posts under various Govt. departments were held and results are currently being awaited. 4) Disability Pension @Rs. 1000/- per month has provided to 1,04,001 nos. of persons with disabilities. 5) Work on implementation of Unique Disability ID (UDID) project has been started from the month of July, 2019. Total 1,38,515 numbers of UDID generated (upto 15-07-2022).</p>
	<p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p>	<p>(a) 10 (b) Nil</p>

c) Total number of cases:	(c) 10		
d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:	(d) 07		
e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:	(e) Nil		
f) Number of cases pending:	(f) 07		
(viii) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature:			
Year :-	2019-20	Prepared Forwarded to	StateLegislature
Status of Preparation:-	2020-21	Prepared Forwarded to	State Legislature
laying it before State Legislature:-	2021-22	Under Process	----

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Government has notified, vide no JDJ/77/2017-ESSTT-JUDI-Judicial/ 6-A dated 19th August 2017, for each district, the 1st Additional Sessions Judge where one or more Additional Judges are there in the district, and, where there is no Additional Sessions Judge, the Sessions Judge of the District, as Special Court to try offences under the RPwD Act 2016.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	In terms of Section 85 (1) of the RPwD Act, government has, vide no JDJ/77/2017-ESSTT-JUDI-Judicial/ 7-A dated 19th August 2017, specified the Public Prosecutor of each district as Special Public Prosecutor for conducting cases under the Act before the Special Court.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Provision is being made under Rule 33 of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Assam) Rules 2019, that there shall be constituted a fund to be called 'The Assam State Fund for Persons with Disabilities'. As laid down in the State Rules, a Corpus Fund with an initial subscription of Rupees Five crores is being created by the State Government.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	Nil
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	Nil

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	'The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Assam) Rules, 2019' duly approved by the Cabinet has been published in the official Gazette vide Notification no. 428/2017/197 dtd 27th December, 2019.

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Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	<p>There is no discrimination on ground of disability. Measures for providing reasonable accommodation to PWDs have been taken. This includes giving reservation and priority under government PWD housing schemes and concessions in land allotment for housing purposes.</p> <p>In addition rule based on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 named 'Bihar Divyangjan Adhikar Niyamavali, 2017' (Bihar Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017) notified to ensure equality and non-discrimination to the Persons with Benchmark Disability(PWBD).</p> <p>27 existing Homes run by Govt and 53 Homes run by NGO which are registered under RPwD Act, 2016 working for PwD.</p>
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	The social welfare officers have been directed to ensure that the women and children with disabilities enjoy their rights equally with others. Such people are being made aware and sensitized about their equal rights as well as special rights provided under this Act.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Steps have been taken and the NGOs are also being involved for ensuring general community life for the PWDs.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Measures have been taken to protect persons with disabilities. NOC from the social welfare department is mandatory for making any PWDs to be subject of any research.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Measures have been taken. PWDs are encouraged to report any such incident committed against them to the local administrative or police authorities for immediate remedial action. Workshops and seminars are organized, leaflets and other materials distributed to sensitize the officials about the PWDs. District Legal Services Authority is requested to provide free legal aid to PWDs. 14 Legal Service Clinics are functional. 'Bihar Divyangjan Adhikar Niyamavali, 2017' (Bihar Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017) prescribes procedure to be followed by the Executive Magistrate. For rehabilitation, coordinated effort is made by the State Government, Bihar State Legal Services Authority ("BLSA") and also with the State Disability Commissioner as per need. Steps have also been taken for implementation of NALSA (Legal Services to Mentally ill and Mentally disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 which carries out sensitization of judicial officers among other activities, through BLSA.

8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	<p>Standard Operating Procedure formulated by the government in line with the guidelines of National Disaster Management. This has special provision regarding protection and safety of PWDs in situations of risk, armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters. State Disaster Management Authority and District Disaster Management Authority have provisions for inclusion of safety of PWDs. Disaster Management Act, 2005 also followed by the State for safety and protection of PwD. Training programmes, and workshops are conducted and training modules, information, education and communication are provided for capacity building towards disaster risk mitigation and management. Records are being compiled of persons with disabilities in the districts with the help of voter list from Election Commission and the support of the State Disability Commission.</p> <p>It is prescribed in the department SOP related to the prevention and relief of various disaster that special care is taken for the handicapped, old people, infants, pregnant woman and metal mothers during this.</p>
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	This provision is being implemented.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Reproductive rights are enforced for everyone along with PWDs. Family planning procedure mandates free and informed consent of every individual
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	<p>Accessible polling stations with assured minimum facilities such as Signage, help desk, ramps, toilets, drinking water, lightning, Presence of ramp and wheelchair, etc are available for PwD voters.</p> <p>Besides, ECI is also appointing Accessibility Observers for ensuring AMF on booths for PwDs.</p> <p>Option of Postal Ballot facility has been extended to the electors who are marked as Persons with Disabilities (PwD)</p> <p>Election department ensures that all polling stations are accessible to PWDs and are on the ground floor. Apart from Assured Minimum facility; there is a provision for PWDs to keep assistant above 18 years, ramp/railings at every voting centre, shade, Finger spelling Alphabet Signage, waiting room and so on. To facilitate voting in general elections, 2019, 505 Foldable wheelchairs were made available to districts and additionally 1010 Foldable wheelchairs were made available to districts in Bihar Legislative Assembly election, 2020. Epic, voter slips, Ballot papers, EVM Machines were provided in Braille. Specially made Sign language related poster & banners provided for general election, 2019 and for Bihar Legislative Assembly election, 2020 for publicity. Accessible Observer for PwDs was also appointed at District level for visits to voting centres.</p> <p>Facility of Postal Ballots were provided to PwDs and Senior Citizens above 80 years of age during Bihar Legislative Assembly election, 2020</p> <p>Sensitization and awareness generation among PwDs voters was done through PwD Icons and also for PwD App developed by Election Commission of India.</p>

		<p>38 PwD Managed polling stations were established during Bihar Legislative Assembly election, 2020.</p> <p>Almost 60,000 Volunteers (Jeevika Didi, Block resource Centre Staffs, Vikas Mitra, Scout & Guide Volunteers, ASHA and Anganwadi Workers) were deputed for the ease and accessible election to PwDs.</p> <p>To ensure the Rights to cast Vote to PwD voters, Questions concerning to PwD were incorporated in the survey format – KAP Baseline survey conducted before Bihar Legislative Assembly election, 2020 and post election KAP Endline Survey.</p>
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	<p>For access to justice there is no discrimination on grounds of disability. Legal aid provided to PwDs. 14 Legal Service Clinics is functional in DLSAs of Bihar. Such Legal Clinic are manned with PLV and Panel Lawyers of DLSA who are sensitizing and providing legal services on issues related to also mental illness. A panel of 50 lawyers for 37 districts exists. For access to justice at sub-divisional level as well, such panel exists. Apart from this, 21 Alternate Dispute Resolution Centres are being constructed. Digitization of documents in accessible format (Mangal Unicode) is being accomplished. 1 integrated State Govt. website and 44 public documents identified made accessible following GIGW to be launched soon.</p> <p>State Disability Commissioner also coordinates with BLSA in different districts of Bihar for carrying out the activities of NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme. Apart from this State Disability Commissioner has been organizing mobile courts to ensure access to justice without discrimination to PwDs.</p>
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	Right to property Law provide no discrimination on ground of one's disability.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Manner of providing support of a limited guardian are being implemented in accordance with State Government Rules so notified.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	<p>Officials are working for community mobilization and for creating social awareness to support PwDs.</p> <p>Directorate of Empowerment of Persons with Disability has already been created and 40 Assistant Directors are being appointed for</p>

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	<p>Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs)</p> <p>Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16</p>	<p>All children with disabilities get admitted in schools (Zero Rejection Policy) and there is provision of education and opportunities for sports and recreation activities equally with others. CWSN are kept and taught in inclusion in schools, including those under KGBV (Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya) Scheme.</p>

18	<p>Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.</p>	<p>The process of making building, campus and various accessible facilities is going on and 82.03% schools have been made barrier free.</p> <p>Reasonable accommodation is provided as per need of children with special needs. For this resource centre, day care center have been established in each district. Educational facilities provided by them include Braille books and equipment, free of cost.</p> <p>Residential/non residential bridge courses are the means to accommodate CWSN.</p> <p>For severe and profound category of CWSNs, home based education facility is being provided to them, including daily life skilling. Assessment camps are organized every year to assess individual need of CWSN and assistive device are made available to them free of cost. CWSN, especially hearing impaired, visually impaired and orthopedically handicapped, provision of surgical correction is in practice. During last academic session, 192 CWSN availed of this facility.</p> <p>Bihar Education Project Council has made initiative to detect specific learning disabilities in children at the earliest and to devise suitable pedagogical and other measures to overcome them. Reader allowance facility for 10 months a year is made available to CWSN.</p> <p>Education to blind PwD is imparted in Braille as well with the support of Braille slate, Brailler, tactile books. Education to deaf PwD is provided through sign language as well. For deaf and blind PwD, education is imparted as per Individual Education Plan (IEP).</p> <p>Identification Camp is organized in each district extending to all blocks to identify CWSN child and to introduce early intervention with suitable pedagogical and other measures.</p> <p>First survey of school going children for identifying CWDs was completed in 2017 and again in 2019 is being conducted and is in progress.</p> <p>To support inclusive education available professionals and staff right from school level are provided regular training on various disabilities. 74 Resource centers and 37 Day care centers are functional in all districts of Bihar. Additionally, 5 artificial limb centers by empowering PWDs contribute to the educational rehabilitation of CWSN child.</p> <p>Braille Language is being promoted as augmentative and alternative mode to supplement the use of one's own speech to fulfill the daily communication needs of persons with speech, communication and language disabilities and enable them to participate and contribute to their community and society. Braille books, assistive devices, ICT materials, aids and appliances are provided free of cost to needy CWSN. Students with disability are provided with scholarships in appropriate cases.</p> <p>A close monitoring system for attainment of goals prevails in KGBV and in general schools comprehensive and continuous evaluation (CCE) is in progress. CWSNs tracking has been started while passing class 8 to getting admission in class-9. As per IEP and CCE, certain adaptations are made to facilitate the particular CWSN to attain her/his goal.</p>
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	<p>Transport/escort allowance facility is made available for 10 months a year to children with benchmark disabilities having high support needs.</p> <p>There is no discrimination against PwDs on the grounds of impairment in ongoing Adult Education programmes sponsored by the State, like the Mahadalit, Dalit, Alpasankhyak, Atipichharawarg akshar Anchal Yojna.</p> <p>All the primary, upper primary, secondary and sr. secondary schools are endeavouring to provide Inclusive Education to CWD's. Their teachers are being trained regularly by special educators phase wise to meet the challenges.</p> <p>16 (i) Zero rejection policy for CWSN is invogue. Each and every school (of Bihar Govt. and aided schools) is bound to abide by the rules.</p> <p>16 (ii) Educational buildings are being constructed with campus and other facilities accessible.</p> <p>16(iii) Reasonable accommodation according to the need of CWSN is provided. SPARSH for blind CWSN, Gamak Utkarsh for CP, Manovikas for intellectual disability, and Vanivikas for speech impaired CWSN. For visual impaired girls and hearing impaired girls 112 KGBVs have been allocated with the capacity of 25 CWSN girls each to ensure qualitative education.</p> <p>16(iv) Following allowances/ aids & appliances were given away to CWSN to ensure Inclusion-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Discription</th><th>No. of CWSN</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reader Allowance(I to VIII)</td><td>610</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reader Allowance(XI to XII)</td><td>94</td></tr> <tr> <td>Aids &Appliances(I to VIII)</td><td>7363</td></tr> <tr> <td>Aid & Appliances (XI to XII)</td><td>153</td></tr> <tr> <td>A device Equipment TLM (E)</td><td>2827</td></tr> <tr> <td>A device Equipment TLM (S)</td><td>05</td></tr> <tr> <td>Braille Books (Elementary)</td><td>1223</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stippend for girls (Pre elementary)</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stippend for girls (secondary)</td><td>7106</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stippend for girls (Elementary)</td><td>673</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>16(v) CWSN who are blind and deaf both, they are being taught in most appropriate language by the resource teachers who are well trained in the said field. Besides all working special educators are being imparted in service training in cross disabilities to support different categories of CWSN.</p> <p>16(vi) Identification camps are organized by district unit to detect specific learning disabilities to make them available aids & appliances, assistive devices, need for surgical correction etc. Detected CWSN with specific learning disabilities get support of our special educators. During the year 2020-21, 387 identification camps were organised with special care and Corona protocol to access the individual needs of CWSN and to take measures to redress them with appropriate Aids & Appliances.</p>	Discription	No. of CWSN	Reader Allowance(I to VIII)	610	Reader Allowance(XI to XII)	94	Aids &Appliances(I to VIII)	7363	Aid & Appliances (XI to XII)	153	A device Equipment TLM (E)	2827	A device Equipment TLM (S)	05	Braille Books (Elementary)	1223	Stippend for girls (Pre elementary)	16	Stippend for girls (secondary)	7106	Stippend for girls (Elementary)	673
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	<p>16(vii) Monitoring and evaluation to assess achievement by CWSN is done by Resource Teachers and by district level officers and randomly by State Level Officials. Evaluation, adaptation of question papers, extended time period as per rule and other supports are made available to them. During the session 2020-21, monitoring of tele- education was done. Evaluation to assess the achievement was also completed. It was found highly impressive.</p> <p>16(viii) During 2020-21, 8518 eligible CWSN of elementary classes were given away escort allowance (each CWSN @3,000/- Rs.) and 482 CWSN of secondary classes were given away transport allowance at the rate of Rs. 1000/- each.</p> <p>17(a) Under Samagra Shiksha, survey is conducted every year for identifying CWSN and ascertaining their special needs. 17(b) N.A.</p> <p>17(d) Under Samagra Shiksha, professionals get training on the issues of CWSN and their education to support inclusive education at all levels of school education.</p> <p>17(e) Presently 74 resource centers are functional in all the 38 districts to support at all levels of school education.</p> <p>17(f) To promote the use of appropriate augmentative and alternative modes, by now Braille is used to participate and contribute to their community and society.</p> <p>17(g) Besides free text books, Braille books, other learning materials and appropriate assistive devices to CWSN with benchmark disabilities free of cost up to the age of eighteen years are provided. During 2021-22, distribution data are as follows</p> <table> <tr> <th colspan="2">Description No.of CWSN</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Braille Books (elementary)</td> <td>1223</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistive Devices (elementary)</td> <td>2827</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equipments, TLM (Secondary)</td> <td>38</td> </tr> </table> <p>17(h) During 2020-21, only girls (CWSN) with benchmark have been given away stipend @ Rs. 200/- per month to each upto maximum 10 months.</p> <p>17(i) Suitable modifications are made in the curriculum as per need. Modifications in the examination system to meet the needs of CWSN such as extra time, facility of scribe, exemption from second language have been made.</p> <p>17(k) For monitoring and assessment of inclusive education an app has been developed called 'DIVYA' .</p>	Description No.of CWSN		Braille Books (elementary)	1223	Assistive Devices (elementary)	2827	Equipments, TLM (Secondary)	38
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Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Mukhya Mantri Swarozgar awam shiksha yojna with provision of loan for self employment and education is implemented for PwDs. Special Employment Exchange for PwD has been established.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Instruction qua non discrimination in government employment has been given. General Skill training scheme is being implemented under the Bihar Kaushal Vikas Mission and there is no discrimination on ground of disability.

21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	PwDs are given priority in enrollment of skill training scheme. Training Camps are also organized for vocational training and self-employment assistance to PwD. Under Recruitment, Training and Deployment plans, PwD are trained and provided authentication certificates. Additionally, the Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM) runs a unique skill training programme by the name of "Kushal Yuva Program" which endeavours to enhance the employability Skills through which soft skills training comprising of life skills, communication and behavioral skills, literacy/basic knowledge, basic computer literacy is provided. PwDs' are provided the benefit of 5 years age relaxation under eligibility criteria for admission in this programme.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Regional exhibition/fair ('Saras Mela') provides a platform to the PwD to market their products. No discrimination is made against PwD in any plans/schemes run by the State. Instruction in regard to non-discrimination of PwDs in government employment has been issued under General Administrative Department resolution. Equal Opportunity Policy is being followed in government and private establishments. Equal Opportunity Policy notified vide 667 dated 01.08.2019, registered with the State Disability Commissioner vide 877 dated 02.08.2019. All government and private establishments do maintain records. Employment exchanges also maintain records in respect of PwDs. Special Employment Exchanges are functional.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Grievance Redressal Officer in General Administration Department has been appointed. No discrimination is made against PwD by Public Grievance Redressal Officer. Bihar Government Servant Grievance Redressal Rules, 2019 notified. District Level committee on disability have been established. To redress the grievances of CWSN or their parents/guardians, a nodal officer in each district has been notified. District Nodal Officers maintain a register of complaints.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Social Security measures have been undertaken in the State:- Bihar Disabled pension scheme-Rs. 400/- per month as Social Security pensions for PwDs is in operation- since July 1, 2014 Notification no-2264 date-25.04.2014. The marriage incentive scheme to PwDs is being implemented under Mukhyamantri Divyangjan Vivah Protsahan AnudanYojna- Rs. 1 Lakh grant-in-aid is given in case of marriage of a male/female PwD to the normal one and in case both the spouse are PwDs the grant-in-aid will be Rs. 2 lakhs. State government is implementing a comprehensive scheme "Sambal" for providing social welfare and security measures for persons with disabilities. Provisions of aids and appliance, medicines and diagnostic services and corrective surgery free of cost to PwDs. A general scheme of unemployment allowance is under consideration. State Government has made provisions for shelter home such as Ashiana for mentally retarded women and Saket for mentally retarded men. Implemented Scholarship Scheme is being implemented

26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Government establishments have well established insurance schemes. State government is implementing a comprehensive scheme "Sambal" for providing social welfare and security measures for persons with disabilities. Provisions of aids and appliance, medicines and diagnostic services and corrective surgery free of cost to PWDs. A general scheme of unemployment allowance is under consideration. State Government has made provisions for shelter home such as Ashiana for mentally retarded women and Saket for mentally retarded men. Implemented Scholarship Scheme is being implemented.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	So far as 101 Social care service centres named as Buniyad Kendra - 38 district level and 63 sub-divisional level has been established for providing localized integrated one point solution for all the social security and social welfare services as well as rehabilitation services to PWDs. The Centre provides high quality Physiotherapy services, Speech & Hearing assessment as well as therapy intervention, Eye screening, Counselling services, Focal Point for distribution of Assistive devices, Early Intervention services to CWSNs, UDID, Assessment of disabilities for Certification etc. The Nodal Officers have been designated to look after the issues related with PWDs. More over 38 Mobile Outreach Therapy Van (MTV) named 'Sanjeevni Seva' equipped with modern equipments related to the therapeutic and assessment services to PwDs of the outreach remote areas. A monthly roster basis outreach services have been rendered in the districts through Mobile Outreach Therapy Van to cater the need of PwDs in remote areas. These MTVs are also being used for the purpose of Disability Certification in the camp as well as regular basis. Rehabilitation measures are being undertaken on need based. 74 educational resource centers have been established comprising all districts of Bihar. Resource centers are equipped with equipments to give therapy services, impart daily life skills/ development services and academic support to CWSN. In addition to this, 5 artificial limb centers are working to cater to the needs of children with OH for their educational rehabilitation. BLSA coordinates with the State for rehabilitation of the mentally ill patients, implementation of NALSA (Legal Services to the mentally ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015. Age relaxation for PwDs given for "Kushal Yuva Program" which is run to enhance the employability Skills. Health facilities for PwD are available at every Medical College Hospitals, District hospitals, sub-divisional hospitals. Referral Hospitals and Primary Health Centres. Health facilities regarding mentally ill persons are available at Bihar Institute of Mental Health and Allied Sciences (BIMHAS) Koilwar, Bhojpur.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	NGO'S have been involved in implementation of educational rehabilitation programmes. As per need, demand and proposal, financial assistance is made available to grassroots non-government organization for promoting Inclusion.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Research and development for enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation are initiated and promoted through individual and institutional measures. NOC mandatory for conducting research activities on PWDs.

30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	The PWDs are encouraged to have their cultural life and they take participate in various recreational activities. Measures have been taken to protect and promote the participation of PwDs in cultural and recreational activities as an integral part of life. Children with special needs take part in sports activities, including through camps.
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Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Free inclusive education are being provided to CWSN. Special schools are also functioning to meet the needs of CWSN. Book and learning materials are being made available free of cost to CWSNs. Zero rejection policy in admission is in practice and is followed by govt. and govt. aided schools. A child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 yrs is entitled to get free education in a neighborhood school. This is monitored by the officials.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	The State Government issued a Resolution no-7162 dated-31.05.2018 permitting 5% reservation in educational institutions. The PWDs are being given an upper age relaxation for admission in educational institutions. The State Government issued a letter no-12444 dated-12.09.2016 relaxation in examination fees those who are PwDs.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	The State Government has notified 4% reservation for PWDs in all the post and in service of the State Government. If it is found that particular position is not suitable for PWDs, then same reservation of PWDs will be given in another equivalent post to compensate and this aspect will be reviewed by a committee headed by Chief Secretary. General Administrative Department, Bihar Govt., vide its resolution no. 962, dated: 22.01.2021 and vide letter no. 7151, dated: 15.07.2021 has communicated to all concerned departments.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	The State Government (GAD) issued a Resolution no-13062 dated-12.10.2017 permitting 4 % reservation. General Administrative Department, Bihar Govt., vide its resolution no. 962, dated: 22.01.2021 notified category wise reservation for each category of PwDs.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Except the incentive provided by The Central Government, State Government provides following incentives. I. Pre-employment training, Post-employment training, Customized training as per the need of private employers of having 5% PwDs employees is being given. II. All such premises of private employers if employing 5% of their employees as PwDs, their premises can be made accessible and disable friendly.

		<p>III. Suitable assistive devices can be provided to the private employers, employing 5% PwDs of their work force to enhance the capacity & working efficiency of PwDs employees.</p> <p>Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar is organizing pre-employment meeting with employers of such organization who intend to employ 5% PwDs of their work force and also who has engaged 5% employees as PwDs to ascertain the need and sustainability of their employees.</p>
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Special Employment Exchange is established and functioning. Guidance, including vocational guidance is also provided to PwDs periodically.
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<p>State has notified it vide the Directorate of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Social welfare Department Bihar, Order No. 668, dated: 01.08.2019.</p> <p>The Divyangjan Samooch, namely the Disable Person organisations and the Disable Person Groups, formed at Panchayat, block, sub-division and district levels and networked at the state level, at the initiative of the State Commissioner Disability, Bihar, emerged as practical solution in this regard.</p> <p>Review of the implementation of the provisions is an essential part of the District wise (or even Block level) Review -cum- Mobile Courts organized by the State Commissioner Disability, Bihar.</p>

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide PwDs with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	<p>Schemes such as Bihar Nishaktjan Pension Yojana, Aid and Appliances distribution scheme and Mukhyamantri Nishaktajan Vivah Protsahan Anudan Yojana etc are being implemented.</p> <p>Nodal officers to look after disability matters have been appointed. Authority, to whom any person with benchmark disability in need of high support, may apply notified vide order no- 669 dated 01.08.2019. An assessment board has been constituted in every district headed by the Civil Surgeon in concerned Sadar hospitals/superintendent/CMO in all medical college hospitals with an orthopedic surgeon, an eye specialist, a pediatrician and a general physician having qualification of MBBS and MD or MS in their respective field. State Disability Commissioner has been appointed as the authority to whom PwD in need of high support may apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bihar Government has notified Bihar Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rule, 2017. The chapter VI of Bihar Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rule, 2017 mandates issuance of Disability Certificate within a month from the date of receipt of the application.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Government has notified certifying authorities for the purpose of section 57 & section 38. (1) of THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016 and UDID portal www.swavlambancard.gov.in – the online platform for Disability Certification and Unique Disability ID card generation vide notification no. 513 date 12.06.2019.
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Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Awareness campaigns are being conducted. Mobile Courts are conducted by the state commissioner for disability to ensure right of PWDs. Education, Health and Labour departments are included in sensitization programmes
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	This formulation of standards rests with central government and standards of accessibility thus formulated will be implemented.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	2 seats are reserved in buses for PWDs. Ramps have been provided and free concessional bus pass are made available to PWDs. 219 out of 440 govt. owned buses made accessible.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	Awareness programmes are being conducted to make available universally designed electronic goods and equipments. Integrated State Govt. website and 44 public documents identified made accessible following GIGW to be launched soon.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Measures have been taken to promote development production and distribution of universally designed consumer products and accessories for general use of PWDs
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Building Construction Department is following the National Building Code and thus incorporated the accessibility norms and barrier free environment conditions.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	<p>It is being implemented.</p> <p>First Phase: 21 important buildings of the state capital city, Patna have been chosen to make accessible for PWDs. Various building, i.e. PMICH, A.N. Medica: College, Hon'ble Patna High Court, Secretariat, cic. has been made accessible.</p> <p>Second Phase: In order to make 50 percent of the buildings accessible in Patna city, the process of nominating the agency for the accessibility test work of major government buildings is in progress.</p> <p>Third Phase: For the implementation of Accessible India Campaign, 10 major cities of the state have been selected and its information has been sent to the Ministry through departmental letter no. 182 dated 07.02 2017 The names of the selected cities are: - Ara, Gaya, Chhapra, Muzaffarpur, Motihari, Samastipur, Supaul, Purnia, Bhagalpur and Begusarai</p>
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	It will be implemented by incorporating the standards of accessibility for physical environment by the Central Government.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Need based analysis is being undertaken to formulate plans for recruitment, induction, sensitization, orientation, and training of suitable personnel to undertake various responsibilities under this Act. Training on "Reservations in Govt. services" has been incorporated in the training programme organized by the B.I.P.A.R.D., Patna.

48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	The new schemes and programmes thus adopted will be incorporated within the social audit ambit to negate any adverse impact upon the PWDs if so exists and need of the requirements and concerns of PWDs.
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Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	State Commissioner for PWDs is appointed as a competent authority For Registration of institutions for PWDs. Grants provided to the eligible institutions as decided by the Committee headed by the Development Commissioner, Bihar. The Suitable institutions are screened by the Social welfare department from the list forwarded by the District Authorities.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	State Disability Commissioner registers the institutions working for PWDs and issue registration certificate accordingly. Provisions of Sections 52 -54 are being followed. Financial assistance is granted to the registered institutions to provide services and to implement schemes and programmes.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Constitution of State Advisory Board has been notified vide letter no-1520 dated-23.10.2017.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	A provision for District Level committee has been made through notification no-1822 dated-19.12.2017, RPWD Rule, 2017 and District level committees have been constituted.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p>	<p>Shri Prashant Kumar CH., IAS Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) Office of the State Commissioner Disability, Sinchai Bhawan Campus, Old Secretariat, Patna-800015, Phone No.-0612-2215041 (O), E-mail-scdisability2008@gmail.com, Website-scdisabilities.org,</p> <p>(ii) The State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner has been constituted as per section 79(vii).</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>

v)	Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:	(v) Financial Year	No. of Inspections
		2019-20	28
		2020-21	16
		2021-22	---
vi)	Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:	Details regarding the specific works under these points as well as regarding other initiatives and innovative measures is noted in the Annual Report of the SCD, Bihar- 2020-21.	
vii)	Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:	Details regarding the specific works under these points as well as regarding other initiatives and innovative measures is noted in the Annual Report of the SCD, Bihar- 2020-21.	
a)	Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:	156	
b)	Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):	05	
c)	Total number of cases:	161	
d)	Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:	140	
e)	Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:	121	
f)	Number of cases pending:	21	

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	In exercise of the powers conferred by section 84 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in consultation with the Chief Justice of High Court of Prosecutor. Judicature at Patna, the State Government of Bihar has designated the Court of the Junior most Additional District and Session Judge in each Sessions Divisions of Bihar is Designated as Special Court for the purpose of trial Fall offences under the Rights of Persons with disabilities Act, 2016 as per the Law Department, Bihar Government, Notification No.-7369 Dt.-14.10.2019.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed in 2 districts namely Jehanabad and Siwan vide Law Department Letter No. 3844 dated 23.6.2021 and In the remaining districts, pre-existing Public Prosecutors have been authorized to work as Special Public Prosecutors for PWDs.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities : (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	State Fund for PwDs is operational.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	The penal provision is implemented as per the Act. Suitable instructions to implement the provisions of the section have been issued to all concerned departments and authorities, having the detailed provisions, the required necessary actions, designating a nodal officer to overview this, and the reporting procedure Awareness regarding these provisions are being spread among the Administrative and police authorities so those may be further sensitize to implement the provisions of this act.

91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	<p>The penal provision is implemented as per the Act. Suitable instructions to implement the provisions of the section have been issued to all concerned departments and authorities, having the detailed provisions, the required necessary actions, designating a nodal officer to overview this, and the reporting procedure.</p> <p>Awareness regarding these provisions are being spread among the Administrative and police authorities as well as among the Persons with Disabilities through the newly formed Divyangjan Samooch, namely the Disable Person Organisations and the Disable Person Groups, formed at Panchayat, block, sub-division and district levels and networked at the state level, at the initiative of the State Commissioner Disability, Bihar for not availing fraudulent benefits under this Act, 2016.</p>
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Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	In exercise of the powers conferred by section 101 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 Bihar Government has notified Bihar Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rule, 2017

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Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	<p>Chandigarh Administration has been complying with the provisions laid down under Section-3 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of the Departments to comply with the provisions of this Section.</p> <p>Secretary Social Welfare, UT Chandigarh has been designated as the Commissioner for Redressal of Grievances of Persons with Disabilities, vide Notification No. UTFII (8)-97/11986 dated 27.08.1997.</p>
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	<p>Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of the Departments to comply with the provisions of this Section.</p> <p>The Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development has set up a Helpline (181 & 9915023456) for providing assistance to persons with disabilities.</p>
5	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of Departments, Chandigarh Administration to comply with the provisions of this Section.
6	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	<p>Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of the Departments, Deputy General of Police, State Legal Services Authority, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh etc. to comply with the provisions of this Section.</p> <p>Disability Helpline (181 & 9915023456) is functional 24*7 in UT Chandigarh in order to protect the persons with disabilities from all forms of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment and to provide assistance.</p> <p>Secretary Social Welfare, UT Chandigarh has been designated as the Commissioner for Redressal of grievances of Persons with Disabilities vides Notification No. UTFII (8)-97/11986 dated 27.08.1997.</p>

7	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	<p>Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of the Departments, Director General of Police, State Legal Services Authority, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh etc. to comply with the provisions of this Section.</p> <p>Disability Helpline (181 & 9915023456) is functional 24*7 in UT Chandigarh in order to provide assistance to Persons with Disabilities and to take cognizance of incidents of abuse and violence.</p> <p>Various Socio-medical camps are being organized in convergence with the line departments of Chandigarh Administration to generate awareness and sensitize primary stakeholders and community regarding the Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>The State Legal Services Authority provides free legal aid to the mentally and physically disabled persons as and when required.</p>
8	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	<p>Every person including persons with disability has equal protection during any emergency situation arises due to disaster. Further, an Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) can be contacted which is functioning in the UT Chandigarh 24X7 in three shifts with the help of 24 trained Home Guard Volunteers (HGVS) with toll free emergency No. 1077 (0172-2724112) to combat emergencies and natural disasters.</p> <p>Sr. CDI-cum-Nodal Officer, Disaster Management, UT, Chandigarh has been directed to take appropriate measures to ensure inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in its disaster management activities as defined under clause (e) of Section 2 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for the safety and protection of Persons with Disabilities and to maintain record of details of Persons with Disabilities in the district and take suitable measures to inform such persons of any situations of risk so as to enhance disaster preparedness.</p> <p>All the line Departments work in convergence during emergency or natural disaster. The mock drills are being carried out by Department of Police, UT Chandigarh.</p>
9	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	<p>Chandigarh Administration has constituted Child Welfare Committee as Competent Authority in accordance with Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 to protect the rights of children with disabilities and children in need of care and protection.</p> <p>No child has been separated from his/her parents on the ground of disability. However, such children are produced before the Child Welfare Committee to decide upon the cases of children with disabilities and in case their parents/relatives are incapacitated to take care of their children they are admitted in Child Care Institutions.</p>
10	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	<p>Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of the Departments, Director General of Police, State Legal Services Authority, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Government Medical College and Hospital, etc. to comply with the provisions of this Section.</p> <p>Department of Health and Family Welfare, Chandigarh Administration ensures persons with disabilities have access to information regarding reproductive rights through the following methods:</p> <p>The free treatment given to disabled pregnant women and their newly born babies.</p> <p>Sign boards are displayed for disabled persons in health facilities.</p> <p>They are given priority on registration counters, OPD, emergency etc.</p> <p>Free medicines are provided to disabled persons which is available in the Hospital.</p> <p>Barrier free access is available for disabled persons in the hospital.</p> <p>Disabled friendly washrooms etc. are available.</p> <p>Ramps have been provided for disabled persons with the tic tac tiles and railing.</p>

11	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	<p>The Persons with Disabilities electors has been marked in the electoral rolls.</p> <p>Electoral Literacy Clubs in Educational Institutions have been setup for the awareness of the students about the Electoral Roll process. Special focus on the enrolment of PwD students in the Electoral Rolls.</p> <p>Booth Level Officers visited the doorstep of PwD residents for enrolment their names in the in Electoral Rolls.</p>
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	<p>As per the directions of the NALSA the Authority has been creating awareness to the persons suffering from any of the disability. It has also been providing free legal aid to the persons with disability as per the Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. It has also adopted the NALSA (Legal Services to the mentally ill and Mentally Disabled Persons Schemes), 2015.</p> <p>The authority has also been organizing world down Syndrome Day on October, 10th and December 3rd (International day of Disabled persons).</p> <p>With regard to Notification No. SW2/RPWD/Act/2019/8542 dated 28.11.2019 of the Department of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development, Chandigarh Administration, the second meeting of the stake holder was conducted in 07.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of the Member Secretary, SLSA, Chandigarh.</p> <p>The regular data with regard to disability is being received from the office of Medical Superintendent-cum-Jt. Principal medical Officer, Govt. Multi Speciality Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh which is being forwarded to the Director Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration regularly for information and further necessary action.</p>
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	<p>Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of the Departments to comply with the provisions of this Section.</p> <p>To ensure that persons with disabilities have right equally with others to own or inherit property. The Court of Second Additional Session Judge has been designated as Special Court by Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, to try the offences under this Act.</p>
14	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	<p>District Magistrate, UT Chandigarh has been notified as authority within the Territorial Jurisdiction of UT Chandigarh for providing support of a limited guardian to take legally binding decision on behalf of a Person with Disability as per the provision of section 14(1) of the Act.</p> <p>Secretary Social Welfare, UT Chandigarh, shall be the appellate authority within the Territorial Jurisdiction of UT Chandigarh under section 14(3) of the Act.</p>
15	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/ designated.	<p>Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.T Chandigarh has been designated as Competent Authority to mobilize the community and to create social awareness to support persons with disabilities in exercise of their legal capacity.</p> <p>It shall take measures for setting up suitable support arrangements to exercise legal capacity by persons with disabilities living in institutions and those with high support needs and any other measures as may be required in U.T Chandigarh.</p> <p>At present, the State Legal Service Authority, UT Chandigarh, organizes Camps/ trainings/ workshops/ seminars at various places in order to generate awareness regarding legal rights of Persons with Disabilities. Also two mobile vans are used in order to spread awareness about the legal rights and duties of Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>31 Legal Service Clinics are operational at various locations of U.T Chandigarh in order to provide necessary legal assistance to Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>115 Students Legal Literacy Clubs are being set up in different schools of Chandigarh to sensitize the students and teachers about the various rights and duties.</p>

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs). & Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	<p>GRIID special school runs 02 sections- Preparatory 1 and Preparatory 2 for children from 3-5 years and 5-7 years. It prepares students for the inclusive education. Curriculum of general school has been adapted and is taught in Preparatory sections. Students are prepared and trained in Pre-requisite skills required for inclusive set up. Furthermore 52 students have been sent in inclusive education. The aim of GRIID special school is that maximum students can be mainstreamed in the society.</p> <p>i) Any child with disability can take admission in neighborhood school till secondary level and schools have been instructed to provide all the necessary support services. (Circulars issued to schools- Annexure-A) All the Govt. / Govt. Aided and Private schools have been issued necessary instructions to admit children with disabilities without any discrimination and to provide necessary need based support through trained Special Educators.</p> <p>ii) Regarding availability of barrier free access in Govt. Schools, the status is as under:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 81.57% schools have ground floor accessible. 59.64 % schools have multi-storey ramps. 77.19 % schools have disabled friendly toilets. Regarding making 100% Govt. schools barrier free, Engineering Department have been requested to undertake necessary steps. <p>(iii) Necessary modifications in the curriculum and required accommodation as per guidelines of CBSE are provided to children with disabilities enrolled in Govt. Schools. Along-with this the modifications in the curriculum as per individual's needs are also provided at elementary level by the teachers and Special Educators.</p> <p>(iv) In order to make school environment accessible as per the individual need, following support services are being extended in the Govt. Schools of UT, Chandigarh under Samagra Shiksha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapeutically support by trained professionals on monthly basis provided to 1467 CWSN during the year 2021-22. Vocational/Skill training at both elementary and secondary level for CWSN. Sports training for gross motor development provided to 1338 CWSN. Supportive Aids and Appliances like wheel chair, hearing aids, artificial limbs etc are provided to 128 CWSN in collaboration with ALIMCO Facility of Open School for children with intellectual disabilities <p>(v) Children with blindness and visual disabilities are given Braille Books and Large Print Books so that they can study in the classroom in an appropriate manner. Similarly, teachers who are handling children with deafness are regularly provided training on total communication skills so that education can be provided to them in the appropriate mode of communication.</p> <p>(vi) Students having Specific Learning Disabilities are first screened by Resource Teachers followed by detailed assessment by the team of Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Sector-32. The assessments of such children is pending with Govt. Hospital, this may be due to waiting in the disability assessment centres at Govt. Hospitals in Sector-32 and Sector-16.</p> <p>(vii) In order to monitor the progress w.r.t to attainment of level and completion of education, Individualized Educational Plans for each child with disability are prepared by Special Educators and the base of these educational plans is the learning outcomes prepared by NCERT.</p> <p>(viii) All these children with disabilities enrolled in Govt. Schools who cannot commute independently are provided with transport and escort allowance under Samagra Shiksha @ Rs. 600/- per month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% reservation is given in each UT Pool as well in General pool during admissions in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of UT, Chandigarh.

18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	<p>The following facilities are provided to the Persons with Disabilities in accordance with the provisions of the right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in respect of High Education Department, UT, Chandigarh:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ramps have been provided in all the Govt. Colleges of Chandigarh for disabled persons. In some colleges/institutions lifts are also operational. • Facilities of E-books, Wheel Chairs, Tactile flooring, toilets, reserved accommodation at Ground Floor in Govt. College, Institutions, Hostels, Library and Office have been provided. • Braille sheets are distributed to the visually impaired students to serve their academic purpose. • Conveyance allowance is also applicable to handicapped persons in view of instructions issued by the Department of Personnel, Chandigarh Administration. • Daisy players were given to visually impaired students to enable them to study in a more effective way. • Extra time is given to the disabled students during both colleges Mid-Semester and PU Semester Examinations as per norms. • All additional perks and incentives are given to the physically challenged officials as per the Govt. norms. • Disabled friendly atmosphere in the college since students are sensitized and educated about rights, challenges and need of social support to disabled person. Visits of College students to various instituted such as Vatika High School for deaf and dumb, Institute for the Blind, Society for Rehabilitation of the Mentally Challenged (SOREM), Prayaas, IIAHP etc. would be conducted. • 5% reservation for the persons with benchmark disabilities (PWDs). Visually impaired students are given concession in tuition fee. Admission fee of blind students is also exempted. • The College follows the admission policy/concession policy of the Chandigarh Administration. • Regarding Accessibility of official websites in informed that the websites are disabled friendly as per the Govt. of India guidelines. • 5% marks concession will be given to physically handicapped persons in the minimum eligibility criteria for a course subject to minimum disability of 40% provided they have obtained minimum pass marks prescribed by regulations. • Exemption from tuition fee and admission fee for the blind students. • Free education for the completely blind students belonging to below poverty line. • Free hostel accommodation (Mess Charge will have to be paid). • A writer for the blind students for University Examination. • A limited number of course books (one per paper) which would be returnable after completion of the course. • HEIs have facilities for PwDs like facilities for differently abled and visually impaired (tactile paving, ramps, lifts, washrooms, wheelchairs etc.)
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Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<p>The Chandigarh Administration is not rendering vocational training and self employment schemes for PwDs. However, the Chandigarh skill Development Mission (CSDM) is instrumental to empower the youth for Skill Development. The Directorate of Technical Education, UT, Chandigarh has been declared as a Nodal Department of the Mission. A state program Management Unit (SPMU) has been setup under the CSDM headed by Director Technical Education-Cum-Mission Director for proper administration of the affairs and implementation of various schemes/programs in Mission mode.</p> <p>The Chandigarh Administration is providing the facility of loan to the PwDs of U.T, Chandigarh on very nominal rate of interest for taking up income generating activities under self-employment schemes.</p>

		<p>To achieve the maximum numbers of beneficiaries under the loan schemes this Corporation is organizing awareness camps throughout U.T. Chandigarh on regular basis. The detail of camps held during the year 2021-22 is as under:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl.No</th><th>Date of Camp</th><th>Venue</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>21.10.2021</td><td>Govt. of High School Hallomajra</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>28.10.2021</td><td>Govt. Model School, Bapu Dham</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>09.11.2021</td><td>Govt. Model High School, Vikas Nagar</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>10.11.2021</td><td>Aasha Kiran, Sector 46</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>17.11.2021</td><td>Aasha Kiran, Sector 46</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>24.02.2022</td><td>Aaganwari Building DaduMajra</td></tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>25.02.2022</td><td>Aaganwari Building Ramadarba</td></tr> <tr> <td>8</td><td>28.02.2022</td><td>Aaganwari Building, BapuDham Building</td></tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>02.03.2022</td><td>Daria Chandigarh</td></tr> <tr> <td>10</td><td>26.03.2022</td><td>MGSIPA Sec-026</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The corporation has facilitated loan to 09 nos. of beneficiaries with total amount of Rs.2,25,000/- from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022.</p> <p>The Corporation is also providing vocational trainings to the PWD's. 94 nos. of PWD's have successfully completed the different training programs i.e. Braille, Music, Sign Language, Physiotherapy, Yoga, Computer Basis and Data Entry operator in the financial year 2021-22.</p>	Sl.No	Date of Camp	Venue	1	21.10.2021	Govt. of High School Hallomajra	2	28.10.2021	Govt. Model School, Bapu Dham	3	09.11.2021	Govt. Model High School, Vikas Nagar	4	10.11.2021	Aasha Kiran, Sector 46	5	17.11.2021	Aasha Kiran, Sector 46	6	24.02.2022	Aaganwari Building DaduMajra	7	25.02.2022	Aaganwari Building Ramadarba	8	28.02.2022	Aaganwari Building, BapuDham Building	9	02.03.2022	Daria Chandigarh	10	26.03.2022	MGSIPA Sec-026
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20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	<p>Vocational training in different trades is given in GRIID special school. After acquiring. Pre-requisite skills of a trade, students are employed in different vocations. So far 10 students are working from GRIID special school under Sheltered workshop run by GRIID and Umeed Society.</p> <p>Vocational are sections listed below: Masala Packaging Unit, Sanitary Napkin pad making unit. Stitching unit.</p>																																	
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	<p>As per instructions issued by the Chandigarh Administration, timely reservations have been ensured for regular posts for Person with Disabilities.</p> <p>Department of Personnel, Chandigarh Administration has been requested to frame a policy for employees with disabilities in compliance to the provisions of Section 20 (5) and for formulation of Equal Opportunity Policy for PwD Employees under Section 21 of the RPwD Act which is under consideration by the Chandigarh Administration.</p> <p>As per report of Regional Employment Exchange, UT, Chandigarh, the records of PwDs employed under Chandigarh Administration are being maintained by the respective establishments and their reservations rosters are duly vetted by department.</p>																																	
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	<p>Instructions have been issued for maintaining records of Persons with Disabilities under this Section.</p> <p>The Departments of U.T Chandigarh have ensured compliance of Section 21.</p> <p>The Special Regional Employment Exchange, Chandigarh also ensures effective implementation of the provisions laid down under the said Section.</p> <p>The Chandigarh Administration the records of PwDs employed under Chandigarh Administration are being maintained by the respective establishments and their reservation rosters are being vetted by the Regional Employment Exchange, UT, Chandigarh.</p>																																	

23	<p>Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer:</p> <p>i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer.</p> <p>ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints.</p> <p>iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.</p>	<p>All the Government Offices of U.T. Chandigarh have appointed Grievance Redressal Officers for Redressal of grievances of employees with disabilities.</p> <p>The system of filing complaint is already in place. The PwDs may file their complaints through any mode i.e. website, walk-in, telephonically, email and in some departments through whatsapp as well.</p> <p>Instructions have been issued to maintain register of complaints by the Grievance Redressal Officer.</p> <p>A District Level Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Director Social Welfare to hear the complaints of Persons with Disabilities regarding discrimination in employment where a Person (s) with Disability(ies) is not satisfied with the decision taken by the Grievance Redressal Officers appointed in various Departments/ Boards/ Corporations of the Chandigarh Administration.</p> <p>GRIID has already appointed Shri Jaspal Sharma, Administrative Officer as a Grievance Redressal Officer in respect of GRIID under RPwD Act, 2016.</p>
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Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	<p>The Social Welfare Department is implementing following schemes for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities:-</p> <p>Pension to Disabled Person @ Rs.1000/- per month to PwDs having disability 40% to 70% and Rs.2000/- per month to PwDs having disability above 70% is provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial assistance is being provided to Handicapped persons for purchase of Aids and Appliances subject to maximum of Rs 40,000. 50% subsidy is provided to PwDs on actual expenditure on purchase of Petrol/ Diesel i.e. maximum 20 Liters who are using motorized vehicles. Unemployment Allowance is provided to PwDs @ Rs.500/- per month after 2 years of registration with Special Employment Exchange.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	The employees with Disabilities are covered under the Insurance Scheme namely General Insurance Scheme (GIS) which is meant for all employees including persons with disabilities. Further, it is intimated that no persons with disability is working in this office.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	<p>Rehabilitation Centers for persons with disabilities are being run in U.T. Chandigarh for their rehabilitation in the areas of health, education and employment.</p> <p>The Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration provides Grant in aid to NGOs for rehabilitation and other welfare activities for Persons with Disabilities under the Scheme- Financial Assistance to the NGOs, Trusts and Institutions working for the cause of Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>The Chandigarh Administration also provides assistance upto Rs. 40,000/- for purchase of Aids and Appliances to the persons with disabilities.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the Chandigarh Administration also provides Petrol Subsidy and pension to disabled persons.</p> <p>As per reply of GMSH-16, Chandigarh :</p> <p>As per the Gazette of India Sr. No. 59 New Delhi Wednesday December, 18, 2016/ PAUSHA 07, 1938 (SAKA). 5% quota is already fixed for disabled persons.</p> <p>Not applicable (It is policy matter at the level of Director Social Welfare, Women and Child Development, Chandigarh).</p> <p>Physiotherapy, Occupational and speech therapy along with behavioral therapy are being provided.</p>

28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Researched related to development issues of PwD are being done at GRIID to help them rehabilitate and GRIID special school carries out research at institutional level. 06 research proposals regarding persons with intellectual disabilities have been submitted by GRIID special school teachers.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Students are given regular training in various recreational activities i.e. Yoga, Dance, Music. There are 3 Yoga therapists and 2 music teachers. Competitions are held in these activities and students with intellectual disabilities win prizes. GRIID special school celebrated 7th International Yoga day and organized yoga competition in which students with Wheelchairs, autism and cerebral palsy also won prizes.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Students participate in sports tournament at National and International level organized by special Olympics Bharat and win prizes & trophies. There is 1 sports teachers who takes regular sports activity. The Chandigarh Administration organizes sports Tournaments every year for Special Children this year state meet table tennis in the 1st week of August, 2022. State Athletic meet in January, 2023.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	<p>Fees and other funds have been waived off. The books other learning material and appropriate assistive devices are also provided free of cost.</p> <p>As per provision of RPwD Act, any child with disability can take admission in neighborhood school till secondary level and latest circular to all the Govt. / Govt. Aided and Private schools have been issued necessary instructions vide letter no. SPD/SS/IE/2022/34 dated 27/04/2022 (Annexure-A) to admit children with disabilities without any discrimination and to provide necessary need based support services to them.</p> <p>Education to children with disabilities till elementary level is free as per the provisions of RTE Act.</p> <p>A committee with respect to the facilitation for PwD has already been formed. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the General Elections 2019 Accessibility Observer was also appointed. • In this Constituency, a lot of initiative were undertaken to motivate the PwD (Persons with Disabilities) voters. At the time of General Elections- 2019, 3157 PwD voters were marked in the Electoral Rolls. • Further, a lot of unique activities were carried out to motivate these electors such as organizing a Cricket match on wheelchairs to celebrate the theme of accessible elections. • Camps/programs for motivation and facilitation of PwD voters in which special performances were given by PwDs. • Braille EPICs and PwD voter guide were also prepared and distributed to the PwD electors. • On the Poll Day, NSS volunteers were deployed at all the Polling Stations to assist the PwD electors. • On the election day, pick and drop facility to the PwD voters was also provided. • Ramps are available at all the polling stations with direct access to Polling Station. • Separate entry for Persons with Disabilities were available at polling stations during elections. • Every Polling station has Braille ballot sheet/Braille enable EVM Machines.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheel chairs were available at identified polling stations. • From the PwD category, Sh. Jagannath Singh Jayara, Principal, Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh appointed as PwD Icon of this Constituency. The following facilities are provided to the Persons with Disabilities in accordance with the provisions of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in respect of High Education Department, UT, Chandigarh:- • The ramps have been provided in all the Govt. Colleges of Chandigarh for disabled persons. In some colleges/institutions lifts are also operational. • Facilities of E-books, Wheel Chairs, Tactile flooring, toilets, reserved accommodation at Ground Floor in Govt. College, Institutions, Hostels, Library and Office have been provided. • Braille sheets are distributed to the visually impaired students to serve their academic purpose. • Conveyance allowance is also applicable to handicapped persons in view of instructions issued by the Department of Personnel, Chandigarh Administration. • Daisy players were given to visually impaired students to enable them to study in a more effective way. • Extra time is given to the disabled students during both colleges Mid-Semester and PU Semester Examinations as per norms. • All additional perks and incentives are given to the physically challenged officials as per the Govt. norms. • Disabled friendly atmosphere in the college since students are sensitized and educated about rights, challenges and need of social support to disabled person. Visits of College students to various institutions such as Vatika High School for deaf and dumb, Institute for the Blind, Society for Rehabilitation of the Mentally Challenged (SOREM), Prayaas, IIAHP etc. would be conducted. • 5% reservation for the persons with benchmark disabilities (PWDs). Visually impaired students are given concession in tuition fee. Admission fee of blind students is also exempted. • The College follows the admission policy/concession policy of the Chandigarh Administration. <p>Regarding Accessibility of official websites it is informed that the websites are disabled friendly as per the Govt. of India guidelines.</p>
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	Reservation in admission for Persons with Disabilities to the extent of 5%.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	The Department of Personnel, Chandigarh Administration vide its letter No. 28/22-IH(7)-2021/8236 dated 17.06.2021 have directed the Establishments under Chandigarh Administration to adhere the list of identified posts suitable for PwDs, as issued by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities GOI vide notification NO. 38-16/2020-DD-III, dated 04.01.2021 and circulated vide No. 38-16/2020-DD-III dated 20.01.2021.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1%	The Chandigarh Administration is already providing reservation to the Persons with Disabilities for public appointments. The reservation roster is being maintained as per rules and the same is also being annually got vetted from the Regional Employment Officer, Regional Employment Exchange, UT, Chandigarh.

	<p>ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%.</p> <p>iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%.</p> <p>2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	<p>The Chandigarh Administration implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 and issuance of instructions & subsequent communications thereof, the Departments such as Personnel, Employment, Social Welfare & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration have been constantly putting efforts for such compliances and accordingly the organizations under Chandigarh Administration are adhering rosters meant for persons with disabilities of all the organizations under Chandigarh Administration. The authorities are being directed to fill the unfilled vacancies meant for PwDs on priority.</p> <p>Reservation is being given to PwDs as per guidelines/instructions of Govt. of India from time to time.</p>
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	The Employees with Disabilities are covered under the Insurance Scheme namely General Insurance Scheme (GIS) which is meant for all employees including persons with disabilities.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	<p>The vacancies for PwDs as and when they occur are already being informed to the Regional Employment Exchange, UT, Chandigarh.</p> <p>The establishment in UT of Chandigarh are furnishing reports pertaining to vacancies for PwDs to employment exchange.</p>
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	No housing scheme has been introduced by the Chandigarh Housing Board after issuance of the said notification dated 10.09.2020, therefore, the benefit of 5% reservation in housing schemes to disabled persons with benchmark disability has not yet been given and the same will be given in all the future housing schemes.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	Complied. Secretary Health, Chandigarh Administration has been appointed as Competent Authority for receiving applications of any Person with Benchmark Disabilities with need of high support. An Assessment Board has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Director Health Services, Chandigarh Administration to assess the cases of Persons with Disabilities for high support needs.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	The Chandigarh Child and Women Development Corporation, Chandigarh is organizing awareness camps throughout U.T. Chandigarh on regular basis. The detail of camps held during the year 2021-22 is as under:- Govt. of High School Hallomajra 21.10.2021 Govt. Model School, Bapu Dham 28.10.2021 Govt. Model High School, Vikas Nagar 09.11.2021 Aasha Kiran, Sector 46 10.11.2021 Aasha Kiran, Sector 46 17.11.2021 Aaganwari Building DaduMajra 24.02.2022 Aaganwari Building Ramadarba 25.02.2022 Aaganwari Building, Bapu Dham Building 28.02.2022 Daria Chandigarh 02.03.2022 MGSIPA Sec-026 26.03.2022 The Corporation is also providing vocational trainings to the PWD's. 94 nos. of PWD's have successfully completed the different training programs i.e. Braille, Music, Sign Language, Physiotherapy, Yoga, Computer Basis and Data Entry operator in the financial year 2021-22.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	Provisions for accessibility standard has been laid down in Chapter 12.1 NORMS FOR DIFFERNTLY- ABLED PERSONS in Chandigarh- Building_Rules_(Urban)_2017 and the same can be downloaded from the official website. As per Chandigarh Administration Transport Department's Notification dated 15.01.2020, Free facility (having and ID Card issued by the Competent Authority of Chandigarh (U.T.) to the Deaf & Dumb, HIV-Aids & disabled persons.)
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for PwDs within 5 years.	
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	

47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Action has been initiated through CRRID.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to such Institutions.	The Chandigarh Administration has appointed the Director Social Welfare, U.T Chandigarh as the Competent authority for the purpose of Chapter X of RPwD Act, 2016.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered Institutions.	The Chandigarh Administration has appointed the Secretary Social Welfare, UT Chandigarh as Appellate Authority Under Section 53 of RPwD Act, 2016.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The Chandigarh Administration has already constituted and notified the State Advisory Board on disability.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	Complied. Since, U.T., Chandigarh is a single district state, therefore, the functions of District Level Committee are being discharged by the State Advisory Board. The State Advisory Board has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Advisor to the Administrator U.T. Chandigarh, in compliance with the provisions of Section 66 of the Act.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, WhatsApp No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.) ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details : iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities: iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year : v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial year: vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements: vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year: a) Number of complaints field by the complaints before State Comm.: b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):	The Chandigarh Administration being a U.T. has given the additional charge of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities to the Secretary Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration. Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided

	c) Total number of cases: d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome: e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received: f) Number of cases pending: (viii) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature:- Year:- Status of Preparation:- Laying it before State Legislature:-	Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided Not provided
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a Session Court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Complied. As per section 84, The Punjab and Haryana High Court has designated a Court of Second Additional Judge as Special Court at District level to try the offences under this Act.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	The Law Department, UT Chandigarh, under section 85 of the Act has already appointed the Public Prosecutor whosoever deputed/ posted in the court of 2nd Additional Sessions Judge (Special Court) U.T. Chandigarh as a Special Public prosecutor for the purpose of conducting cases in that court under the Act.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities : (Section 88):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Complied. "U.T. Chandigarh Fund for Persons with Disabilities" has been established by Chandigarh Administration. Under this fund, there is a budget provision of Rs.50.00 Lakhs during the current financial year 2019-20.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	To ensure that persons with disabilities have access to any court, tribunal, authority, commission, the Court of Second Additional Session Judge has been designated as Special Court by Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, to try the offences under this Act and provisions of this Section will accordingly be complied by the Court.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	No such case has come to the notice of Chandigarh Administration. However, the provisions of this Section have been noted for compliance.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD Rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Chandigarh Rights of Person with Disabilities Rules, 2018 have been notified vide Notification No. SW2/ RPD/RULES/ 2018/4426 dated 16.08.2018.

10.7 CHHATTISGARH:

Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	The Equal Opportunity Policy is being formulated by the State Government of Chhattisgarh for PwDs.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Action is being taken by the Department of Women and Child Development in relation to the use of their rights and proper support to PWDs women and children alike.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Persons with disabilities are being supervised in relation to the right to live in the community and access to personal essential support.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Chhattisgarh State Committee for Disabilities Research has been constituted under Order No. F3-85 / 2018/26 dated 04.12.2018 of Government Social Welfare Department, Ministry, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar District-Raipur.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019. Rule 9 provision has been made.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019. Rule 8 provision has been made.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019. Rule 9 provision has been made.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019. Rule 10 provision has been made.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Necessary action taken by the State and District Election Officer to make all the polling station and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to PwDs.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019. Rule 12 provision has been made.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	The Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority is providing to legal aid to the Pwds to get the right to property as well as equality to others.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	The National Trust (Autism,Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability Welfare of Persons) Act 1999 provides the procedure to be followed & Chhattisgarh the RPwD Rules 2019 rule 13 provision has been made.

15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	The Chhattisgarh Government Social Welfare Department has appointed a Nodal Officer to develop social awareness towards the Persons with Disabilities. (Divyangjan).
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Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	<p>Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs).</p> <p>&</p> <p>Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inclusive education program is being conducted for persons with disabilities children under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. 2. Under the Social Welfare Department of Chhattisgarh artificial limbs, assistive devices are provided free of charge to Persons with disabilities, children, students/girl students and general disabled persons who hold the prescribed disability certificate. Free education/housing and rehabilitation facilities are being provided to the persons with disability students. 3. Office of Directorate of Higher Education, Chhattisgarh Indrawati Bhawan, Nava Raipur, letter number 153 dated 16.12.2019 has been issued to all universities/colleges in the State for the implementation of guidelines for conducting written examination in respect of candidates with benchmark disabilities. 4. The Disability Scholarship Scheme is operated in the State, under which scholarship is being provided by the Department of Social Welfare Chhattisgarh to eligibility and room wise scholarships for primary, pre-secondary, higher secondary and college-educated person with disability students. For obtaining pre-matric scholarship, the maximum annual income of the parent/guardian or the applicant has been fixed at Rs. 2 lakh and for parent matriculation, the maximum annual income of the parent/guardian or the applicant has been fixed at Rs. 2.50 lakh per month and no income limit has been fixed for pre-secondary level scholarship. In the year 2020-2021, a total of 2413 beneficiaries have been benefited by spending 73.89 lakhs against the allocation of 261.50 lakhs received under the Disability Scholarship Scheme. 5. The reading allowance is provided to the visually challenged students as per the room. In order to provide education of the visually and hearing impaired persons up to higher secondary level in the state itself, special schools are being run by the Social Welfare Department in Government Sight and Hearing Disabled Higher Secondary School, Raipur, Bilaspur and Jagdalpur. 6. Braille script books and hearing aids have been provided free of charge to the visually impaired students studying in primary and secondary level schools. Government Braille Press is operated in Bilaspur to provide Braille course material by the Department of Social Welfare Chhattisgarh. Braille text books are being made available to the visually challenged students and general schools under the Integrated Education Scheme from Braille Press. 7. Letter has been issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development Department, of Chhattisgarh Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur, order no. 1804 dated 03.04.2018 for early identification of Persons with Disabilities and providing services for them.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Chhattisgarh Government School Education Department and Women and Child Development Department are taking action to identify and survey the school going children of age group of 6 to 18 years and provide them inclusive education.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana have been identified 22 courses, for vocational training and self employment of PwDs. Under Chief Minister Skill Development Scheme Persons with Disabilities is being imparted. Directorate of Employment and Training Chhattisgarh According to Raipur's letter No.2893 dated 28.03.2018, special employment office has been established for the PwDs in Civil line Raipur, near the old police headquarters, Raj Bhawan, from March 2015. Persons with disabilities are constantly encouraged for employment and self-employment through Special Employment Office Raipur and all the 27 District Employment and Self-Employment Guidelines of the State. Separate record of registration of Person with Disabilities in all employment offices (data is being maintained)
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Chhattisgarh Government give direction to all department establishment shall ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Under Process
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Separate record of registration of Person with Disabilities in all employment offices (data is being maintained)
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Grievance Redressal Officer has maintained register of complaints. Grievance redressal officers have been appointed in 23 departments of Chhattisgarh.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Yes
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Under process.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	As per letter no. 1315 dated 26.07.2018 of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department, Naya Raipur, necessary free health care facilities are being provided to all PwDs.

28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Necessary training is being provided to all the staff in Primary Health Centers, and necessary publicity is being done under the National Veterans Program. MCH in the State wing pregnant mothers are examined and taken care of in collaboration.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	State Level Committee have been under process for take measures to promote and protect the right of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	State Level Committee have been under process to promote and protect the right of PwDs to participate in sports activities.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Yes
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	Government of Chhattisgarh higher education institutions 5 percent seat is being given to PwDs.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Government of Chhattisgarh General Administration Department Ministry Mahanadi Bhawan Attal Nagar Nava Raipur District-Raipur Circular No. F 13-2/2018 /AP/1-3 dated 22.05.2020, to all the departments of the Government, under the provisions of the RPwDs Act, 2016 A circular has been issued to identify all categories of PwDs posts for reservation of persons with disabilities in direct recruitment.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	1. Chhattisgarh Government General Administration Department Ministry Mahanadi Bhawan Attal Nagar Nava Raipur Circular No. F 13-2/2018/AP/1-3 dated 29.08.2018, First, Second, Third and Class IV posts in government services by the state government 7 percent reservation for PwDs in appointment of (a) 2 percent blind and low vision, (b) 2 percent deaf and hard of hearing power (c) 2 percent Locomotor Disability with cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy. (D) 1 percent autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disabilities and mental illness, and (e) polygamy among persons identified under section A to section D, including deaf, blindness among the posts identified for each disability, reservations have been prescribed for PwDs. 2. 7% reservation for PwDs in Circular No. F 13-4/2019/ AP/1-3 Atal Nagar Raipur, dated 05.03.2019 – of General Administration Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Mahanadi Bhawan, Attal Nagar District Raipur – 100 points Instructions have been issued regarding determination of reservation points in reservation roster. Instructions have been issue to all departments in this regard.

35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Chhattisgarh the RPwD Rules 2019, rule 32 provision has been made.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Directorate of Employment and Training Chhattisgarh. According to Raipur's letter number 2893 dated 28.03.2018, special employment office has been established for the PwD in Civil line Raipur near the old police headquarters, Raj Bhawan, from March 2015.
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<p>(A) SCPWDS Office has issued letter to various Departments of Chhattisgarh for-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. 2. Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes – 5%. 3. Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centers, and production center – 5%. <p>(B) Directorate of Industries, CG According to Raipur's letter no. 8667 dated 09.05.2018, action is under process to reserve 5 percent of the seats in all poverty alleviation and other development schemes/programs for the PwDs and 5 percent of the land in concessional rates for the PwDs.</p>

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	Chhattisgarh: According to the order number F3-85/2018/26 dated 04.12.2018 of the Ministry of Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Atal Nagar District – Raipur, the State Government, using the powers conferred in sub-section 1 of Section 38 of the RPwDs Act 2016. The persons with disabilities who themselves feel the need for more support or any person or organization for their cause, Joint/ Deputy Director Social Welfare, have been declared as authority to follow the process of applications related to providing more support.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	The rights of PwDs and the provisions contained in the Act are being disseminated through print media and electronic media and social media. Samarthya Vikas Camp/Fairs organized every year in all the Blocks of the State.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	Under the provision of the RPwD Act 2016 & guidelines issued by the Central Govt. to ensure Compliance has been done by Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Public Works Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Urban Administration and Development Department, Housing and Environment Department, and Transport Department of Chhattisgarh.

41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	A letter has been issued to the transport Department under the provision of the RPwD Act 2016 & guidelines issued by the Central Govt. to ensure compliance has been done.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	A letter has been issued by the State Commissioner of Disabilities, Chhattisgarh to all Department make information and communication technology accessible to the PwDs as per the instructions of the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi, Government of India & 28 District Administration Website has been made accessible Braille text Books, Braille Calendar, Braille Magazine, Smart phone with talking software Daisy player Smart can etc. are provided to PwDs.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	In PRRC (State level institute) Artificial limbs & Modify assistive devices for PwDs has been manufactured.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Under the Provision of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 & Guidelines issued by the Central Govt. to ensure Compliance has been done by Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Public Works Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Urban Administration and Development Department, Housing and Environment Department, of Chhattisgarh.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for PwDs within 5 years.	Total 403 building have been identified by the State Government of CG & 297 buildings access audit have been completed.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Chhattisgarh: The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019, rule 39 Provision has been made.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Chhattisgarh: The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019, rule 40 Provision has been made.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Chhattisgarh: The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019, rule 42 Provision has been made.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to such Institutions.	According to Order No. F3-85/ 2018/26 dated 04.12.2018 of Ministry of Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Atal Nagar District-Raipur, under Section 49 of the RPwDs Act 2016 the Commissioner / Director Social Welfare Department has been appointed as the officer of authority.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered Institutions.	Chhattisgarh: The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019, rule 43 & 44 provision has been made. Grants for hostel beneficiaries are being sanctioned to voluntary institutions for teaching training, education and rehabilitation. Grants are provided for maintenance, education-training, medical and rehabilitation of residents of voluntary organizations. Governmental grants are given to voluntary organizations for conducting education-training and rehabilitation programs for persons with disabilities. there are 43 voluntary organizations operating in the state.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Chhattisgarh: As per Order No. F9-31/2018/1/5 dated 19.06.2018 of Government Social Welfare Department, Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur, under the provisions of the powers conferred by the State Government in Section 66 (2) of the RPwD Act 2016. Chhattisgarh State Disability Advisory Board has been constituted.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	04.12.2018 of Government Social Welfare Department, Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar District – Raipur, the State Government is exercising the powers conferred by Section 72 of the RPwD Act 2016. District level Committee has been constituted for this.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p>	<p>Smt. Reena Babasaheb Kangale, (IAS) Additional Charge State commissioner Persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) Chhattisgarh, Zila Panchayat parisar G.E. Road Durg (C.G.) Pin Code – 491001 Whats-up No./ Telephone No./ Mobile No.- Office no. – 0788-2325470 Smt. Reena Babasaheb Kangale (IAS) (SC) – 9407916111 Smt. Archana Yadav (AC) – 7987069230 D. E-mail:- commpwd.cg@gmail.com</p> <p>ii) Rule 90 of the Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019 has made a provision for the formation of a State Advisory Committee to assist the State Commissioner, PwD.</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers & Staff provided to assist State Commissioner given below- Asstt. Commissioner – 02 Post Steno. – 01 Post Accountant – 01 Post Clerk (AG-3)- 01 Post Driver – 01 Post Peon – 02 Post</p> <p>(iv) To provide better facilities lap top, furniture and other office equipment is sufficient.</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the office of Commissioners, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last three financial year: Year 2019-20:No. of inspections 25 Year 2020-21: No. of inspections 10 Year 2021-22: No. of inspections 12</p>

vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:	vi) On 3rd December 2021, Braille Press Bilaspur has been Named as one of the best Braille presses by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment New Delhi (Department of PwDs) has been honored with the National Award 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Self reliant India summit C.G. has been awarded the ELITES innovation award for Digital Governance. This award has been given to the Social welfare Department for Computerizing & making the process of recognition & grants online.
vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:	(vii)cases handled as per section 79 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:
a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:	(a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Comm.: 59
b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):	(b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto) : 02
c) Total number of cases:	(c) Total no. of cases : 61
d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:	(d) Number of cases disposed off with directions and positive outcome: 58
e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:	(e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received : 03
f) Number of cases pending:	(f) Number of cases pending: 03
(viii) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature:- Year:- Status of Preparation:- Laying it before State Legislature:-	(viii) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of State Commissioner Disabilities Chhattisgarh Office last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature: Year:- 2019-20 Status of Preparation:-18-08-2020 Laying it before State Legislature:-23.12.2020 Year:-2020-21 Status of Preparation :- 24-01-2021 Laying it before State Legislature:-05-03-2021 Year:-2021-22 Status of Preparation :- 07.03.202 Laying it before State Legislature:-15-03-2022

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a Session Court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Chhattisgarh Special Court has been constituted for the purpose of providing speedy trial to the PwDs under the notification dated 09.10.2018 of the Ministry of Law and Legislative Affairs Department, Mahanadi Bhawan Nava Raipur of Chhattisgarh.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Rule 94 of the Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019 provides for the appointment of a Special Public Prosecutor by the Government of Chhattisgarh law and Legislative Affairs Department.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities : (Section 88):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Yes, Chhattisgarh State Government to constitute a State Funds for PwDs.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	----
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	----

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD Rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	The Chhattisgarh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019 has been notified by the Chhattisgarh Gazette (Extraordinary) dated 04 January 2020 Notification No. F7-58/2018/26.

10.8 DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU

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10.9 DELHI**Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	<p>The Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules (DRPwD) 2018 have been notified in Delhi e-gazette vide notification no. 82/1153/ RPwD Act 2016/AD-III/DSW/2017/33121.</p> <p>In Delhi RPwD Rules 2018, various provisions-Rules3 , 5, 7, 10, 11, 12' 19, 20 have been made for ensuring life with dignity and equality of the Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>The Rule 3 of the Delhi rPwD Rules 2018 provides for ensuring non discrimination of pwDs at workplace.</p> <p>The Policy Guidelines framed and circulated by the Department to all concerned Departments for reservationof 5% in allotment of land, housing and poverty alleviation development schemes etc allows for priority to women with benchmark disability.</p> <p>Under Rule 14 of the DRPwD Rules 2018, Grievance Redressal officer has been appointed for maintenance of register of compliants of PwDs.</p> <p>The liberty of the person with disability to take decisions is protected by the provision of limited guardianship under Rule 7 of DRPWD Rules 2018.The support of limited guardian is to be granted by the District Court only in cases of incapacity of the person with disability to take tegally binding decisions.</p> <p>Only persons with intellectual disability and mental illness who are found abandoned and unable to fend for themselves are housed in the State run homes, under orders of the court or child welfare committees as the case may be, in order to protect and nurture them.</p>

		Reasonable accommodation of PwDs is ensured by Rule 3 and Rule 20 of the Delhi RPwD Rules, 2018.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	<p>The Department of SW runs institutions for the abandoned and destitute women and children with intellectual disability in Asha Kiran complex. Further, the Department runs institutions for abandoned and destitute women with treated mental illness at NavRachna and Nav Kiran I & II Half way/Long stay homes. In these institutions, these PwDs are provided facilities for residential care and recreation. The Department also runs 7 special schools for Children with disability (5 for children with hearing impairment, one for children with intellectual disability and one for children with visual impairment).</p> <p>To ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others, various recreational activities including drawing, painting competitions, singing, dancing, vocational training and educational activities are organized in the State run Special Homes on a regular basis. Apart from this, all national, religious and special days are organized in these homes where the residents learn, participate and enjoy the events.</p>
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	<p>The right to live in the community of PwDs is protected by various provisions of the Delhi RPwD Rules for providing access to education, reasonable accommodation and non discrimination. Only those persons with intellectual disability and mental illness who are unable to fend for themselves and are abandoned are housed in state run homes under proper orders of the Court or Child Welfare Committee as the case may be.</p> <p>The residents of state run homes are housed therein due to them being abandoned or their families not being traced. All efforts are made to trace their families of residents of homes with intellectual disability and of residents of half way/ long stay homes for persons with mental illness have been restored to their families after due orders from the concerned courts or child welfare committees as the case may be.</p> <p>The Persons with Disabilities are provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs 2500 per month to support their sustenance. 1,06,762 beneficiaries availed this benefit in the year 2021-22.</p> <p>NGOs providing services to PwDs including day care and residential services are provided grants in aid under the Delhi Grant Rules 2008. 37NGOs have been given grant amounting to Rs 1.46 Crore under the Delhi Grant Rules in the year 2021-22. Also, 10 NGOs are recommended for grant in aid under DDRS scheme of the Govt of India.</p>
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	The Delhi RPwD rules 2018 have provided for constitution of the State Committee for Research on Disability(DSCRD). The same has been constituted vide order dated 06.10.2020.

7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	<p>The Executive Magistrate is empowered under Rule 6, Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018 to take action for protection of PwDs from abuse, violence and exploitation. The terms & conditions for issue of registration certificate to NGOs/institutions working for welfare of PwDs include protection clauses.</p> <p>The Department of Social Welfare runs Homes for Persons with intellectual disability and treated mental illness where they are admitted as per orders of the court or child welfare committee as the case may be for their rehabilitation.</p>
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	<p>Though this provision has been earmarked to State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), it is to be noted that the Deptt of Social Welfare has taken steps for protection of PwDs during the COVID 19 Pandemic disaster situation. SOPs were issued to state run institutions and NGOS to protect the residents from the pandemic, State Commissioner Disability was designated as the Nodal officer for COVID related issues concerning PwDs and Distt Social Welfare officers were designated as the nodal officers at the district level. Steps were taken to assuage and help PwDs stuck during lockdown or facing difficulties in accessing medical help, rations etc by the State Commissioner's office, Advisory committee attached with the SCPD, NGOS and District Social Welfare Officers. PwDs were also helped to go to their home states through special trains, during lock down, in collaboration with DDMA.</p>
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	<p>Though this provision has been earmarked for the Women and Child Development Deptt, it may be noted that the Deptt of social Welfare runs homes for abandoned children with intellectual disability at Asha Kiran Complex, where they are kept only by the orders of the child welfare committee. All efforts are made to reunite them with their families, including publication of their photos in the newspapers.</p>
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	N/A
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	N/A
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	<p>Special Courts have been designated for dealing with offences against PwDs in NCT of Delhi. Further, the State Commissioner for PwDs, GNCTD deals with all grievances related to PwDs.</p>
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	<p>The legal capacity of persons with disabilities is strengthened as per Section 14 of the RPwD Act, 2016, by provision of limited guardianship.</p> <p>Rule 7 of the Delhi RPwD Rules provides for procedure for according limited guardianship to assist the PwD to make legally binding decisions by the Distt & Sessions Court after due process.</p>
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	<p>The legal capacity of persons with disabilities is strengthened as per Section 14 of the RPwD Act, 2016, by provision of limited guardianship.</p> <p>Rule 7 of the Delhi RPwD Rules provides for procedure for according limited guardianship to assist the PwD to make legally binding decisions by the Distt & Sessions Court after due process.</p>

15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Covered under Rule g of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018 wherein the Dy. Commjssioners of the Department of Revenue, GNCTD have been authorities awareness.
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Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	<p>Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs)</p> <p>Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16</p>	<p>Covered under Rule 10 and 11 of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 20 mandates that every child shall go to an neighbourhood school or special school of his / her choice.</p> <p>The Social Welfare Deptt runs 7 special schools for Children with disability , 5 for children with hearing impairment, one for children with Intellectual disability and one for children with visual impairment where in 1342 are studying, where children are provided facilities for education, sports and recreation activities. It is proposed to provide training to teachers in inclusive schools on identification of disabilities among students and for their appropriate education.</p> <p>Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi is taking steps for promotion of inclusive education and setting up 30 model inclusive schools in Delhi.</p> <p>A Handbook on barrier free access to schools has also been issued by the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi. Sensitization programmes for staff on inclusive education are undertaken from time to time. 3% quota is allocated to children with disabilities in EWS category for admission in private aided schools. All children studying in schools of Deptt of Social Welfare already are identified as having special needs. The survey is to be conducted by other agencies/ Deptts providing inclusive education.</p> <p>The tactile diagram books free of cost for persons with visually impairment have been provided to the blind students from 1st to XIIth through Inclusive Education Branch (IEB) behind lady Shri Ram College, Laipat Nagar. Scholarship to students with benchmark disability is provided under the scheme of the Govt of India. Total 78 Number of students were provided scholarship (Top class 10, pre matric- 07, post matric-61) in the year 2021-22 under this scheme.</p>
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	N/A

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Delhi State SC/ST/OBC/Minorities/Handicapped Finance Development Corporation, GNCTD is the channelizing agency for National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) to provide concessional loans to PwDs for facilitating vocational training & Self employment.

		<p>Vocational Training is being done for residents of home for PwDs. Following vocational activities are being conducted:</p> <p>Artificial jewellery making Candle making Agarbatti making Tailoring and Stitching Organic colours Block printing Paper craft Bag making Artificial flowers</p> <p>Efforts are being made to revive the Training cum Production centres of the Deptt of Social Welfare.</p> <p>Products manufactured by the residents with intellectual disability are marketed through exhiibtions, Diwali Mela etc.</p> <p>There is no scheme of SW Deptt to provide loans at concessional rates to PwDs</p>
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Covered under Rule 12 of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018 . The Deptt of SW has formulated the Equal Opportunities Policy for promoting equality and non discrimination in the work place and has also uploaded it on its website to be used as a model by other Deptts.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	The Deptt of SW has formulated the Equal Opportunity Policy for promoting equality and non discrimination in the work place and has also uploaded the same on its website to be used as a model by other Deptts.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Covered under Rule 13 of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018 which states the form and manner of maintaining records by the establishments. The same is being maintained by DSW.
23	<p>Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer:</p> <p>i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer.</p> <p>ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints.</p> <p>iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.</p>	Covered under Rule 14 of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018. The State Commissioner for PwDs, Government of NCT of Delhi is monitoring the appointment of Grievance Redressal Officers by Government establishments in NCT of Delhi. The GRO for the Deptt of SW is already appointed vide order dated 17/01/2019.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	<p>Govt. of NCT of Dethi is implementing Scheme of Financial Assistance to Persons with Special Needs. An assistance of Rs.2500/-p.m. is being provided to Persons with Benchmark disabilities from birth till death.</p> <p>A proposal for providjng double the amount of financial assistance to PwDs with high support needs is under consideration.</p>
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	All permanent employees are covered under UTEGIS/CGEIS and contractual employees under ESI.

27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Govt. of NCT of Delhi implements the "Delhi Grant Scheme 2008, through which eligible NGOS are provided grants-in-aids for undertaking rehabilitation programmes for PwDs. Residents of State run homes for persons with intellectual disability are provided with health care, education and skill development as per their capacity.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Under this, a research proposal has been approved to conduct a study on Person with Intellectual Disabled. The subject of study on "Effects of Pranayama on peak Expiratory Flow Rate, Blood Oxygen level and quality of life among intellectually disabled income."
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	PwDs are encouraged to have a cultural life and to get recreational facilities. Under Section 29 of RPwD Act, 2016, the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall promote and protect the rights of all persons with disabilities to have a cultural life and to participate in recreational activities. Under this section various recreational activities including drawing, painting competitions, singing, dancing, vocational training and educational activities are organized in the State run Special Homes on a regular basis. Apart from this, all national, religious and special days are organized in these homes where the residents learn, participate and enjoy the events. Delhi Cycle State Games were organized in collaboration with Special Olympics Bharat in Asha Jyoti (Home for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Delhi) on 26.10.2021.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	The Deptt of SW promotes participation of its residents with intellectual disability in Special Olympic events and also in para athletic events. Residents and students have won medals at National and International events. Delhi Cycle State Games were organized in collaboration with Special Olympics Bharat in Asha Jyoti (Home for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Delhi) on 26.10.2021.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	DoE, GNCTD is committed to provide appropriate Inclusive Education to Children with disabilities enrolled in its rules as per the provisions of RPwD Act, 2016. Further, SW Dept runs 7 Special Schools for PwDs in which 1342 students are presently studying.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	N/A
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	The Social Welfare Department has circulated letter of DEPwD, GOI containing guidelines to constitute Expert Committee to all the stakeholders and requested to constitute Expert Committee at their departmental level for identification of posts suitable for PwDs. The Deptt of SW has constituted its expert committee for this purpose.

34	<p>1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs.</p> <p>i) Blindness and low vision – 1%</p> <p>ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%.</p> <p>iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%.</p> <p>2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	Covered under Rule 15,16 17 and 18 of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018. The Social Welfare Department has reserved 4% total vacancies for PwDs. The representation of PwDs in Department of Social Welfare for the year 2021 is 10. (08 in Group 'B' and 2 in Group 'C').
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	There is already a scheme of Government of India for providing incentive to Private Employers for employing PwDs under SIPDA Scheme, which can be availed.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Two special employment exchanges for PwDs have been established since 1999. Online portal has been developed by NCT of Delhi for registration of candidates for employment including PwDs.
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	Policy Guidelines have been circulated to all stakeholders under section 37 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2018.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide PwDs with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	The matter of preparing scheme for consideration of PwDs with high support needs is under way.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Office of State Commissioner for PwDs, GNCTD had undertaken awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes on the provisions of the RPWD Act and held workshops at district level for sensitization of district functionaries. The officers of the Deptt of SW have been sensitized through UTCS trainings. A sensitization workshop regarding different provisions of RPWD Act, 2016 was organized on 23.12.2021 for the employees of Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD by Mr. T.D. Dhariyal, Former SCPD.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	N/A
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	N/A
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	N/A
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	N/A
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	N/A
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	The Govt of India has released funds to the tune of Rs 13.94 Cr under Accessible India Campaign to the Deptt of SW GNCT of Delhi, in 2017 and 2018, which have been released to PWD and and DJB for retrofitting of 19 public buildings to provide accessibility. Out of these 12 buildings have been made accessible. Further, PWD and Municipal corporations are also taking steps for providing barrier free envt. Through retrofitting. Till date, 2919 buildings have been retrofitted in NCT of Delhi.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	N/A
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Govt. of NCT of Delhi is imparting training and awareness to various government functionaries through Union Territory Civil Services on the provisions of the RPWD Act and State Rules.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Social audit shall be inbuilt into schemes and programmes being formulated for Persons with Disabilities.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	This provision is covered under Rule 21 of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018, wherein Joint Director (Technical), DSW has been designated as the competent authority for this purpose.

50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Registration of institutions other than State or Central Government Institutions and appointment of Appellate Authority is covered under Rule 22 and 23 of the Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018. Financial assistance to Registered applicant eligible organizations is provided under the Delhi Grants Scheme 2008 and proposals of eligible NGOs are also forwarded with recommendation to the Government of India for grant of assistance under appropriate Central Grant Schemes. 37 NGOs have been given grant amounting to Rs 1.46 Crore under the Delhi Grant Rules in the year 2021-2022. Also, 10 NGOs are recommended for grant in aid under DDPS scheme of the Govt of India.
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State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	State Advisory Board has been constituted and First meeting of the board was held on 01.04.2021.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	Under Rule 40 of the Delhi Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018, the District Level Committees have been constituted in 10 Revenue Districts of Delhi.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.) ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details : iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities: iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year: v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years: vi) Summary for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:	i) First meeting of SAB on disability constituted under Section 66 of RPwD Act, 2016 was held on 01.04.2021.

	<p>ii) A sensitization workshop regarding different provisions of RPwD Act, 2016 was organized on 23.12.2021 for the employees of Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD by Mr. T.D. Dhariyal, Former SCPD.</p> <p>iii) A new Half way home/long stay home for treated mentally ill was operationlised in Section 3, Dwarka, Delhi on 07.08.2021.</p> <p>iv) RPwD Act, 2016 lays down provisions for accessibility for Persons with Disabilities. To ensure effective implementation of the act, Social Disability Audit of certain existing road infrastructure was conducted through School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. On the basis of this audit, the concerned civic agencies were directed to take remedial measures in order to ensure accessibility of road infrastructure for PwDs.</p> <p>V) Section 16 and 30 of RPwD Act, 2016 lays down that Government should ensure opportunities in sports for PwDs . In this reference, Delhi Cycle State Games were organized in collaboration with special Olympics Bharat in Asha Jyoti (Home for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Delhi) on 26.10.2021.</p> <p>vi) Under Section 29 of RPwD Act, 2016, the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall promote and protect the rights of all persons with disabilities to have a cultural life and to participate in recreational activities. Under this section various recreational activities including drawing, painting competitions, singing, dancing vocational training and educational activities are organized in the State run Special homes on a regular basis. Apart from this, all national, religious and special days are organized in these homes where the residents learn, participate and enjoy the events.</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p> <p>viii) Details of preparation of annual Reports of last three Financial Year and its laying before the State Legislature:</p> <p>Year :-</p> <p>Status of Preparation :</p> <p>Laying it before State Legislature :-</p>
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	N/A
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	N/A

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Under section 88 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 and Rule 52 of the Rights of persons with disabilities Rules 2018, the process of state fund is under way.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	N/A
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	N/A

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	The Delhi Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 have been notified in Delhi e-gazette.

10.10 GOA**Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Circular issued regarding ban of use of word Handicap'.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Data Received from Directorate of Women & Child: The Department has not found any adverse reporting for suppressing women & children.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Directorate of Social Welfare through its registered NGOs are giving various community based Support.

6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Disability Commission has not found any adverse reporting for suppressing Persons with Disabilities
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Disability Commission has not found any adverse reporting for suppressing Persons with Disabilities
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Disability Commission has not found any adverse reporting for suppressing Persons with Disabilities
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	The Department adheres to provisions and rules as per the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 & Model Rules, 2016 and No such incidents reported to this Department.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	LED boards Installed :LED Boards installed in various hospital premises. These boards display the basket of choice for contraception. IEC material displayed in hospital premises: IEC material regarding various methods of family planning is displayed at all OPDs. IEC/ Awareness programs for disabled persons :IEC videos regarding FP are being shown on TVs located in the waiting areas of the OPDs. Availability of access for disabled :Ramps/railings/ wheelchairs/lifts are available at all the facilities. Any programs conducted for persons with disabilities :Awareness videos are being displayed on TVs at all OPDs. A medical team from CHC Sankhali assisted a special camp organized for person with disability by North Goa Collectorate in Ravindra Bhavan Sankhali
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Reply received from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Goa.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Data received from the Registrar High Court: Free Legal Aid is provided to person with disability as per section 12- D of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Data received from Department of Law & Judiciary: Vide Notification no 50-415-2017-18 HC/3891 dated 24/12/2019, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 84 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2018, (Central Act No. 49 of 2016) the Government of Goa with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of High Court of Bombay, specified the Court of Session of North Goa & South Goa in the State of Goa, to be Special Courts. to try offences under the said Act. within their respective jurisdiction. The newly constructed High Court building at Goa has been designed by taking into consideration safe and smooth accessibility to differently able persons. Likewise separate disable friendly toilet facilities are also provided for differently able persons. It is also to state that other court premises which are under construction provision are made to provide all the facilities as required differently able persons.

13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	<p>Data received from Goa State Legal Services Authority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness Programme is organized to create awareness on 18/06/2022 in the premises of National Association for the Blind, Goa State Branch, Santa Cruz, Goa and registration of UDID cards were affected and 10 UDID Cards were actually issued in the said programme. 2. Letters were made to all Educational Institutions asking them to send details of students with disability to organize registration camp for UDID cards. 3. At the request of the Commissioner a awareness programme as per, Section 39 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2017 for the benefit of the staff of High Court of Bombay at Goa is fixed on 30.07 2022. 4. Pursued the matter with the KTCL and provision for hydraulic lift assisted bus stair climber and wheel chair along with divyang seated on it will be provided at the 13 bus stands in the State thereby complying the directions issued in Writ Petition No.539 of 2004. 5. Signage boards in Braille script for the visual impaired have been installed at all the places in the office of GSLSA including washrooms 6. Ramp for disabled has also been provided in the building. 7. Awareness programmes are being conducted to ensure that the Children with disabilities get admission in normal schools Letters have been sent to all educational institutions, Authorities of the appropriate Government to ensure that UDID Cards are made available to all eligible persons with disability. <p>Data received from Department of Law & Judiciary: Goa is having the Uniform Civil Code, regardless of Religion, Gender and Caste in Goa Hindus, Muslims, Christians all are bound with the same law related to marriage, divorce succession etc.</p>
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	<p>Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Yes. Meeting of District level Committee is held, steps are taken by the Collector to issue Limited Guardianship certificate</p>
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	<p>Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: For the purpose of creating social awareness to support Persons with Disabilities in exercise of their legal capacity, the Mamlatdars of all the Taluka Revenue Offices have been designated for the purpose of the said section.</p>

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs). Measures to be taken by Appropriate Government and Local Authorities for purposes of section 16.	Data received from Directorate of Education: With the goal of promoting inclusive education in the State, 51 Academic Resource Rooms & 10 Life Skill Resource Rooms have been set up in 51 Govt aided institutions and 12 Academic Resource rooms in Govt. High Schools across the State where CwSN children are provided with State inclusive education through the Academic and Life-Skill Resource rooms. Further, the Special Educators have been provided in every such schools in order to provide inclusive education to every CwSN Child admitted in mainstream schools as well as in special schools.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	The adult education and continuing education programmes are not yet implemented by the Directorate of Higher Education. However, all the new buildings of the Higher Education institutions, this Directorate is also in the process of issuing guidelines to all the Higher Educational Institutions under its control to make the all Educational buildings disable friendly.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs). Measures to be taken by Appropriate Government and Local Authorities for purposes of section 16.	Data received from Skill Development and Employment: 1. This Directorate is providing Financial Assistance Scholarship Scheme to Persons with Disabilities category at the rate of Rs. 600/- per month per trainees of all Govt. ITI's during the entire course period. 2. 4% seats are reserved for PwD candidates in all Govt. ITI's. 3. Under the Scheme, "Skills Acquisition & Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion" (SANKALP) under sub- component C.1.3. "People with Disability", the following activities were undertaken in 10 Govt. ITIs . 1. Promotion of Accessibility a) Construction of Ramps b) Fixing staircase railings 2. Providing Easy Access to drinking Water, Sanitation, PWD friendly toilet) and library. Conducting counselling for all the trainees of the ITIs including PwDs trainees for Entrepreneurship Development. During Counselling As Entrepreneurship Development, the ITI under this Directorate assist trainees to avail loans such as MUDRA from Financial Institutes.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Separate P-H Reservation Rosters have been maintained and will be verified 'shortly'.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Backlog vacancies will be recruited in future Recruitment
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Post based Reservation Rosters Group A, Group B, Group C have been maintained and verified from Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Panaji Goa on 02/07/2021.

23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Yes. 1) Dy. Director (Admn)- North Goa District. 2) Assistant Director (Trg)- South Goa District.
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Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	The Directorate of Social Welfare is having a Social Security Scheme for Person with Disabilities where in an amount of Rs. 2000/-p.m. is given to Persons with Disabilities who are having 90% & below disability, Rs. 2500/-for Children with Disabilities and Rs. 3500/- for Persons having 90% & above Disabilities.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Directorate of Social Welfare does not have Insurance Scheme for Employees with Disabilities but they have Scheme of State Awards for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities Notified Vide No.: 50/376/05-06/HC/1204 dt. 10/03/2006. To provide equal opportunities to disabled persons and to encourage and self relevant life. Best Employees (3)- Rs. 25000/- Best Employer (1) Rs. 25000/- Best N.G.O. (1) Rs. 25000/- Best Block (1) Rs. 25000/-
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	The Directorate of Social Welfare is implementing schemes for rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities such as Braille Library, Physiotherapy Centre and Jeevan Jyot Day Care Centre.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Under RPwD Act, 2016 the Committee for Research & Development is already notified.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: In terms of recreational activities of Persons with Disabilities, 31 No. of NGOs who are registered under Act are having various activities such as sports, art & craft, music, drama & computers. Data received from Directorate of Art & Culture: Wheel Chairs are provided in Braille Section and Image Magnifier in Library Ramp and lift and Separate toilet Facility for PwDs.
	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	1. The Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs has provided wheelchairs at the Main Indoor Stadiums for accessibility to the Sports facilities. 2. Ramps are provided at the Stadiums making them Disability Friendly. 3. The Department is also in the process of making its 110 odd Sports Grounds/Stadiums/ Indoor Halls Disability Friendly. a) Sports for Differently Abled School Children of Special Schools in Goa" is a Scheme being implemented by the State w.e.f. May 2021.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Directorate of Education has already issued instructions to all the Government aided Primary/Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools in the State of Goa directing therein not to deny admissions to the children with disability including the children with benchmark disability. Dy. Director of Education of concerned Zones are the nodal officers who deal with all matters relating to admission of children with disabilities.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	Data received from Directorate of Higher Education: The reservation is followed as per the Central Government directives the which are issued from time to time.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Proposal for Identifying the post for Persons with Disabilities is under process.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iii) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	Data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: O.M.No.50-369-98-99-HCPart/2692 dated 08/08/2018 regarding 4% reservation for Persons with Disabilities is issued to all the Departments
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	The data received from Directorate of Industries Trade and Commerce: The Directorate of Industries Trade and Commerce does not provide incentive to employers in private sector for employing PwDs. However such scheme to provide incentive to employers in private sector can be formulated on directions of the Government.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: The circular will be issued shortly to all the Departments to furnish the information regarding vacancies occurred or are about to occur for PwDs to employment exchange. The Data received from Directorate of Industries: 01 post of LDC (PwD) Hearing Impairment was advertised and there was no suitable candidate for the said post. The said post is carried forward for the next 01 recruitment year.

		<p>Out of the total sanctioned strength of 95, 04 officials have been appointed in the Directorate of Industries Trade and Commerce as follows:</p> <p>i) 01 post - Group B' (Gazetted) OH-Locomotor Disabilities and Cerebral Palsy.</p> <p>ii) 03 posts Group C VH- Visually Impaired. OH-Locomotor Disabilities and Cerebral Palsy.</p>
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concessional rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<p>As per the section 37 the Goa Housing Board has notified 5% Reservation for Residential plots for Persons with Disabilities.</p>

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	<p>Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.</p>	<p>Data received from Directorate of Health Services:</p> <p>South Goa District Hospital Margao: Multiple disability certification board is constituted and functioning actively at Hospicio South Goa District Hospital Margao. Certification and assessment for PWDs with high support needs is done as per the request. Provision of ramp, wheelchairs and other support measures are available at OPD and for Inpatient at Hospicio South Goa District Hospital Margao North Goa District Hospital Mapusa</p> <p>1) The multiple disability board is functional. Certifications are done as per the proforma in the gazette. 2) Wheelchairs, Stretchers & Elevators are available at the hospital</p>

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	<p>Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.</p>	<p>The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare:</p> <p>The said Programmes are arranged regularly through various meals.</p>

40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: In regards to physical infrastructure the harmonised Guidelines & Space Standards for Barrier free built environment for Persons with Disability & elderly persons, 2016 is already been sent to all implementing departments in State for making said guidelines mandate. The Government of India guidelines for Website (GIGW) 2.0 has already been taken into strong consideration by Department of Information & Technology and a set of training in the said guidelines is already been given.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	The data received from Kadamba Transport Limited : 44 nos. of Buses (Diesel) are presently accessible. KTCL is planning to make installation of wheelchair ramps/lifts on all bus stands to make buses accessible for persons with disabilities whose work is in progress 147 buses will be accessible once lift system is provided at all bus stand. Demonstration of the lift for Wheelchair was held on 17/03/2022 at KTCL Panaji Bus Stand. It was decided to provide these hydraulic assisted lifts at all Bus Stand. In view of this letter is made to the Directorate of Social Welfare to provide financial assistance under Suganya Bharat Scheme or any other such Scheme will benefit differently abled persons.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	Data received from Department of Information Technology: No Action Taken Between 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022. However, The Department of Information Technology has taken the following actions as on date: Issued a circular bearing No. 13/1/2014/DOIT/Website Accessibility/154 04/05/2022, Departments, Dated:04/05/2022 Wherein all Corporations Bodies and Autonomous under Government of Goa requested to conformance have been ensure to accessibility guidelines for their online information and services. Issued circular bearing No.13/1/2014/DOIT/Website Accessibility/1850 26/02/2020 Departments, and Dated 26/02/2022, Wherein all Corporations Bodies Autonomous under Government of Goa have been requested to make public documents accessible to all.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	The Data received from Directorate of Industries: Nil
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	The Data received from the Town & Country Planning: This Department vide Circular No. 26/15/PRAGATI-ATR/2019(Part file)/2219 dated 25/10/2019 has brought to the notice of the field offices regarding provisions of RPwD Act and directed to implement.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for PwDs within 5 years.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Under the First phase of Accessible India Campaign which is completely funded by Central Government the total amount sanctioned is Rs. 8.9 Crores from which 50% of amount is released i.e. Rs. 4.44 Crores for retrofitting of 23 Govt. Buildings, 02 gardens & 05 beaches. Till now 75% of fund is utilised and UC has been sent to Ministry to release balance 50% amount. Under Second Phase of Accessible India Campaign 45 buildings are identified.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Under Process

47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: May be initiated
	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Social audit of all the schemes is proposed by the Directorate of Social Welfare and submitted to Finance Department for approval

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Notified on 18/01/2018
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	The data received from Directorate of Social Welfare: Notified on 09/07/2020

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Yes
67	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	Yes

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, WhatsApp No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p>	<p>INDEPENDENT.</p> <p>NAME OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER: SHRI. GURUPRASAD R. PAWASKAR</p> <p>Address: OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER, GROUND FLOOR, SANJAY CENTRE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PUNDALIKNAGAR, PORVORIM – GOA. Email Id: dis-comm.goa@gov.in Website:https://scpwd.goa.gov.in/ Contact No. 9156321900</p> <p>Yes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smt. Anuradha Joshi – Ex- State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Government of Goa. 2. Shri. Vishant Nagvekar – Expert in Locomotive Disability. 3. Adv. Shivadutta Munj – Disability Expert. 4. Shri. Mahadev Sawant – Expert in Visual Impairment. 5. Dr. Nandita D’Souza – Expert in Neurological Disorder.

	<p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p> <p>viii) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of Last three Financial Year and its laying before the State Legislature:</p> <p>Year :-</p> <p>Status of Preparation :</p> <p>Laying it before State Legislature :-</p>	<table><thead><tr><th>Name of the Staff</th><th>Designation</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1. Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar</td><td>State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities</td></tr><tr><td>2. Shri. Taha I Haaziq-Secretary</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>3. Ms. Durga Naik- Administrative Officer</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>4. Shri. Ratnakant Cumbarjuenkar - Upper Division Clerk</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>5. Shri. Prashant Raut - Lower Division Clerk</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6. Smt. Sushanti Sawant - Lower Division Clerk</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7. Shri. Narayan Kubal - MTS</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>8. Shri. MithinGaonkar - MTS</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>9. Smt. Ninette R. Silveira- Junior Stenographer</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>10. Shri. Prashant Gaonkar - Driver</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Reply awaited from Directorate of Social Welfare.</p> <p>This Commission conducts inspections regularly as and when required.</p> <p>This Commission is acting proactive towards implementing this Act in the State.</p> <p>18 Complaints</p> <p>02</p> <p>02</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>05</p> <p>Nil</p>	Name of the Staff	Designation	1. Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar	State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities	2. Shri. Taha I Haaziq-Secretary		3. Ms. Durga Naik- Administrative Officer		4. Shri. Ratnakant Cumbarjuenkar - Upper Division Clerk		5. Shri. Prashant Raut - Lower Division Clerk		6. Smt. Sushanti Sawant - Lower Division Clerk		7. Shri. Narayan Kubal - MTS		8. Shri. MithinGaonkar - MTS		9. Smt. Ninette R. Silveira- Junior Stenographer		10. Shri. Prashant Gaonkar - Driver	
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Notification No. 50-415-2017-18-HC/3891 Dated : 24/12/2019.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	In process

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities : (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	The State Government has constituted a committee and the meeting in this regards would be convened shortly.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	As on date no Contravention of Provision of this Act
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	Till date nobody fraudulently availed the benefit under this Act.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Yes. Notification No. 51-99-2016-17-HC dated 11/07/2019 published on Official Gazette Government of Goa.

10.11 GUJARAT**NOT SUBMIT****10.12 HARYANA****NOT SUBMIT****10.13 HIMACHAL PRADESH****NOT SUBMITTED****10.14 JAMMU & KASHMIR****Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	In order to ensure equality , the Govt. has provided horizontal reservation @4% to the Persons with Benchmark Disability and has also identified posts suitable there for .
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Constitutional rights for freedom for speech and expression is already in implementation throughout the Nation and in the UT of J&K .No incident in adverse has noticed in this regard in the UT of J&K. Besides in the order to gainfully utilize the capacity of such persons , the Govt . is providing appropriate environment in the Govt. offices in terms of making buildings and websites accessible for such persons .

5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Various schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-G) are already in implementation through department of rural development and Panchyataraj , where in all eligible beneficiary including disabled are also provided the benefits of affordable housing . Further , Housing & UD Department , J&K Govt. vide Govt. Order no. 164- JK (HUD) of 2020 dated 08.09.2020 has provided that among others preference in allotment of affordable housing may be given to physically handicapped persons . while making the allotments, the families with differently abled persons may be allotted house preferable on the ground floor or lower floors.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	There are no reports tot this effect .
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	As above
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Due care is being taken in such emergencies to protect the interest of persons with disabilities .
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from	This is being ensured through mission Vatsalya which implements the Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act, 2015 and rules framed there under i.e Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) rules,2021 issued by the Social Welfare department vide S.O 63 dated 14th February, 2022.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Being ensured by Health & Medical Education Department .
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Being ensured by Chief Election Officer J&K. All polling stations have ramps and wheelchairs are also being provided .
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Matter taken up with the department of Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs for setting up of special courts and designation of public prosecutor in each district so as to provide justice to the persons with disability.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	No Discrimination noted .
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Already embodied in Rule 7, Chapter-III of J&K Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2021 notified vide S.O 91 dated 15th March, 2021.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	District Social Welfare Officers have been designated as Nodal Officers within their respective Districts .

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Soft loan is being providing to PwDs through J&K Women Dev. Corporation and J&K SC/ST/BC Dev. Corporation. Besides, the issue stands already flagged in UT level Banker's Committee wherein emphasis has been given for lending in priority sector including the disabled.

20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	The Social Welfare Department vide Notification S.O-127 dated 20.04.2020 amended the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005 and inter-alia, enhanced the horizontal reservation from 3% to 4% for Physically Challenged Persons in terms of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	After enactment of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in the UT of J&K Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2019 have been notified vide S.O 91 dated 15.03.2021 to safeguard and secure the rights of persons with disabilities. However, no separate policy for PwDs has been notified as yet.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	---
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	The grievance cell namely 'Lieutenant Governor'. 'Grievance Cell' has been setup in the J&K wherein any person can file his /her grievance before the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor. J&K, various disabled persons have also filed their grievances before the said cell which stand redressed by the competent authority.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	<p>ALIMCO has held 31 camps in the J&K from 1st of April, 2021 till July 2022 covering 7879 beneficiaries and provided them 17899 assistive aid /equipments.</p> <p>J&K Government is running a separate social security scheme by name called Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) under which divyangjan are being provided pension @ Rs. 1000/- per month through DBT. Total no. of beneficiaries with disabilities under ISSS are 1,73,675 who are getting pension @ Rs. 1000/- per month. The UT of J&K has also a provision of providing pension, if the disability is due to militancy related incident. The rate of pension for such cases is Rs. 1000/- per month per beneficiary and 1105 such persons are currently receiving this pensionary benefit. Pension is also being provided to Persons with Disability under NSAP, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India with a top up of Rs 700 and Rs 500 in the age group of '18-79' and '80 and above respectively over and above Rs 300/- and Rs 500/- being provided by Govt. of India. 2465 Persons with Disability are receiving pension 'If' Rs 1000/- under NSAR. A total 17,7185 divyangjan are receiving pension under various schemes in J&K.</p> <p>Skill development of PWD's is being done through Composite Regional Centre, Srinagar. Besides, the building has been taken on rent for establishment of Composite Regional Centre, Jammu.</p> <p>Presently 3 DDRCs in the districts of DODA, Udhampur and Jammu have been established and the department is in process of establishment of DDRCs in all districts of UT of J&K within next 3 month.</p>

26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	In UT & JK, entire population is covered under Ayushman Bharat Scheme for Health insurance which offers an average coverage amount of Rs. 5 lakh per beneficiary. This covers a majority of diagnostics, pre-hospitalization costs, medicines and medical treatment expenses.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	The Department runs two schools for Blind, one in Roop Nagar, Jammu and the second one in Solina, Srinagar. These have been established for the protection, welfare and education of blind. The Department is in the process of setting up of two Rehabilitation Homes for Persons cured of mental illness-one each in Jammu and Srinagar. These Homes once set up will cater to the Persons living with mental illness i.e. those who have been cured, do not need further hospitalization, and are homeless or are not accepted by their families. Meanwhile Mental illness has been set up in a rented building in Jammu. Skill Development of Pwds is being done through composite Regional Centre, Srinagar,. Besides, the building has already been taken on rent for establishment of Composite Regional Centre, Jammu on temporary basis. Besides, the land measuring 38 Kanal 18 Marla at village Chak Jawala Singh, Tehsil Vijay, District Samba has been transferred in favour of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India for setting up of Composite Regional Centre. Besides, presently 3 DDRCs in the district of Doda, Udhampur and Jammu have been established and the Department is in process of establishment of DDRCs in all districts of UT of J&K within next 3 months.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Various schemes through Composite Regional Centre (CRC) / DDRCs are in place which includes research, development of assistive devices and psycho-social aspect and recreation centres.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Various activities are being carried out by Directorates of Social Welfare Jammu/Kashmir and also by CRC/NGOs on regular intervals.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	In order to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports, activities is already in place through J&K Youth Services and Sports Department through Directorate of Youth Services and Sports. In the year 2021-22, Skiing course was conducted wherein the disabled children participated. The Directorate provided technical support and accommodation for the said course. Moreover, in Baramulla district cricket, Chess and Carom tournament were also organized by Directorate of Youth Service & Sports in collaboration with NGOs.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	The said provisions are implemented in letter and spirit as embodied in Right to Education

32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	The said provisions are implemted in UT of J&K as embodied in Act.															
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	i) Post suitable for benchmark disabilities have been notified from time to time in J&K. ii) An expert Committee stands already constituted in terms of section 33 of the RPwD Act 2016 vide government order no. 1078-JK (GAD) of 2020 dated 27.11.2020 read with Government order no. 1130-JKI (GAD) of 2020 dated 17.12.2020. iii) Periodic review is being done by the Committee on regular intervals. Latest one bing on 04.07.2022.															
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	The Department vide Notification S.P-127 dated 20.04.2020 amended the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005 and inter-alia, enhanced the horizontal reservation from 3% to 4% for Physically Challenged Persons in terms of the RPwD Act 2016 against each benchmark disability as under: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>a)</td><td>Blindness or Low vision</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr> <td>b)</td><td>Deaf and Hard of hearing</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr> <td>c)</td><td>Loco-motor disability including Cerebral Palsy, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy.</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr> <td>d)</td><td>Multiple disabilities from among persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Yes, the provision is implemented and guidelines vide Govt. order no. 163-SW of 2021 dated 5.11.2021 have beenb issued for its implementation.</td><td></td></tr> </table>	a)	Blindness or Low vision	1%	b)	Deaf and Hard of hearing	1%	c)	Loco-motor disability including Cerebral Palsy, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy.	1%	d)	Multiple disabilities from among persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities			Yes, the provision is implemented and guidelines vide Govt. order no. 163-SW of 2021 dated 5.11.2021 have beenb issued for its implementation.	
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35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Matter already taken up with Industries & Commerce and Labour Employment Departments with the requests to bring the revised incentive scheme to the notice of all concerned including Chambers of Commerce & Industry. Jammu/ Kashmir, District Industry Centers Vocational Centres, private contracts etc. so that persons with all types of disabilities get opportunity for employment in the private sector.															
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	It is a regular feature depending upon the accrual of vacancies in each department.															
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	Matter taken up with conncerned departments for the purpose.															

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide PwDs with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	The provision has already kept in Rule 9 Chapter VI of J&K RPwDs Rules, 2021.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	This is a regular feature and being carried out through Directorate of Social Welfare, Jammu & Kashmir and NGO participation.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	Accessible India Campaign is being implemented in UT of J&K also. Regarding govt. buildings, while granting building permission it is ensured that such buildings are disabled friendly. Public Works Department, Rural Development Department & Housing & Urban Development Department are ceased of this requirement. Besides, the IT Department is in the process of ensuring that all the Govt. websites are accessible as per the prescribed accessibility standard.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	Matter already taken up with the Transport Department.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	Matter already taken up with the Information Technology Department with the request to ensure that all government websites conform to this legal requirement and are not in violation of the RPwD Act/ Rules.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Not yet taken up. ALIMCO is currently providing aids and assistance devices to the physically challenged in the UT.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Matter already taken with the Rural Development Housing & Urban Development and Public Works Department with the request to issue necessary directions to all concerned to ensure that all new constructions adhere to the statutory requirements and no DPR is prepared or administrative approval and technical sanction is accorded for project in violation to these Rules of accessibility promotion provided in RPwD Act and Rules framed there under. Besides, under Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA), buildings are being re-furnished. Out of 32 works approved 7 have been completed and rest of the works are on different stage of completion.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for PwDs within 5 years.	Being ensured under SIPDA/ accessible India Campaign.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Noted and necessary directions to this effect are being issued.

47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Training etc are being imparted through Composite Regional Centre.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Will be done in appropriate manner as envisaged.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
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50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	The said provisions stand already embodied in rule 21, Chapter 8, and are being implemented.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	In terms of Section 66(1) of the RPwD Act, J&K Advisory Board has been already constituted vide Government order no. 1077-JK 9GAD) of 2020 dated 27.11.2020.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	Necessary direction stand issued to all Deputy Commissioners for constitution of District Level Committee on disabilities as per Rule 39 of the J&K RPwD Rules 2021.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, WhatsApp No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details:</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p>	<p>Mr. Mohd. Iqbal Lone S/o Mr. Ab. Rashid Loe, R/O Village Ashtangoo, Thsil Aloosa, District Bandipora, Kashmir has recently been appointed as Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. J&K vide S.O. 462 dated 28th September 2022 with Independent charge. His mobile WhatsApp No. is 9419000036.</p> <p>The process of setting up of the Advisory Committee under section 79(vii) is now initiated as the department has recently appointed Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities vide S.O. 462 dated 28th September, 2022. However, in terms of section 66(1) of the RPwD Act, J&K Advisory Board has been already constituted vide Government order no. 1077-JK (GAD) of 2020 dated 27.11.2020. Under Process</p> <p>During the Financial Year 2020-2021, Rs. 15.00 Lakhs have been released.</p>

	v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years: vi) Summary for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements: vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year: a) Number of complaints filed by the complaints before State Comm.: b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto): c) Total number of cases: d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome: e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received: f) Number of cases pending: viii) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature.	N.A No such complaint received in the department. --- --- --- --- --- --- --- ---
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	The matter stands taken up with the Department of Law, Justice & PA for the purpose.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	The matter stands taken up with the Department of Law, Justice & PA for the purpose

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	J&K Disability Rules, 2021 in Chapter XIII Rule 52, provide for creation of Union Territory Fund for Persons with Disability.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act – Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	No such case received.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	No such case received.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	In terms of sub section (1) of Section 101 of the RPwD Act, 2016, the J&K Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2021 have been framed and notified vide S.O. 91 of 2021 dated 15.03.2021 to safeguard and secure the rights of persons with disabilities.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	No such case received.

10.15 JHARKHAND

Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Action is always being taken and direction issued to concerned offices.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others	Necessary measures are being taken in this issue.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Necessary steps are being taken by State Govt.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Necessary measures are being taken by State Govt.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Necessary measures are being taken by State Govt.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Necessary measures are being taken by State Govt.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Rule will be amended because this point has been left.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Health and family welfare is doing pivotal role in this issue.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	State Election Office is proactive in this issue. Polling percentage of PwD is more than 90 percent in several districts of Jharkhand.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Govt. always takes necessary steps to access to justice by persons with disability.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	Necessary measures are being taken as per necessity for legal capacity on an equal basis with others along with right to inherit property.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	It has been included in state Rule.

15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Office of the State Disability Commissioner has been authorized by Dept. for community mobilization and social awareness.
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Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs). Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16.	Direction has been issued to concerned Dept for taking necessary steps. Letter has been issued to Department of School Education and Literacy, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-91, dated – 05.08.2022 Report awaited. 510, date-03.09.2020 Report Awaited.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Letter has been issued to Department of School Education and Literacy Development Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no- 101, dated 05.08.2022- Report awaited. Although necessary steps are being taken by Concerned Dept. of State Govt. State Govt. previous facility to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Letter has been issued to Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sports and Youth affairs, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no- 93, dated 05.08.2022. Report Awaited. Letter has been issued to Department of Higher, Technical Education & Skill Development, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no – 94, dated 05.08.2022. Report Awaited.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-100, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/ Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	State Govt. has notified rule 2018 in which it has been mentioned and separate policy will be framed.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-100, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Action has been taken. Several Departments has notified and informed our Office.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Steps have been taken. JSLPS Jharkhand has developed scheme for the development of economic capacity for Persons with Disability.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no- 100, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-92, dated – 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-92, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-92, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-92, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-92, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	Reservation in Higher Education has been notified vide letter No. 2249, dated 03.04.2018.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-100, dated 05.08.2022 Report awaited. Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing Govt. of Jharkhand vide this letter no-92, dated 05.08.2022 Report awaited.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-100, dated 05.08.2022 Report awaited. Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing Govt. of Jharkhand vide this letter no-92, dated 05.08.2022 Report awaited.

35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-100, dated 05.08.2022. Report awaited. Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing Govt. of Jharkhand vide this letter no-92, dated 05.08.2020 Report awaited.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no- 92, dated 05.08.2022 Report Awaited.
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	Letter has been issued to Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-100, date 05.08.2022. Report Awaited. Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-92, dated 05.08.2022 Report awaited.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	Action are being taken as per necessity and complaints are being registered.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Awareness camps as well as Mobile Courts are regularly organized.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	N/A
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	Letter has been issued to Department of Transport, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-95, dated 05.05.2022 & letter no-76, dated 20.08.2009. Report awaited. And Letter has been issued to Divisional Railway Manager, Jharkhand vide letter no – 519, dated – 03.09.2020 Report Awaited.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	Letter has been issued to Department of Information and Public Relation, Govt. of Jharkhand vide this letter no-96, dated 05.08.2022. Report awaited.

43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs	Letter has been issued to Department of Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter no-97, dated-05.08.2022 Report awaited.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter No.92, dated 05.08.2022. Report awaited.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	Letter has been issued to Department of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter No.92, dated 05.08.2022. Report awaited.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	N/A
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	i) Letter has been issued to Rehabilitation Council of India vide letter No.98, dated 05.08.2022 Report awaited. ii) Letter has been issued to All Universities of Jharkhand vide letter No.99 dated 05.08.2022. Report awaited.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Letter has been issued to Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security, Govt. of Jharkhand vide letter No.534, date 28.08.2019.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Competent Authority has been notified. Directions to Social Welfare has been declared.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Registration of organization is being provided.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	State Advisory Board has been constituted.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	District Level Committee on Disability has been constituted

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)	Shri Avinash Kumar (Additional Charge) Principle Secretary-cum-State Disability Commissioner Engineers Hostel-II, Ground Floor, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi- 834004 Tel: 0651-2401825 E-mail: sdcjharkhand@yahoo.com; jharkhandsdc@gmail.com

<p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p>	<p>ii) State Advisory Board to assist State Commissioner has been constituted.</p> <p>iii) Officers and Staff List:- (1) Arshad Jamal (Under Secretary) (2) Smt. Neelam Parsad, Lady Supervisor (Deputation Basis) (3) Smt. Miru Jha, Lady Supervisor (Deputation Basis) (4) Sharda Kumar Tiwari, Peon (Deputation Bais) (5) Rakhi Kumari, Computer Operator (Contract Basis) (6) Jyoti Devi, Peon (Contract Basis) Other essential infrastructural facilities:- (1) Four Computers with printer. (2) One Photo Copier Machine (3) Two Telephones with Fax.</p> <p>iv) Nil</p> <p>v) Year Number of inspections 2019-20:- 09 2020-21:- 00 2021-22:- 00</p> <p>(vi) N/A</p> <p>vii)</p> <p>(a) 00</p> <p>(b) 00</p> <p>(c) 83</p> <p>(d) 35</p> <p>(e) nil</p> <p>(f) 48</p>
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Letter issued by Law Department letter No.1900, dated 27-09-2019.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Under process by Law Dept.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	State fund is being constituted. Rules and objection are being framed.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	N/A
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	N/A

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Rights for Persons with Disability Rule has been notified.

10.16 KARNATAKA**NOT SUBMITTED****10.17 KERALA****Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for persons with benchmark disabilities.	For ensuring equality and non discrimination, Government of Kerala have been implementing various schemes and programmes, which includes scholarship schemes for children, pension assistance to adults through LSGD, self employment assistance to female guardian of disabled children, fund for writing equivalency exams, marriage assistance, vocational training, barrier free project etc. Students with disability are admitted in various courses without discrimination; education and opportunities for sports and activities are provided equally with others. Lifts and ramps are arranged in campus buildings. Hostel facilities and Mess at free of cost are given to students with disabilities. Parking space is allotted exclusively for disabled persons.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	The Government have been implementing various programmes and schemes for empowering women and children. For the empowerment of women and children to ensure their rights, line departments implemented various schemes like financial assistance for self employment, assistive devices, marriage assistance, distribution of e-auto etc. Social Justice Department under Government of Kerala provides vidyajyothi, vidyakiranam schemes and scholarship for educational assistance, vocational training, assistive devices, inclusive education, barrier free environment, health insurance and ensure legal guardianship for the empowerment of disabled children. In Medical Colleges, Medical Boards are organised at regular intervals for issuing disability certificates. Provided equal opportunity for disabled girl studying in various colleges and Disabled children and women approaching the Medical Colleges hospitals for treatment enjoy their right equally with others without any discrimination.

5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Provides counselling, institutional and non institutional rehabilitation services, self employment schemes in collaboration with other departments and NGOs. Hostel facilities and Mess at free of cost are given to students with disabilities. Ramp and Lift facility have been provided. For ensuring priority to disabled persons, a separate queue system has been arranged in the Outpatient Department of hospitals under Medical Education Department, Government of Kerala.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	The State Government have taken all the measures to protect the persons with disabilities from torture, cruelty, inhuman or degrading treatment. If any offence has been reported as committed against person with disability, necessary instructions are given to the SHOs concerned to incorporate the relevant provisions of RPwD Act also in the FIR and such instances are also reported to State Commissioner for PwDs and District Collectors concerned for further action, if required. Moreover, priority has been given to the disabled persons in both outpatient and inpatient units of hospitals so as to avoid/minimize such inhuman/ degrading treatment towards the disabled persons.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	A project name 'PARIRAKSHA' is implemented for ensuring rights of person with disabilities. This scheme will ensure remedies to all emergencies by providing medical assistance, legal services, rehabilitation services etc. Awareness campaign/training programmes/ workshops conducted for the officials of Home Department and for all District Collectors from Government level in this regard. Regular sensitization and awareness programmes for the public and PwDs are being organised on the rights and entitlements of persons with disabilities by this Commissionerate also. Commissionerate also imparts training for Creating awareness among students, doctors, police officers and Government officers of various departments. Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Department of Various Medical Colleges are providing treatment which helps to rehabilitate disabled persons.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	For equal protection and safety in situation of risk, armed conflict, humanitarian emergency and natural disasters, Social Justice Department under Government is implementing a scheme viz, "Pariraksha" for ensuring right to Persons with Disabilities. The department in collaboration with Disaster Management Authority in all districts have taken appropriate measures for the protection of person with disabilities.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	State Commissionerate in consultation with Social Justice Department for the implementation of the relevant provisions in the RPwD Act, 2016.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala have taken measures to conduct awareness programs and campaigns with the help of other department to protect the reproductive rights of persons with disabilities. The department is implementing the scheme, viz, Mathrujyothi , as an assistance to PwD mothers to take care of their children upto 2 years. The various institutions under Health Department are providing treatment facilities to the disabled persons in reproductive health and family planning.

11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Commissionerate with the support of the Election Commission of India and the State Election Commission, "Braille ballots" were prepared and supplied to voters with visual impairment in all polling stations arranged in the General State Assembly Election 2021 and the election to the local bodies. Also ensured that all polling stations were accessible and all materials related to the electoral process were easily understandable to the voter with visual disabilities as directed u/s 11 of the RPwD Act 2016. Also provided ramp and transportation facility for physically disabled persons, as required
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Lok Adalats are being conducted with the Co-operation of the Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KeLSA) ensuring easy and meaningful redressal of the grievances of the persons with disabilities as directed u/s. 12 of the RPwD Act 2016.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	The concerned departments have taken necessary steps to ensure equal rights to inherit property, financial affairs and other forms of financial credit.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	The Social Justice Department under State Government has formulated effective terms and condition for appointment a Limited Guardian. As per circular no. B2/4/2022/SJD dated 03/05/2022, Government have approved the terms and conditions for securing Limited Guardianship.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	For the Community mobilization and social awareness, the Additional Director of Social Justice Department was appointed as the Nodal Officer

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs) Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	One batch of Vocational Higher Secondary course consists 30 seats and 30 students were admitted in a batch. In addition to this one seat reserved for student with disability. For each batch, these students were undergoing for a screening test and if they were able to perform the skill part of the course they were admitted to the course. 257 children with disability entrolled in general school during 21-22 from special Anganwadi Programme. 5% seats of the sanctioned strength were created over and above in govt/aided colleges by the universities for UG and PG courses for persons with disabilities. Those who required scribe for attending examinations were also allotted the same by the Universities/ Department of General Education. Government under Social Justice Department have implemented vidyakiranam, vidyayothi and scholarship for CWDs. Education Department has implemented inclusive Education at all level of School Education with the help of Special Teachers. Disabled students are admitted without any discrimination. Lifts and ramps are arranged in campus building. Hostel facilities and Mess at free of cost are provided to students with disabilities.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Social Justice Department has conducted the Scheme "Distance Education Programme" for Adult persons in the Disability Category and financial assistance was provided for the purpose. Disabled students were admitted for various professional courses without any discrimination so as to ensure their participation in Medical, Dental, Nursing and Paramedical education programmes.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Vocational training is being provided to PwDs through various VTC (Govt) Institutions & NGO under Athijeevanam Project. And also provide self employment loan through “Vikalanga Kshema Corporation and Department of Employment”
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Concerned Departments strictly follows the recruitment process and ensure recruitment of PWDs candidates in the quota reserved for them. 2677 supernumerary posts were created for Pwds, as per GO (P). No. 40/13/sjd dated 18.05.2013. For ensuring equality and non discrimination, Government have been implementing various schemes and programmes. Many disabled persons are working in the various institutions under State Government without any discrimination and these institutions are complying all Government rules in the case of posting and transfer of employees with disabilities.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	In association with Social Justice Department, identified various posts in which PWD candidates can be appointed. Action will be taken for conducting sensitizing awareness programming regarding the same. The Institutions under Various Government/Private Organisation are complying with the Govt policy of giving equal opportunity for PWDs.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Every establishment have taken measures to maintain records of the Persons with Disabilities in relation to the matter of Employment.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Vocational training is being provided to PwDs through various VTC (Govt) Institutions & NGO under Athijeevanam Project. And also provide self employment loan through “Vikalanga Kshema Corporation and Department of Employment”

ocial Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	State Government have been implementing various schemes and programmes for ensuring social security and health measures. Concerned departments also provide necessary assistance for the Social Security for the Disabled Persons. Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Department in various Medical Colleges under this Department are providing treatment facilities to the disabled ones by providing artificial limbs with the aid of Government.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Government has been implementing insurance Schemes such as Niramaya Scheme for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. State Government have provided Health Insurance Schemes to all disabled employees along with other employees through MEDISEP & other public persons through various health Insurance Schemes.

27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Government have been conducting various rehabilitation programmes for PwDs. Government have been ensuring rehabilitation of disabled children, adults, Women and Old age through govt run institutions (30 Government Institutions) and by providing fund to government approved NGOs. Departments also provide Financial Assistance to self employment and Vocational training for their non institutional rehabilitation. Physical Medical Rehabilitation Department in various Medical Colleges have undertaken rehabilitation measures.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	The State Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities has implemented the scheme, which aims to promote research and development activities in the realm of modern science and technology to improve Rehabilitation of the disabled persons. Earnest efforts has been taken to implement the scheme during 2022-23 Financial Year. 2. As part of research and development, government have been collecting individual details of all persons with disabilities in the state (individual care Plan). Further action in this regard to be taken on this after digitizing this data. State Board of Medical Research provides helps to the research programmes in the PMR Department.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Recreation activities were conducted for differently abled students. Government have been conducting recreational programmes for PwDs at District Level as part of World Disability Day Celebration. Action has been initiated for conduction “Kalolsavam” for PwDs. The various colleges under this Department have provided opportunities to all disabled persons in participating cultural and recreational activities being conducted in this institution. Award of artistic and literacy works by person with disabilities. The Commissionerate aims to bring differently abled persons into the mainstream of society with an aim to nurture and encourage their creative and literacy senses.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Government have implemented a new scheme “Shreshtam” for PwDs who shows excellence in the field of Arts and Sports. Different agencies and NGOs have conducted Sports meet for the disabled persons. Opportunities are given to disabled students for participating in sports activities being conducted in various institutions under his Department.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	On the strength of the provisions u/s 31 of the RPwD Act 2016, a recommendatory order was issued to the Government for ensuring that every child with benchmark disability between the age of six (6) to eighteen (18) years shall have the right to free education in a neighbourhood school, or in a special school of his/her choice. Therefore, all children with bench mark disability, who have passed SSLC examination got admission to “plus one” (higher secondary course) in their neighbourhood school of their choice. This achievement is considered as one of the great steps taken by the State Disability Commissionerate, as during yester years, getting admission to ‘plus one’ in a neighbourhood school for the children with bench mark disabilities was a herculean task for them.

32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	5% seats in all Government & Government aided Higher Education institutions are reserved for the persons with bench mark disabilities with an upper age relaxation of 5 years for admission to various higher education courses.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	As per G.O(P)No. 12/2019/SJD dated 31/10/2019,4% reservation for PwDs was implemented in the state. For getting the reservation to the PwDs ,appropriate orders shall be issued identifying the suitable post of different categories of PwDs . The draft of identified posts for reservation has been considered by the expert committee. Government have issued orders for reservation in promotion. An expert committee constituted under the chair of social justice principal Secretary for identification of posts suitable for PwDs .Steps have to be taken for the periodic review of expert committee so as to for evaluating the posts for PwDs. Director of social justice is the Chairman of the monitoring committee for identifying the posts for PwDs and Convenor of expert committee. The draft of posts identified by the monitoring committee has been considered by the expert committee.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	As per GO9P)No.12/2019/SJD dated 31/10/2019, 4% reservation for PWDs was implemented in the state Government as per GO(MS) No. 111/2022/G.EDN dated ,25/06/2022 has ordered to reserve 4% vacancies for differently abled including backlog vacancies from 07/02/1996 to 07/11/2021 the appointment made from 08/11/2021. The aided management institutions are also directed to keep 3% reservation from 07/02/1996 to 18/04/2017 onwards. All the appointments in the aided management institutions are in stand still consequent on the stay imposed by the High Court of kerala in WP(C) No. 8090/2022(1)
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs	The method is being examined in consultation with various Government establishment and private organizations.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Vacancies in various posts have been reported to the competent authority (PSC & Employment exchange) on time. Special attention has been given for the timely reporting of vacancies in the posts earmarked for disabled persons.
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	Proposal submitted to Government and the matter is under consideration of Government . Priority has been given to the disabled ones in allotting quarters and hostels.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	MEDICAL Boards were organized at regular intervals for issuing disability certificates. Social Justice Department , Government of Kerala has been implementing a scheme in the same 'SWASRAYA' for empowering persons with disabilities with high support especially for mentally challenged children. After completing individual care plan preparation of persons with disabilities proposal will be submitted to Government to appoint designated authority for receiving applications in this regards.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Actions will be taken up for conducting sensitizing awareness programmes for the public. The institutions under this Department have organized awareness programmes on special days like international day of persons with disabilities, autism awareness day. World deaf and dumb day etc.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	Accessible India Campaign and barrier free Kerala project has been implemented in the state to ensure the standards of accessibility of PWDs. Social Justice Department under Government of Kerala has constituted a barrier free consultancy cell to monitor and give technical support to the above projects.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	Under the barrier free Kerala project, the Department have sanctioned 6307000/- to make the roads around the collectorate to disabled friendly in Ernakulam. In the financial year 2019-20 1,95,60,000/- has been sanctioned to the road division of public works department for making the footpath barrier free in Palakkad civil station. The said works are progressing in the districts. Additional Director of Department of Social Justice Nodal Officer of Accessible India Campaign. In the institutional vehicles, seats are reserved for disabled persons. The Department public works has given priority in the construction of road works as special emphasis with the rights of Persons with Disabilities. Footpaths, Kerb ramps, Hand rails, Pedestrian crossing , Sign Board are provided in the roads for the welfare of handicapped persons.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	Barrier free campus is the main project of collegiate education Department for the facilities constructed for differently abled students. Wheel Chairs, Ramp, Differently Abled friendly toilets. Sign boards, lift etc are being arranged in colleges by their demands and proposals. Action are being taken to include lifts in newly constructing buildings. (detailed proforma is enclosed) Rupees 33,12,650 has been spent for distribution of electronic wheel chair ,CP wheel chair, laptop, smartphones & artificial limbs for PwDs in the State .

		15 lakhs from the state fund has been sanctioned to its mission for the financial year 2019-20 to make the government websites of the state disability friendly. As part of the first phase of the project, 42 websites have been made disability friendly by C-DIT, Keltron, NIC and IT Mission. LED projectors and other smart devices are being used in the teaching process.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Department in cooperation with LSGDs concerned has been providing various products highly beneficial to PWDs. Department is also implementing the scheme “ Assistive Device Distribution” to PWDs.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Each building constructed in Kerala should comply with KMBR rules. As per KMBR rules, ramps, parking space , and lift for buildings more than 1000 Sq.mtrs should be provided for PWDs. State Government has constituted a barrier free monitoring and evaluation consultancy cell, as per order Go. (Ms) no. 688/2020/swd dated 03-12-2020 for ensuring implementation of the provisions of this section.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	Steps have been taken by various department to make public buildings in the state disability – friendly by including them in the A/C scheme of the central government and the barrier free Kerala scheme. Accessible India Campaign project phase I under the Disability Rights Act, 2016, the act comes into force and provides for the disability -friendly use of public spaces within a period of five years. A proposal has been submitted to Government to request Gol to grant extension of 2 more years for ensuring accessibility of public spaces. All new buildings of various institutions under this Department are being constructed PWDs friendly.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Steps are being taken to comply and executing all the rules formulated for persons with disabilities under section 40.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	As part of Human resource development, the Department has been conducting various capacity building Programme, quality improving sessions etc.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Action has been initiated to conduct social audit of Government run institutions .

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Competent Authority has been designated for the Registration of Institutions & the Joint Director of Social Justice Department is the Competent Authority of Registration under RPwD Act.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Appellate Authority is also notified as per the provisions of RPwD Act 2016 and RPwD Kerala Rules 2020. Registration has already been issued to 215 institutions. Financial Assistance has been provided by various departments for registered institutions.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Government has constituted state Advisory Board on Disability as per GO(P) No. 2/2017/SJD, DT: 26/01/2018.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	Action has been initiated for constituting District Level Committee on Disability.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p>	<p>Yes, Independent Charge, Full time member, Sri. S.H. Panchapakesan, State Commissioner & Ex-officio Secretary to Government for Persons with Disabilities, Thiruvananthapuram. Anjaneya, T.C.-9/1023(1), Ground Floor, Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram-695010. Mobile No: 9496325838 Contact No: 0471-27320977</p> <p>ii) Government has constituted State Advisory Board on Dyability as per GO (P) No. 2/2018/SJD, Dtl: 26.01.2018.</p> <p>iii) Administrative Officer – 1 Deputy Secretary – 1 Finance Officer – 1 Clerk – 5 Clerk Cum Typist – 3 Confidential Assistant – 1 Office Attendant – 1 Driver – 1 Rental Building</p> <p>iv) Nil</p> <p>v) Owing to covid-19 Pandemic the inspection could not be conduct the inspection during the current year. Not Applicable</p> <p>vi) 2019 – 20 2020-21- During the year 2020-21, a total no of 2558 cases are combined in the Lok Adalath</p> <p>30</p> <p>2558</p> <p>2561</p> <p>956</p>

	e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received: f) Number of cases pending: g) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial year and its laying before the State Legislature Year Statue of Preparation : Laying it before State Legislature	Owing to covid – 19 pandemic, the Annual Report could not be submitted to State Government since 2018. Not applicable Not applicable
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	The Courts has been designated in the State of Kerala (i.e., for 14 District, 14 Courts)
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Already appointed.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	The initial steps have already taken for the constitution of State fund for the PWDs.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	Nil
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act- Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	Nil

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Yes, per GO (P) No. 3/2020/SJD/Dated 28.03.2020.

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Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Yes
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Yes
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Yes
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Yes
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Yes
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Yes
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	No
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Yes
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Yes
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Yes
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	Yes
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Yes
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Yes

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs)	In this UT conduct no any National Programs for comprehensive Rehabilitation of Children with Disabilities. However, three day care centres are running at Kavaratti,
17	Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	Andrott & Kadamatt Islands for the age group of Six to Sixteen years old in different kind of disability children at 10.am to 3 pm except Fridays. Furthermore the department of SWTA conduct the Islands level programme (Smart Utsav) for Disabled Community to increase their skills and other abilities in the field.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Yes

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	The matter to be examined with ITI Principal, Kavaratti for taking necessary action The UT Administration has to provide financial support in their livelihood activities with the help of Kadhi Board.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Yes.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	The Department of SWTA already notified the Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs and it has been distributed to all the departments. The SWTA department issue the Circular vide letter no. dated 23.10.2018 to all the HoDs are requested to notify the equal opportunity policy in their respective department.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	The SWTA Department issue of the Circulars with the approval of the Secretary (SWTA), vide letter no. dated 25.09.2018 to all departments/establishments/Institutions under the Lakshadweep Administration are to appoint a Nodal Officer in their respective establishments. Besides, all DCs/SDOs also designated as Grievance Redressal Officer in their respective Islands in the matters of PwDs.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	The SWTA Department issue of the Circulars with the approval of the Secretary (SWTA), vide letter No.14/11/2018-SWTA/704 Dated 25/9/2018, all Departments/ Establishments/ Institutions under the Lakshadweep Administration are to appoint a Nodal Officer in their respective establishments. Besides, all DCs/SDOs also designated as Grievance Redressal Officer in their respective Islands in the matter of PwDs.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	The Lakshadweep Govt has almost implements the RPwD Act 2016 regarding Social Security measures for Persons with Disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The U.T. of Lakshadweep Administration has already provided disability pension to all categories of Divyangjan persons except PwDs Govt. employees. The department of Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs has conducted "SMART UTSAV" for PwDs from 2019 to uplift the confidence in their to deal with physical and emotional difficulties. And last could not conducted due to Covid-19 pandemic. The UT Administration has designated the Hon'ble Court of District and Sessions at Kavaratti as the Special Court and also designated the Public Prosecutor of the UT administration as the special public prosecutor vide letter no dated 31.10.2019 with the approval of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. The Department has also appointed Nodal Officer to see the grievance of PwDs in all the department under the UT Administration. The UT Administration are given all kinds of treatment for free in all Islands in their PHC/CHCs. There is also good support from the public side.

26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	The UTLA has already distributed the Health Insurance cards for all persons. But employee are not eligible in this schemes.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	At present there is no full time care rehabilitation centre in the UT. Moreover three day care centres are running in the Kavaratti, Andrott & Kadmat Islands for the age group of six to sixteen years old in different kind of disability children at 10 am to 3 pm except Friday.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	At present there is no research and rehabilitation in this tiniest UT. The State only dependence upon maintained.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	The SWTA department international disability day with various activities. Further more the department of SWTA conduct the Island level programme (SMART UTSAV) for disabled community to increase their skills and other abilities in the field.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Department of Sports and Youth Affairs of Lakshadweep is taking care of Divyangjan also sports field.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Yes
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	Yes
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Yes
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	The UT Administration issued the notification for increasing the reservation quota from 3% to 4%.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs	The direction already passed to concerned department to 5% reservation in contract appointment of all developmental schemes.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Yes

37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	Yes
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Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	Yes

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Yes
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	Yes
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	Yes
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	No
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Yes
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Yes
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	Yes
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Yes
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Yes
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Yes

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Yes
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Yes

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Yes, the U.T Administration has already been constituted the State Advisory Board on PwDs in the approval of Hon'ble Administrator. The first meeting was held on 24th December 2019.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	Yes. In this UT having only one District. So need shall constitute for District Level Committee.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whatsapp No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summary for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p>	<p>At present there is no Independent State Commissioner in this UT. The Director SWTA is holding additional charge of the State Commissioner of Divyangjan. Shri Tanvir Ahmed Office of the State Commissioner for PwDs. UT of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti. 682555. Email ID: lk-dsrv@nic.in</p> <p>ii) This tiniest UT's has submitted a proposal for sanction of 11 Nos of various posts for Strengthening of office of State Commissioner for Disabilities vide this Administration's letter No. 14/3/2015-SWTA dated 22/4/2016 and subsequent reminders dated 29/11/2016, 7/2/2017, 8/9/2017, 26/2/2018 and 17/9/2018 has not been materialized so far.</p> <p>iii) Nil</p> <p>iv) The department is releasing GIA to NGOs during 2021-2022 an amount of Rs. 2.00 Lakhs sanctioned to Lakshadweep differently abled Welfare Association.</p> <p>v) Yes.</p> <p>vi) The Department has initiated all effort to implementing RPwDs Act, 2016 in its right way.</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	The UT Administration has designated the Hon'ble Court of District and Sessions at Kavaratti as the Special Court for speedy trial for their case vide letter F.No. 14/8/2018 with the approval of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	The UT Administration has designated the Hon'ble Court of District and Sessions at Kavaratti to designate the Public Prosecutor of the Lakshadweep Administration as the Special Public Prosecutor vide letter F.No. 14/8/2018 dated 31/10/2019 with the approval of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Most of the funds in the Social Welfare Department are allocated for the empowerment of Divyangjan. However, proposal to create State fund for Divyangians being initiated.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act – Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	Yes
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	Yes

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	In terms of Section 101 of the Act the UT Administration has already framed and published the Rules for RPwDs the vide notification F.No.27 13/2017 -SWTA dated 22/12/2017 and Published Rules for RPwDs Act, 2016, in Lakshadweep Gazette.

9.19 MADHYA PRADESH**Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Instructions are given to all the department of the State by letter number 142, dated 22.0.2018 to take the necessary actions as per the RPWD Act, 2016.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Instructions are given to concern department (women and children development) by letter no. 319, dated 28.08.2018 to take the necessary actions as per the RPWD Act , 2016.

5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Instructions are given to all the departments of the state by letter no. 1432, dated 22.03.2018 to take the necessary actions as per the RPWD Act, 2016.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	As per the instructions given by Letter no 139, dated 13.08.2018, Police department has issues necessary instructions to different sections under Police department to take the necessary actions as per the RPwD Act 2016. For effective implementation of this section of the Act Revenue Department have issues necessary instructions to all the commissioners and Collectors of the State via letter number 8658, dated 20.12.2018 For effective implementation of this section of the Act Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has formed a research committee via order number F -7/2017/26-2, dated 23.04.2018.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	As per the instructions given by Letter no 139, dated 13.08.2018, Police Department has issues necessary instructions to different sections under Police department to take the necessary actions as per the RPwD Act 2016.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	During Covid 19, letter number 1627, dated 19 April 2021, was issued to ensure compliance of the National Disaster Management Comprehensive Disability Inclusive Guidelines for the safety and security of persons with disabilities.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	-----
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Instructions are given to all the departments of the State by letter no. 142, dated 22.03.2018 to take the necessary actions as per the RPwD Act 2016.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has issues instructions to all Collectors of the State via order number f-2/2018/1201/26-2, dated 27.08.2018. For effective implementation of this section of the Act Chief Election Commissioner has issues necessary instructions to all the concern departments of the State via order number 10934, dated 7.9.2018. For effective implementation of this section of the Act all the necessary facilities were provided by State government
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has issues instructions to all Collectors of the State via order number f-2/2018/1201/26-2, dated 27.08.2018. For effective implementation of this section of the Act Chief Election Commissioner has issues necessary instructions to all the concern departments of the State via order number 10934, dated 7.9.2018. For effective implementation of this section of the Act all the necessary facilities were provided by State government

13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department have issued necessary instruction to all Districts Collector of the State via letter number 314, dated 20.02.2018.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	do-
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has appointed Nodal Officer for disseminating collective participation , social awareness and legal right amongst PWDs via order dated 10.04.2018.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities (CWDs). Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for the purpose of Section 16	1. For effective implementating of this section of the Act School Education Department has issues necessary instructions to all districts Collectors of the state via letter number 6120, dated 22.09.2018. 2. For effective implementating of this section of the Act Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan has appointed "District Education Officer" as a nodel officer via order number 1829, dated 3.11.2018. 3. For effective implementating of this section of the Act School Education Department has issues necessary instructions to all Districts Collectors of the state via letter number 6120, dated 22.09.2018.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has issued necessary instructions to School Education Department via letter number 1528-162, dated 22.11.2018.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	For effective implementating of this section of the Act Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has issued necessary instructions to School Education Department via letter number 1532-162, dated 22.11.2018.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act Revenue Department have issues necessary instructions to all the Commissioners and Collectors of the State via letter number 8658, dated 20.12.2018. For effective implementation of this section of the Act necessary instructions were issue to all the Departments via letter number 142, dated 22.03.2018.a research committee via order number F- 7/2017/26-2, dated 23.04.2018.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	-do-
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	-do-

23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act Law department, Jan Abhiyan Parishad, Statistical Department, Social Justice Department, Parliamentary Affairs Departments, Tribal Department, Measurement Units Standards and Services, Power Generating Company Limited, Chief Engineer Technical, Institutional Finance Department etc has appointed Redressal Officer in their respective department.
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Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act different schemes are running successful by the Department. For effective implementation of this section of the Act Revenue Department have issues necessary instructions to all the Commissioners and Collectors of the State via letter number 8658, dated 20.12.2018. To provide Unemployment case letter has been sent to concern department via no. 1532-162 dated 22.11.2018. Report of Actions taken by the concern department for effective implementation of this section of the Act is sent to Social Justice Department via letter number 739, dated 05.05.2018
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Instructions are given to HOD's of all the departments of the State by letter no. 323, dated 28.08.2018 to take the necessary actions in this subject as per the RPwD Act, 2016 and also several group schemes are running for person with disabilities.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	In ordinance for this section of the Act, All the districts have Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Centres, we have 20 government centers, 37 NGO's running from Budget, 26 NGO's running from (Nirashit Nidhi), 30 NGO's running from Central grant, 37 Institutes running from by ones own resources . Different schemes like Mukhya Mantri Aarthiksahayta Yojana, Swarojgaar Yojana are running for effective implementation of this section of the Act, also report of work done by Panchayat Gramin Vikas is given via letter no. 7263, dated 29.09.2018.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Instructions are given to all the departments of the State by letter no. 142, dated 22.03.2018 to take the necessary actions as per the RPwD Act, 2016.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Report of action taken by concern department is given via letter no. 2165, dated 07.09.2018.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Instructions are given to Sports and Youth Welfare Department via letter number 226, dated 04.07.2018 to take necessary actions in this specific subject according to the provisions of RPwD Act, 2016 for effective implementation of this section of the Act.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act necessary instructions are given by Rajya Shiksha Kendra to all District Collectors via letter no. 6120, dated 22.09.2018. For effective implementation of this section of the Act necessary actions are taken by General Administrative Department via orders dated 03.07.2018.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act State has reserved 5 percent seats for person with disabilities.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act necessary actions were taken by concern departments and the notification was released, details of the notification are as follows - 1. Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department notification dated 09.10.2018. 2. Education Department notification dated 28.04.2018 3. Aayush Department notification dated 17.06.2019 4. Labour Department notification dated 10.01.2019 5. Law and Order Department notification dated 26.07.2019 6. General Administration Department notification dated 01.06.2019 7. Planning and Strategy Department notification dated 22.07.2019 8. Revenue Department notification dated 26.07.2019 9. Public Relation Department notification dated 22.07.2019 10. Technical, Skill Development and Employment Department notification dated 26.07.2019 11. Forest Department notification dated 26.07.2019 12. Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development notification dated 26.07.2019 13. Environmental Development notification dated 28.12.2018 14. Cooperative Department notification dated 22.07.2019 15. Energy Department notification dated 14.10.2019 16. Panchayat and Rural Development Department notification dated 14.10.2019 17. Urban Administration and Development Department notification dated 14.10.2019 18. Department of Commercial Tax notification dated 20.10.2019 19. Department of Industry Policy and Investment Promotion notification dated 20.12.2019 20. Department of Health and Family Welfare notification dated 20.12.2019 21. Department of Food and Civil Supplies notification dated 20.12.2019 22. Public Health Engineering Department notification dated 20.12.2019 Further to this a reminder via letter number 149, dated 11.5.2020 has also been circulated to all the departments of the state to take the needful information as soon as possible.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs.	Madhya Pradesh Government General Administration Department Reservation Cell's order number F8/4/2001/Ap/A (Part), dated 01/06/2022 there is a reservation of 6 percent for Divyangjan in short recruitment.

	i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Necessary actions have been taken in this specific subject and Industrial Department have created a policy regarding this specific subject via order number f 16-18/2018/a/11, dated 28.08.2018.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Instructions are given to departments, of the State by Letter no. f/8/4/2001/a.pra.1/(part) dated 03.07.2018 to take the necessary required actions in this subject as per the RPwD Act 2016, and letter send to jan shakti niyojan on No.1529-162, Dated 22.11.2018
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	Instructions are given to HOD's of all the departments of the State by Letter no. 323, dated 28.08.2018 to take the necessary actions in this subject as per the RPwD Act, 2016. 2. For effective implementation of this section of the Act Revenue Department have issues necessary instructions to all the Commissioners and Collectors of the State via letter number 8658, dated 20.12.2018.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide PwDs with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	For effective implimentating of this section of the act rectified rules has came into force on 20.10.2018.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	State level workshop, divisional level workshop in collaboration with various NGO's was organized and awareness camps are been organized.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	State level workshop, divisional level workshop in collaboration with various NGO's was organized and awareness camps are been organized.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	In ordinance for effective implementating of this section of the Act concession of 50 percent to person with disabilities is given by transportation department.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	In ordinance for effective implementation of this section of the Act 28 websites are already made accessible to person with disabilities.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	MPMSME Department have taken necessary actions in this specific subject and created a new revised scheme via order number 216, dated 04.07.2018
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	In ordinance for effective implementating of this section of the Act it is made mandatory that all the public buildings has to be barrier free for person with disabilities.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	For effective implementation of this section of the Act Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has written letter no. 1526, dated 22.11.2018 to concern department to take necessary actions . We already have made 60413 district level building barrier free.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	For effective implementating of this section of the Act Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department has written letter no. 1526, dated 22.11.2018 to concern department to take necessary actions . We already have made 60413 district level building barrier free.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	In ordinance for effective implementation of this section of the Act various RCI registered courses are run by NGO's
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	In ordinance for effective implementation of this section of the Act various schemes are running at district level and regularly social audit is processed by AGMP department.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Instruction issued dated 12.11.2018
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	In ordinance for effective implementation of this section of the Act, Instructions issued on dated 12.11.2018 & Instructions given to all district Collector, CEO, Joint /Deputy Director Social Justice & Disabled persons regarding Registration of institution on dated 07.04.2018.

		No actions has to be taken. In ordinance for effective implementation of this section of the Act 38 Ngo's are receiving 100 percent grant from State Government , 26 other Ngo's and 27 Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Centres are receiving grants from Nirashit Nidhi fund.
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State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	In ordinance for effective implementating of this section of the Act State Advisory Board has been consituted on dated 19.04.2018
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	In ordinance for effective implementating of this section of the Act District-Level Committee on disability is already formed.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p>	<p>Shri Sandeep Rajak Commissioner Disability Madhya Pradesh, Community Hall, New Market, T.T.Nagar, Bhopal. Mobile Number 9425139344 Office Telephone Number, 0755-2773008 Email: comm-pwds@mp.gov.in</p> <p>No</p> <p>Shri Sandeep Razak, Commissioiner Shri Sunil Sharma, Assistant Director Smt. Bharti Pantawne, Assistant Shri Bhagwan Das Raikwar, Kumari Karuna Nashine Shri Deepak Madhake Shri Ashok Sawarkar Shri Mangleshwar Adyalkar</p> <p>In ordinance for effective implementating of this section of the Act 37 NGO's are receiving 100 percent grant from state government, 26 other NGO's and 27 Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Centres are receiving grants from nirashit nidhi fund .</p> <p>Year 2019-20 Number of total inspections-76 Year 2020-21 Number of total inspections-27 Year 2020-21 Number of total inspections-15</p> <p>—</p>

a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:	04
b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):	225 99
c) Total number of cases:	
d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:	126
e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
f) Number of cases pending:	
gi) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature: Year :- Status of Preparation:- laying it before State Legislature:	2021-22 is in process

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	As per the section 84 of the Act Special Courts has already notified M.P. State Law & Legislative Affairs Department has appointed by notification no. 12(E)47/2017/21-B(i) 4896/2017 dated 08/12/2017 Special Public Prosecutor , by Deputy Director General/ District Prosecution Officer / Internal District Prosecution Officer in every session for the conduct of pitch cases and Law Department has issued a order dated 07.09.2018 for appointment of Special Public Prosecuter.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	YES

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	State fund with Rs 25 crores has also been constituted for welfare and rehabilitation of PWDs via order number 4-7/2017/26-2 dated 20.04.2018

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lacks.	---
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lack.	----

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	YES, Rules have been enacted dated 25 January 2018.

10.21 MAHARASHTRA

NOT SUBMIT

10.22 MANIPUR:

Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Necessary steps are taking up.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Necessary steps are being taken.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Necessary steps are being taken.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Necessary steps are being taken.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Yes
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk from armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	No Information
9.	Steps taken to ensure implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from his/her parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Yes
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Yes
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Yes
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Necessary steps are taking up by Manipur Legal Services Authority.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	No information
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of implementation.	No
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Necessary steps are taking up.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusion Education to CWD's.	Necessary action are taken up by Education Department, Special teacher have been appointed.

18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes to ensure equality with others.	No information submitted by concerned.
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Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	State Govt. has introduced a scheme for “Self Employment Loan with Subsidy to the Persons with Disabilities along with Skill Training” on 3rd December, 2017.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	State Govt. has taken necessary steps.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/ Private) notifies Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Not yet.
22	Measures taken to ensure records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	No Information
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filing complaints with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	State Commissioner (Disability) advised to all Govt. Establishments to appoint Grievance Redressal Officer. No Grievance Redressal Officer for PwD approach to State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	State Govt. is implementing the following schemes: 1. Unemployment Allowance to the educated unemployed PwDs 2. Marriage Incentive Award. 3. Care Giver Allowance to the PwDs with high support needs. 4. Scholarship to the students with disabilities. 5. Free Travel & Concession to PwDs 6. Self Employment Loan with subsidy to the persons with disabilities along with skill training.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Not yet
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Necessary steps are taking up.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Not yet.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	State Govt. Art & Culture Department is providing funds to the organizations for the purpose.

30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	State Govt. in association with other organizations working in the field of disabilities organized Annual Sports Meet, training sessions etc for persons with disabilities.
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Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	State Govt. is providing free education.
32	Government Higher Educational Institutions to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	3% is prevailing. State Govt. is yet to notify for 5% seats for PwDs.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute an expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified posts not later than every 3 years.	Necessary steps are taking up by the State Govt. Under process as yet.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	3% is prevailing. The State Govt. is yet to notify 4% reservation of the PwDs.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Nil
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Yes furnished the information from time to time.
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark disabilities for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	(i) Not yet. State Govt. notified not less than 5% reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes with priority to women with benchmark disabilities vide letter dt. 26th July, 2017. State Govt. notified preferential allotment of land in favour of persons with disabilities at concessional rate vide OM. Dated 8th March, 2007.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high supportive devices. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high supportive devices.	C.M.O (UDID) of the deferent district & High support need Care giver & Maintainers allowance provided by the govt. of Manipur

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	State Govt. is conducting awareness camps from time to time.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	State Govt. notified "Imphal Municipal Council Building Bye Laws, 2013 wherein Standards of accessibility for PwDs are laid down for all private and public buildings.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate easy accessibility of transportation services for PwDs.	Necessary steps to be taken up.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	State Govt. is yet to formulate suitable schemes.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Necessary steps to be taken up.
44	Establishment mandatorily to adhere to building norms and ensure that building designs is friendly for PwDs.	State Govt. notified "Imphal Municipal Council Building Bye Laws, 2013 wherein Standards of accessibility for PwDs are laid down for all private and public buildings.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	50 Public Buildings are to be made accessible for PwDs under Accessible India Campaign.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	--
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Necessary steps shall be taken up as soon as possible.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Necessary steps to be taken up.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Appointed Director, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Manipur as competent authority.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Total 180 institutions registration and 19 are Grant of Financial Assistance.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Constituted vide Govt. orders No. 10/11/2017- S(SW) dt. 1st Sept, 2018.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	4(four) Districts have constituted District Level Committee.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016, so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per Section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act, 2016, during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before the State Commissioner.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed off with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p>	<p>Shri Th. Dilipkumar Singh Independent Charge Department of Social Welfare Complex, 2nd MR, Gate: 6009576043 Email: scpdmanipur@gmail.com Necessary steps to be taken up.</p> <p>LDC (1 No.) Driver (1 No.) Grade-IV (1 No.) IV. NIL</p> <p>V. Year 2017-18: 09(Nine) Year 2018-19: 11 (Eleven) Year 2019-20: 12 (Twelve) Year 2021-22: 20 (Twenty)</p> <p>---</p> <p>(a) 03 (b) 03 (c) 03 (d) 03 (e) 2 (f) 1 (one)</p>

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial, State Government shall specify for each district a Sessions Court to work as a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Necessary steps to be taken up.

85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Not yet.
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State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Not yet

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	Nil
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act, Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	Nil

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD Rules for carrying the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Notified vide Notification dated 20th June 2020.

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Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality, non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	The State Government has taken action on various provisions of the Act viz. 4% Reservation of posts for PwDs, 5% Reservation in Higher Education, Constitution of Expert Committee, etc. Under Social Welfare Department various schemes was implemented for the welfare and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities viz. Educational scholarship, Pension scheme, Unemployment Scheme Allowance, Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations, Assistance to Physically disabilities for Vocational Training/Self employment & Token relief Grant.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	The commission have registered all cases related to violation of Women rights and the nature of cases varies from domestic violence desertion, sexual harassment to general complaint including property rights of women. Two hearings are being conducted regularly in a month and also conduct emergency hearings if required to settle these cases. 2. The Commission also coordinate as with the one stop centres including protection officers and police to ensure women safety and is able to access their services. 3. Complex cases are forwarded to District Legal Services Authority and the commission follow, upon these cases and if required necessary follow up is done. 4. Monitoring of implementation of safe guards for women. 1. Awareness programmes, capacity building, training, campaigns time to time on legal and constitutional rights of women in the state.

		<p>Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Teaching them developmental task at the initial stage ii) Occupational therapy iii) Grain sorting for better concentration level iv) Group activities like art and craft, gardening, indoor and outdoor games, etc. v) Music Therapy vi) Yoga, Zumba and Meditation.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	<p>Under Accessible India Campaign identified Govt. buildings are being made accessible to Persons with Disabilities and some of the buildings are in a stage of completion, in respect of retrofitting & modification of all identified Government buildings with the purpose to make them Barrier Free/ Accessible for persons with disabilities all over the State. The Office of the Chief Engineer P.W.D. (Buildings) and Health Engineering Wing and Water Resources are the Implementing Agencies.</p> <p>2. Under the State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs, the following services are being provided for the benefit of persons with disabilities: Door step deliveries of UDID cards to persons with disabilities with the help of Multipurpose Rehabilitation Workers and Community Based Rehabilitation Workers.</p> <p>Community support of Multi-purpose Rehabilitation Workers & Community Base Rehabilitation Workers.</p> <p>Rehabilitation services and distribution of Aids/Appliances.</p> <p>NGOs are also funded for the services through Social Welfare Department.</p>
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	<p>As and when cases arise.</p> <p>The State Government has notified the Committee for research on Persons with Disabilities for the purpose of granting permission for research on any persons with disabilities vide Notification No.SW(S)9/2017/231, Dt. 30.07.2018.</p>
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	<p>Awareness and sensitization of the public and stakeholder to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation were held in different districts.</p> <p>Police Department takes up cognizance of offences under Section 7(a) of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 whenever the complaints are filed.</p> <p>The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, Shillong take steps to ensure that Persons with Disabilities are being provided with the right to protect against any abuse, violence and exploitation without discrimination on the basis of disability.</p> <p>The District Legal Services Authorities take steps in organizing awareness programmes to make them aware of their rights & entitlements and to know the availability of the resource mechanism and to know how to access these mechanisms even in rural communities. The District Legal Services Authorities also take steps in creating awareness programme on Disabilities for the inmates in Jails.</p> <p>The Social Welfare Department has set up One Stop Centre in all 11 (eleven) districts for any domestic violence.</p> <p>Several Organizations apart from the Government departments have also taken up series of issues for protection from abuse, violence and exploitation.</p>

8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk during armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	<p>Issues related to Rights of Persons with Disabilities have been incorporated in chapter 15 of the State Disaster Management Plan 2016.</p> <p>State level workshop on Rights of Persons with Disabilities has been conducted for officials from related departments and Non-Government Organizations.</p> <p>Training by the District Disaster Management Authority had been conducted. Awareness and sensitization programmes were also conducted in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority in districts on regular interval so that persons with disabilities and other agencies involved are aware and sensitized on the subject matter.</p>
9.	Steps taken to ensure implementation of the provisions that no child with disabilities is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	<p>As far as the implementation of the departments, schemes/ programmes concerning children, the integrated child protection scheme now known as mission vatsalaya ensures the survival, protection and development of children through various programmes. The child welfare committees constituted in all the 11 districts have been empowered to look after the welfare of children in need of care and protection which may also include children with disability who are in need of care and protection. The CWC has the mandate to pass necessary orders in the best interest of the child which may also include children with disability.</p>
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	<p>The State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs has taken the initiative to enroll the ground functionaries in the community based inclusive development programme in shilling. Under CBID program, certain sections in reproductive health & family planning are being oriented to the participants and our ground workers are educating the persons with disabilities and families at each block.</p>
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	<p>The Election Commission of India launched “ Accessible Election” during the Elections to the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly , 2018 and in keeping with the spirit of the ECI, the following arrangement for persons with disabilities were also made available in subsequent Lok Sabha Elections 2019 and other Bye Elections in 2019.</p> <p>All Polling Stations were made accessible with provision of ramps and wheelchairs were made available on demand for locomotor persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Braille EPIC Cards, Braille Dummy Ballot papers for the ease of visually impaired voters in all 3167 Polling Stations of the states was introduced.</p> <p>Magnifiers, magnifying glass were also made available in all above Polling Stations.</p> <p>Proactive steps were taken to ensure extensive and hands on Training for all Booth Level Officers (BLOs) & Polling Officials in all 11(eleven) Districts on Accessible Elections in general, and on sign language in particular, in collaboration with the Meghalaya Deaf Association (MDA)</p> <p>PwD centric Sign Language creatives and audio- visual materials were also extensively deployed and creatively used to motivate persons with disabilities which were widely shared on Social media, Local TV Channels and FM Stations.</p> <p>In the enrolment drives , all eligible PwDs were mapped , which resulted in highest ever focus , participation and enrolment of PwDs, amounting to 4686 total PwDs enrolled, with 2540 male and 2146 female .</p>

		<p>For the very first time, in the State's Electoral history, enthusiastic Poll Volunteers from amongst future voters were drawn from amongst the state's Leading Youth Organisations, Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides, NYK & NSS were actively trained and successfully and widely deployed to assist and facilitate PwDs electoral participation and to ensure priority PwD voting under the campaign # GoAssist</p> <p>In collaboration with NIC & Commissioner of Disabilities, a Unique Meghalaya Sign Bank App was developed , which incorporated 114 Election terms accompanied with short instructional videos, in sign language for sensitizing and training BLO's & Polling Officials with a view to facilitate and maximize electoral participation of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Election Department ensures that all persons with disabilities are inclusive in the election process.</p>
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	<p>The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has taken steps to ensure that persons with disabilities are being provided with the right to access any Court, Tribunal or Authority by way of conducting awareness programme.</p> <p>Notification of a session court to be a Special Court in all Districts and appointment of Special Public Prosecutor are in place.</p>
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	<p>The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has taken steps in providing legal services to any persons including persons with disabilities by setting up of Legal Care and Support Centers at the village level and blocks manned by the para Legal Volunteers for the benefit of such persons.</p> <p>Further, if any such kind of issues arises in any district, the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority/ District Legal Services Authority provides legal aid/ services with the help of the Panel Lawyers.</p>
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	<p>The State Government has notified the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as the designated authority to provide support of a limited guardian to take legally binding decision vide No.SW(S)9/2017/Pt/141 Dt 22.09.2017</p>
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	<p>The State Government has notified the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as the 'Authority' to mobilize the community and create social awareness to support persons with disabilities in exercise of their legal capacity vide letter No. SW (S) 9/2017/452 Dt.11/08/2020. The District offices of the Department of Social Welfare are incharge of Disability affairs and organise camps/Awareness programme at the District level</p>

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	<p>Steps taken towards Inclusion Education to CWD's.</p> <p>Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16</p>	<p>Progress made in inclusive education (IE) 2021-22</p> <p>609 students with disabilities enrolled at Pre-primary level, 3112 students with disabilities at elementary level and 474 students with disabilities at the secondary level (UDISE)</p> <p>668 CWSN covered through HBE</p> <p>1569 CWSN covered under SRP</p> <p>312 out of School CWSN covered through Gap analysis programme</p> <p>451 numbers of IEPs has been developed by the Block resource persons (IE)</p>

		<p>200 general Teachers attended the 1 day Orientation Programme on schemes for Person with disabilities, organized by NIEPED, Secunderabad at East Khasi Hills and West Jaintia Hills.</p> <p>508 parents and guardians were oriented by NIEPID on the use of TLM Kits.</p> <p>80 Principles, HM and teachers were oriented on the 21 types of disabilities as per RPwD Act, 2016</p> <p>Schemes for PwDs and mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline 'KIRAN' by NIEPID Secunderabad.</p> <p>250 students were oriented on inclusive education, mental health rehabilitation helpline 'KIRAN', schemes for PwDs and peer Sensitation by NIEPID, Secunderabad</p> <p>600 Principles, Head Master/ Headmistress, Education Administrators, Teachers and Personnel on IE were oriented on Board Accommodation and various guidelines issued Meghalaya Board of School Education in compliance with the RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <p>500 Principles Education Administrators, parents/ guardians etc were oriented on inclusive education, entitlements and benefits for Students with disabilities.</p> <p>340 general teachers attend the training programme on mental health organized by Health Department</p> <p>100 teachers were oriented on inclusive education during the year 2021 in the district of south west Khasi Hills. 85 girls with disabilities at the Secondary and Higher Secondary level, were provided with stipend.</p> <p>22 students with disabilities at the Secondary level, were provided with stipend.</p> <p>22 students with disabilities at the Secondary level were provided Escort allowance.</p> <p>151 students with disabilities at the Secondary level, were provided Transport allowance. 766 children with disabilities Under HBE were covered under DBT.</p> <p>807 children with disabilities were provided Aids and Appliances from ALIMCO.</p> <p>297 children with Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities were provided with TLM Kits by NIEPID Secunderabad.</p>
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes for maintaining equality with others.	<p>The matter has been taken up as per vide Govt. Notification Memo. No EDN.99/99/Pt/675-A, Dt.10.07.2017. Under Accessible India Campaign, building campus in Government Schools has been made accessible.</p> <p>Reasonable accommodation according to the individual's requirements has been taken up by the Special Educators/ Block Resource Persons on Inclusive Education under SSA.</p> <p>Taken up with the support of the Special Educators placed at Special Educators Placed at Block level, who visited schools.</p> <p>School with enrolled hearing impairment are being covered by the Special Educators, Braille textbooks are also being provided.</p> <p>Functional Assessment for enrolled CWSN is being conducted at Block level to identify children with Specific Learning Disabilities by BRP on IE and Special Educators.</p>

		<p>Quarterly assessment is being taken up by the BRP on IE/Special Educators to monitor the attainment level of CWSN based on their competencies level.</p> <p>Transport/Escort allowances are being provided to all enrolled CWSN</p>
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Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particular	Response									
19	Measures taken to formulate schemes and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rates to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Social Welfare Department is extending grant in aid to NGOs to run Vocational training for PwDs. In the year 2021-22, 12 NGOs had been assisted and fund had been released. The scheme National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) has assisted 328 nos. of PwDs to avail soft loans for starting self employment. The department has revised the rate of unemployment allowance to PwDs to Rs. 1500/- per month which is effective from financial year 2022-23. 									
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	<p>As laid down in Para 1 of schedule 11 of the MGNREGA, Special jobs cards of district colour is issued to PwDs belonging to a rural household and willing to work (suitable activities) under the Act. So far, 3373 PwDs have been registered. The number of PwDs employed during FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 are as under:-</p> <table> <tr> <th>F.Y</th><th>No. of PwDs Employed</th><th>No. of persons job card</th></tr> <tr> <td>2020-21</td><td>2079</td><td>132716</td></tr> <tr> <td>2021-22</td><td>1226</td><td>28359</td></tr> </table>	F.Y	No. of PwDs Employed	No. of persons job card	2020-21	2079	132716	2021-22	1226	28359
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21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	The matter is being taken up.									
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	All establishments have been asked to maintain records of persons with disabilities.									
23	<p>Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee. 	48 departments have appointed Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs). Total no. of GRO.									

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particular	Response			
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Under Social Welfare Department			
		Sl.No	Schemes	Funds Allocated	No. of Beneficiaries
		1.	Scharship	Rs. 4268400/-	1083 Nos
			Book Grant Uniform	Rs. 3,88,100	498 nos
			Grant Meritorious	Rs. 3,32,250/-	437 nos
Scholarship	Rs. 20,00,000/-		58 nos		

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26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	As reflected in the Meghalaya State Policy for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (MSPEPD), the Government shall endeavour to extend Insurance schemes to within limit of its economic capacity.																																											
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	The State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs has established 4 (four) District Resource Centre on Disability Affairs which provides rehabilitation measures to persons with disabilities viz. Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, fabrication of prostheses and orthoses, Audiology and Speech therapy, Counseling etc. Mentally ill but cured persons are being rehabilitated. Half way home has been set up.																																											
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	The North Eastern Hills University in collaboration with NEIGRIHMS has conducted research among the Hearing Impaired individuals of Dymmiew Massar Village under Pynursla Block, East Khasi Hills District. Research study has been initiated to find out reasons for Hearing Impairment																																											
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	The Department of Arts and Culture provide financial assistance such as production of Folk Literature for writers and budding authors in Khasi and Garo Languages. Students are trained in different skills such as Khasi, Jaintia and Garo folk song, dance and percussion, guitar, piano and choir song. The Department of Social Welfare also provide fund for organised Talent Hunt for persons with disabilities.																																											
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	The Sports and Youth Affairs Departments provide financial assistance to various organisations who are engaged in promoting sports activities amongst the PwDs. The financial assistance is provided based on the proposal submitted by the organisations.																																											

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	The matter has already been implemented under SSA as per RTE Act 2009.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservation of 5% seats for admission in all Meghalaya Government Educational Institutions and other Educational Institutions receiving aid from the Government of Meghalaya has been notified vide No EDN/99/99/Pt/675Dt 10.07.17. An upper age relaxation of 5 (five) years for admission in institutions of higher education to persons with disabilities has also been notified vide No.EDN.99/1999/Pt/678 Dt.27.11.2018. Reservation to the 2years D.El EL ED course for the pre-service teacher trainees is 5% for Persons with Disabilities.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified posts not later than every 3 years.	<p>Expert Committee for identification/review of posts has been reconstituted vide letter No.SW(S)130/2017/10-A Dt 28.09.2017.</p> <p>A subcommittee for identification/review of posts has been reconstituted vide letter No.SW(S)130/2017/11 Dt. 28.09.2017.</p> <p>Will be reviewed after every 3 years as per provision of the Act.</p>
34	<p>1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs.</p> <p>i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%.</p> <p>2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservation of 4% of posts for persons with disabilities was notified by Personnel Department vide OM No.PER(AR)150/88/534 Dt 07.08.2017.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	The matter is being taken up by concern department.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	A special cell for Persons with Disabilities is functioning under Divisional Employment Exchange, Shillong.

37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<p>i), ii), & iii) in respect of PMAY Scheme, allocation in PwDs is done as per guideline of the scheme. Accordingly, PwDs whose names are included in the Personnel Waitlist (PWL) are benefited under the scheme since the beneficiaries are to be selected from the PWL only irrespective of gender.</p> <p>Under MGNREGA each PwD (irrespective of the gender) is issued a job card and can work upto 100 person days in a financial year.</p> <p>Housing Department is implementing Chief Minister housing assistance programme to reserve 3% of the scheme of PwDs.</p> <p>The Directorate of Commerce & Industries has made provision in the Meghalaya Industrial Investment & Promotion Policy, 2012 that enterprises promoted and managed by “Women Entrepreneur & Physically challenged will get additional 105 on the State Central Investment subsidy subject to a ceiling of 5.00 lacks. Physically challenged persons will pay only 50% of the applicable lease rent if allotted land/shed/shop in industrial area/industrial estate/growth centre.</p>
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Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration, government may provide PwDs with high supportive devices. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high supportive devices.	The State Government has notified the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as the ‘Authority’ for the purpose of this Act vide letter No. SW(S)9/2017/453 Dt.11/08/2020. The Committee for High Support Need is being constituted in all 11 district and DMHO as Chairperson vide No.HSM/GEN/Disabled/9/13/ 2019/Pt.III/12801, Dt. 22.07.2020 .

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	State and District Level Sensitization workshops on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 for Government officials, NGOs for the welfare of persons with disabilities have been organized by the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with Department of Empowerment of persons with disabilities, National Institutes, Social Welfare, State Resource Centre on Disabilities Affairs, Civil Hospital, Shillong and NGOs. Awareness/ Sensitization is supported and promoted through the District Offices and Field Workers.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Accessible India Campaign, identified and access audited Government buildings have been made accessible as per the Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons, February 2016, issued by Ministry of Urban Development Government of India is being followed and adopted. The same is being provided in Section E of the Meghalaya Building Bye Laws 2011.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37 Mini buses of Ashok Leyland are accessible to persons with disabilities. Seats have been reserved for Persons with Disabilities in these buses and manual assistance is being provided.

42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Accessible India Campaign, 35 (Thirty five) websites of the Govt of Meghalaya have been selected by the Ministry to make them accessible to the persons with disabilities. Ernet India (empanelled agency by the Ministry) has developed 31 websites.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	The State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs (SRCDA), Civil Hospital, Shillong, provides aids and appliances free of cost to persons with disabilities like Hearing aids, Prosthetic and orthotic appliances etc.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodical instructions are being issued to the Building Divisions to incorporate all the features as per guidelines for Barrier Free Built Environment for the PwDs in all the execution of works/ construction of Buildings. Accessibility standards are being incorporated in the drawings to make the buildings user friendly for persons with disabilities.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effort to make public building accessible to persons with disabilities has been taken. (i) Under AIC-I, 24 buildings have been identified. 17 govt. buildings are completed, in respect of retrofitting & modification of all identified govt. buildings with the purpose to make them barrier free/Accessible for Persons with disabilities all over the State. The office of the Chief Engineer PwD buildings and health engineering wing and water resources are the implementing agencies. (ii) Under AIC-II, 51 buildings in the state capital have been identified. Access Audit has been completed and estimates framed for making the building accessible to persons with disabilities has been forwarded to the concerned department for necessary sanction. So far 3 departments had received sanction from the State Govt. viz Dept. of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, Higher & Technical Education & Home Police Department. (iii) Under AIC-III, 61 buildings in 9 identified cities of the State have been selected. Access Audit was completed on 12.12.2019 and reports of the same has been prepared and forwarded to the concerned departments for preparation of Budget Estimates. iv) Under SIPDA 17 Govt. buildings has been identified and work is under process.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meghalaya Urban Development Authority is complying with the provisions of this Act.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effort to create human resource development has been taken up by various departments. Education Department conducts foundation courses in special education (FC-SEDE) for the elementary school teachers to equip them with basic competencies, knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills to enable them to cater to the specific educational needs of children with disabilities. Sensitization programmes for in-service school teachers to promote integration of students with disabilities to normal schools. Short-term trainings on Inclusive Education are being imparted to general teachers under SSA. The Multipurpose Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) and Community Based Rehabilitation Workers (CBRWs) are given regular training on identification and prevention of disabilities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of doctors and staff at the Primary Health Centres viz., Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM's), staff nurse, medical officers is being imparted on an annual basis. • Continuous Rehabilitation Education Programmes for rehabilitation professionals are conducted regularly in collaboration with the National Institutes under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DePWD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and other institutions as well.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Audit had been undertaken only for a few schemes under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in the Anti-Drug Sector, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It is expected that more schemes and programmes will be included in the Social Audit.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	The Government has notified Director, Social Welfare as the Competent Authority to issues Certificate of Registration of Institution for Persons with Disabilities vide Notification No SW(S)9/2017/158 Dt 12.09.2017.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	The Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department has been notified as the Appellate Authority vide No.SW(S)9/2017/234 Dt. 20.08.2018.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The State Advisory Board has been notified vide No.SW(S)9/2017/176 Dt 11.10.2017 and No.SW(S)9/2017/225 Dt 07.06.2018. The first State Advisory Board meeting was held on 30th June, 2018 and the second SAB meeting was held 30th June, 2020.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	District Level Committee on Disability has been constituted in all 11 (eleven) districts vide notification No.SW(S)9/2017/177 Dt 11.10.2017.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)	The State Government has notified Smt. S.B.Marak, MCS Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities to monitor implementation of the Act vide No. SW(S) 87/2016/Pt/24 Dt. 21.02.2019. Smt. S.B.Marak, MCS, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Meghalaya, Shillong, Lower Lachumiere, Temple Road, (O) – 0364-2506521. (M) - 917005711584 cpwdmeg@gmail.com

<p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints field by the complainants before State Commissioner.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p> <p>g) Status of Preparation:- Laying it before State Legislature</p>	<p>The State Adivisory Board has been notified vide letter no. dated 11.10.2017 and no. dated 07.06.2018. The first State Advisory Board meeting was held on 30th June, 2018 and the second SAB meeting was held 30th June, 2020.</p> <p>(i) Details of officers and staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential infrastructural facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (01) - Dy. Commisioner, PwDs • (01) _ Asstt. Commissioners, PwDs • (01) -Private Secretary • (01) – LDA • (02) – DEO on contractual basis • (01) – Process Server • (01) - Peon • (01) – Driver • (01) – Chowkidar • (01) – Cleaner on wages <p>Rs. 13,72,800/- to 12 NGOs</p> <p>Year 2019-2020: 17 Year 2020-2021: 13 Year 2021-2022: 13</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitoring in the Implementation of Accessible India Campaign in the State. 2. Development of the second edition of the Meghalaya Sign Bank. 3. Sensitization & Awareness programme on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. 4. Observation of International Day for Persons with Disabilities, 2020. 5. Inspection of NGOs <p>05</p> <p>05</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>11</p> <p>7</p> <p>7</p> <p>4</p> <p>Year 2017-2018: 13th September, 2019 Year 2018-2019 : 19th March, 2021 & Year 2019-2020</p>
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial, State Government shall specify for each district a Sessions Court to work as a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Every Court of Session has been notified to be a Special Court in every district for trial of offences under Sec-84 of the Act vide No.LL(B)35/99/269 Dt 31.07.2017.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed in 6 (six) districts of East Khasi Hills, Shillong, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai and Ri-Bhoi district, Nongpoh for conducting cases in every district vide Notification No.LL(B).35/99/311 Dt. 21.11.2018.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	The matter will be taken up

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations a Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	Act has been notified & adopted by State Government
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	The State Government is providing awareness with regards to offences and penalties during sensitization of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	The Meghalaya Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rule, 2017 was notified on 29th December 2017 and published in The Gazette of Meghalaya on 2nd January 2018.

10.24 : MIZORAM**Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Actions taken
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Actions taken

5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in-house, residential and community support services.	Preferential allotment of house site in the New House Site Plan is given to disabled persons provided he/she is the head of the family having no house site for his/her own.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Actions taken
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Actions taken
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Actions taken
9.	Steps taken to ensure implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Actions taken
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Actions taken
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Commissioner for PwDs has been appointed as Nodal Officer for inclusive and accessible electoral processes vide No. H. 11201/1/2016-CEP dt: 11/06/2018.
12.	Steps taken to ensure justice by persons with disability.	Yes
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	Yes
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of implementation.	The Director, Social Welfare Department has been appointed as limited guardian vide no. B.13016/58/2017-SWD dt : 18/11/2018
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Yes

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken towards Inclusion Education to CWD's. Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	Inclusive education for the disabled students in the state (IEDSS) is implemented by the Government of Mizoram. Intergrated education for disabled children (IEDC) which is centrally sponsored scheme is also implemented in Mizoram since 1985 which ensures that every child with a disability has access to free education.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Actions are being taken

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate schemes and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide economic rehabilitation and self-employment to disabled persons, Financial assistance of 2,450/- (one time assistance) for petty business, etc. and 4,000/- (one time assistance) for pig/poultry rearing is given by State Government as Grant-in-Aid.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 3 (Three) Training Centres for the Specially abled persons run by Social Welfare Department, viz:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Female Training Centre, Aizawl. (b) Male Training Centre, Aizawl. (c) Female and Male Training Centre, Lunglei. • Sewing Machines, Treadle Machines and Cobbler Tools are given at free of cost to the trainees after completion of 1(One) year training.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Actions taken
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Actions taken
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Actions taken
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Provision of filing complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee. 	Grievance Redressal Officers are appointed by all Government Departments.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement of hearing aid can be applied to Employees of the Government of Mizoram who entered Government service under the disabled quota and having authentic hearing impaired certification from the authorities appointed by the Govt. of Mizoram. • Educated Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) who are registered in the Employment Exchange but not getting employment for more than 2 (two) years are given unemployment allowance by the State @ ₹3000/- per year per person. Disability pension is given to severely disabled/totally bed ridden @ ₹350/- per month • Steps are also taken on prevention of disabilities, identification & certification of disabilities and rehabilitation.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	'Integrated Education for Disabled Children' (IEDC) under CSS has been implemented in all the Districts of Mizoram since 1985 i.e free education till he attains the age of 18 years & integration of CwDs in the normal schools.

32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	All Government institutions of higher education and other higher education institutions receiving aid from the Government reserves not less than 5% seats for Persons with benchmark disabilities.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified posts not later than every 3 years.	Action taken
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% of total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	State Government notified 4% reservation under the Government of Mizoram for Persons with Disabilities in respect of all categories of posts in Group 'A','B','C' and 'D' under the Government which was recently revised on 18th April, 2017 Vide Government Notification No. A. 12027/2/2017 – P & AR (GSW) dt: 18/04/2017.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentives to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	N/A
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Actions taken
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark disabilities for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark disabilities for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rates for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	Actions taken

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration, government may provide Pwds with supportive devices. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of supportive devices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director, Hospital & Medical Education was appointed as the Authority to whom a person with benchmark disability can apply for high support needs vide Notification No. J. 11018/14/2014-HFW.141 dt: 09/08/2019. Assessment Board has been constituted

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness Campaign have been conducted by Commissioner for PwDs in various Districts/places within Mizoram
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Aizawl Municipal Council (AMC) ensure that all public buildings strictly follow the AMC Building Regulations, 2012 especially in respect of barrier free environment.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation for PwDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Government servants having minimum 40% of disability are given Transport allowance at the minimum of `1,000/- p.m Free travel concession in MST buses to the bonafide blind persons (both eyes), physically disabled persons, mentally retarded persons provided that they are not Government servants and have no Government servants in their families. Special concession in fare upto 50% is given to Persons with Disabilities for travelling in city buses in Aizawl and Lunglei on production of I.D Card issued by Social Welfare Department. Transport allowance at various rates depending on the pay scales of the employees is given to physically handicapped Government employees viz. Blind and/or Orthopaedically handicapped employees with minimum of 40% permanent/partial disability of either upper or lower limbs OR 50% permanent/partial disability of both upper and lower limbs together as certified by appropriate Medical Authorities Government servant with Disabilities are allowed to purchase travel ticket for self and Attendant/ Escort at concessional rates, if any, offered by Railways/ Airlines while on tour (domestic/foreign).
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	N/A
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for general use of PwDs.	Actions taken
44	Establishment mandatorily to adhere to building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	The Aizawl Municipal Council (AMC) ensure that all public buildings strictly follow the AMC Building Regulations, 2012 especially in respect of barrier free environment.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	The State Government has implemented the SIPDA Scheme and Accessible India Campaign under which a total of 59 buildings have been retrofitted with ramps, toilets and lifts for wheelchair users. Buildings have been identified for Phase II of the Accessible India Campaign and release of fund from the Central Government is awaited.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Actions to be taken
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Actions being taken

48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Actions taken
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Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Director, Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs has been appointed as competent authority for issue of certificate of registration in respect of Institutions for PwDs.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to the Registered Insitutions.	Secretary, Social Welfare Department has been appointed as Appellate Authority to whom appeals against the order of competent authority refusing or revoking the certificate of Registration of Institution can be made.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The State Advisory Board on Disability was constituted vide Government Notification No. B. 13016/58/2017-SWD/Ptdt: 22/02/2018 for a period of 3 (three) years. Action taken to re-constitute.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	The District Level Committee was constituted vide Government Notification No. B. 13016/58/2017-SWD/Ptdt: 22/02/2018 for a period of three years. Action taken to re-constitute

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc..</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year:</p>	<p>Independent charge</p> <p>The Advisory Committee was re-constituted vide Government notification No. B.13016/58/2017-SWD dt:12/11/2021 for a period pf 3 years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assistant Commissioner 2. Research-cum-Prog. Asst. 3. Assistant 4. UDC-cum-Cashier 5. Sign language interpreter 6. LDC-cum-Computer operator 7. IV Grade 8. Driver <p>N/A</p>

v)	Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:	Nil
vi)	Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:	Yet to be updated
vii)	Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:	5 nos.
a)	Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Comm.:	5 nos.
b)	Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):	5 nos.
c)	Total number of cases:	5 nos..
d)	Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:	5 nos..
e)	Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:	Nil
f)	Number of cases pending:	Annual report for the years 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 was prepared and laid before the State Legislative Assembly .
g)	Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature year:-	

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a Session Court to work as a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Law & Judicial Department, Govt. of Mizoram after taking approval from the Chief Justice, Guwahati High Court had designated various Courts in Mizoram to try offences under the RPwD Act, 2016
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	As required under section 85 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, Addl. Public Prosecutor are also appointed as Special Public Prosecutors for the purpose of conducting cases falling under the Act.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Finance Deptt. has been requested to provide state fund for PwDs.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
89	For Contravention of Provisions of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	No such case has arise
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	No such case has arise

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD Rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	RPWD rules, 2017 was notified vide Govt. Notification No. B.13016/58/2017-SWD dt:17th April,2018

10.25 NAGALAND:

Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	4% Reservation notified and strictly being monitored by the O/o the State Commissioner, Nagaland. Several cases filed by the Court of the State Commissioner, Nagaland, against departments violating the provision with positive outcomes. Heads of Departments asked to provide reasonable accommodation for disabled employees in specific cases with positive action taken.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely expresses their views equally with others.	Action is being taken in Education, Skill Development and Social Security.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in- house, residential and community support services.	Steps being taken to set up Rehabilitation Centres and other Community Support Service Centres.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Special Courts/Special Prosecutors set up.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Special Courts/Special Prosecutors set up to fast-track cases of abuse, violation and exploitation of persons with disabilities. Court of the State Commissioner, Nagaland, actively monitors all cases involving persons with disabilities.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situations during armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Office of the State Commissioner, Nagaland, is collaborating with the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority to revamp Disaster Operation Plans to ensure that Rescue, Relief and Rebuilding processes are made fully disability inclusive. b) A Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DIDRM) Workshop for NSDMA, SDRF, NGOs and OPDs has been conducted. c) Guidelines on Disability Inclusive Prevention/Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Rehabilitation/Recovery have been published
9.	Steps taken to ensure implementation of the provisions so that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Action yet to be taken
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Under process

11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	Steps taken to make election process accessible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special camps held to enrol eligible voters with disabilities • Directives issued for polling stations to be made accessible with ramps, accessible table heights, volunteers to assist voters with disabilities, accessible toilets, etc • Ballot papers made available in Braille for persons with visual impairment • Postal ballots made available for voters with disabilities unable to go to the polling stations.
12.	Steps taken to ensure to justice by Persons with disabilities.	Special Courts/Special Prosecutors set up; training/workshops being held for the legal services
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	Action yet to be taken
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of implementation.	Rules yet to formulated
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/ designated.	Under process

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD's. Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	Sections 16 notified
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Under Process

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rates to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	a) O/o the SCPD signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM) to set up Special SHGs and to design interventions and develop special livelihood plans for PwDs. b) Exclusive Skill Development Programme for persons with disabilities under process. c) Scheme for provision of financial assistance to entrepreneurs with disabilities under process
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	4% Reservation notified and strictly being monitored by the O/o the State Commissioner, Nagaland. Several cases filed by the Court of the State Commissioner, Nagaland, against departments violating the provision with positive outcomes. Heads of Departments asked to provide reasonable accommodation for disabled employees in specific cases with positive action taken.

21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notifies Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Under Process
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Section 22 of RPwD Act 2016 notified.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filing complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Section 23 of RPwD Act, 2016 notified and appointed.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Disability Pension Scholarship for disabled students Total beneficiaries: 6356
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Action yet to be taken
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Measures initiated
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Not yet initiated
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Yes, Steps being taken
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Para-Sports Committee set up to promote & protect rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Section 31 notified
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	UGC guidelines being implemented
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified posts not later than every 3 years.	Expert Committee constituted. Posts for PwDs identified.

34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	Section 34 notified
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentives to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Action yet to be taken
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Notification for Notice of Vacancies issued
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark disabilities for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark disabilities for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concessional rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	Under Process

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration, government may provide Pwds with high supportive devices. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high supportive devices.	District Level Assessment Boards constituted

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particular	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Action being taken
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	Notified
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	Notified

42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	Action being taken
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for general use of PwDs.	Action being taken
44	Establishment mandatorily to adhere to building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Notified
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	Under Process
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Under Process
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Action being taken
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Action yet to be taken

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particular	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Director, Social Welfare appointed as Competent Authority.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered Institutions.	Financial assistance being given to selected registered institutions/ organisations annually.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	State Advisory Board appointed
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	District Level Assessment Boards Constituted.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)	Ms Diethono Nakhro Independent Charge O/o State Commissioner for PwDs New Secretariat Road (Opp State Civil Secretariat complex) Kohima - 797004: Nagaland +91 8258953837 +91 6009952830 scpdnagaland@gmail.com https://scpd.nagaland.gov.in/ https://twitter.com/scpdnagaland

<p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p>	<p>(ii) Advisory Committee to assist the State Commissioner constituted on 19" March 2021</p> <p>(iii) The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities functions with the following staff:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Programme Officer 1 (One) 2. Programme Coordinator 1 (One) 3. LDA 1 (One) 4. 4 Grade Staff 2(Two) 5. Driver 1 (One) 6. Legal Consultant I (One) <p>(iv) Rs. 10.00 lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs) only disbursed as Grant-in-Aid to 7 NGOs working with persons with disabilities during the last financial year</p> <p>(v) Number of inspections carried out during last three financial years:</p> <p>2019-20 - 03 (Three)</p> <p>2020-21 - 05 (Five)</p> <p>2021-22 06 (Six)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 was adopted by the Nagaland State Government on 27 September, 2018. 2. The State Advisory Board on Disability was constituted by the State Government on 26th October, 2018 to exercise the powers conferred on and to perform the function assigned to it under the provisions of Section 66 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. 3. 4 % reservation of posts for Persons with Disabilities in government jobs was notified on 13th August 2019 and Expert Committee was constituted for the task of identification of posts for disability reservation. 4. Notification issued on 28 October, 2019 designating the Sessions Court in each district of the State of Nagaland as Special Court for the purpose of providing speedy trial for offences committed against Persons with Disabilities. Public Prosecutors, Additional Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors in Nagaland designated as Special Prosecutor for the purpose of conducting cases in these Special Courts on 11th October, 2019. 5. Re-constitution of District-Level Committees under Section 72 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 notified on 20" February, 2020. 6. The Nagaland Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2019 was notified on 21 February, 2020. 7. Sections 16 & 31 of RPwD Act (Inclusive Education) was notified by Department of School Education on 30 March, 2020.
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	<p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints field by the complainants before State Commissioner:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p> <p>g) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature.</p>	<p>8. The provisions for Reservation of Identified Posts for Persons with Benchmark Disability were notified by Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms on 13 August, 2020.</p> <p>9. Identified posts for disability categories A, B and C were published on 13th August, 2020</p> <p>10. Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner constituted on 19 March, 2021.</p> <p>(vii) Cases handled during last financial year: Complaints filed by complainants:</p> <p>03</p> <p>01</p> <p>04</p> <p>03</p> <p>03</p> <p>01</p> <p>2019-20: Prepared and Submitted</p> <p>2020-21: Prepared and Submitted</p> <p>2021-22: Under Preparation</p>
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specify for each district a Sessions Court to work as a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Special Courts designated
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Appointed

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	Under Process

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
89	For Contravention of Provisions of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	Nil - no cases taken up yet
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act- Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 Lakh.	Nil - no cases taken up yet

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD Rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Yes - notified

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Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	The Government of Odisha is implementing an umbrella scheme namely "Bhima Bhoi Samarthya Abhiyan" (BBSA) for providing a wide range of rehabilitation and welfare services to the PwDs throughout the State.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	The State Government is ensuring that in all schemes and programmes for women and children, women and children with disabilities are included to ensure that they enjoy their rights equally with others.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	The Government of Odisha ensures that the PwDs shall have the right to live in the community. The Government under 'Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana' is already providing Pucca houses to PwDs on priority basis. Marriage incentive to 400 couples/ year is also provided for solemnization of marriage between a non-disabled person and a person with benchmark disability.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	At the district level, the District Level Committee on Disability headed by Collector have been constituted. Designated Courts with provision of Special Public Prosecutors are functioning to deal with the cases of aggrieved PwDs.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	All Collectors have been instructed to take appropriate measures for protection of PwDs from abuse, violence and exploitation as and when situation warrants. Awareness camps on punitive measures for violation of the rights of PwDs have also been organized in all Districts for sensitization among the people.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Odisha State Disaster Management Plan ensures that PwDs shall have equal protection and safety in situations of risk, armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters. Odisha State Disaster Management Authority is also ensuring special safety arrangements for PwDs during disasters.
9.	Steps taken to ensure implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	The Government of Odisha ensures that Children with Disabilities (CwD) shall not be separated from his/ her parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court if required in the interest of child.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	The Government of Odisha through Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) ensures that reproductive rights of PwDs are protected.

11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	All Collectors were requested to identify barriers free inclusion of PwD in the electoral process and suggest strategies for enhancing the participation of PwDs in electoral process. For making elections accessible the State Government made the polling booths accessible, provided wheel chairs, Braille scripts to polling stations for visually impaired. During the General Election 2019 all the above facilities were provided to all the polling booths of the State.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Special Courts have been notified to hear cases filed by PwDs & its speedy disposal in each district. Special Public Prosecutors in all districts have also been appointed for taking up the cases of aggrieved PwDs.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	The Government of Odisha ensures that PwDs enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others including right to inherit property.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Rules for Limited Guardianship of PwDs have been made in the Odisha Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2018.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	District Social Security Officers have been entrusted the job in respect of their Districts.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD's. Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	The Government of Odisha through Odisha School Education Program Authority (OSEPA) ensures that CwDs are included in the normal education system of the State.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	The State Government ensures representation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equally with others.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	A Special Industrial Training Institute and a Vocational Training Centre are functioning in the State to impart skill development and self-employment to PwDs. The Vocational Training Centre is supporting marketing of the products made by PwDs. The State Government has also empaneled 42 training partners throughout the State to impart skill training to PwDs from January, 2019. The State Government is promoting formation of Self-Help Groups for PwDs in the state with one-time assistance of Rs. 50,000/to each group. The Government is facilitating for DRI loans to the eligible PwDs.

20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	All establishments in the State have been requested to notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs under intimation to State Commissioner for PwDs and adhere to it. The Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs ensures that PwDs are not discriminated against any case of employment on the basis of their disability.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	All establishments have been requested to notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs under intimation to State Commissioner for PwDs and adhere to it. All colleges/ Universities have been instructed to establish an "Equal Opportunity Cell" in their premises.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	All establishments have been requested to maintain records of PwDs and compliance of Sec 21. The Government of Odisha is following up and regularly monitoring the issue from time to time to ensure early action by all estab.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	All Departments have appointed Grievances Redressal Officers to maintain the data and grievances of PwDs as mandated under provisions of RPwD Act.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	All eligible PwDs are covered under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana for Social Security. The Health and Family Welfare Department included the PwDs under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana for Health insurance. Under the scheme the PwDs are eligible for free treatment in Government Hospitals and other referral hospitals.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Group Insurance Schemes of the State Government ensures Employees with disabilities in both Govt. and Local Authorities.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	The State Government along with Local Authorities have formulated several rehabilitation schemes for PwDs. The State Government has also extended 5% reservation in all welfare schemes implemented in the State for the PwDs. Besides this, special scheme for skill training, promotion of Self-Help Groups, individual and group self employment and provision of physical rehabilitation including surgery, therapy and fitment of aids and appliances are taken up in massive scale.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	The Government of Odisha has constituted a Committee for Research on Disability and in addition to it promotes research on disability by other institutions. The Government of Odisha instituted two State Awards (one for individual and one for institution) for Best Applied Research or Innovation or Product Development in improving life of PwDs. It is also taking appropriate steps for initiating research & development on issues enhancing habilitation & rehabilitation.

29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	The State Government is promoting and protecting the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	The Government of Odisha is undertaking appropriate measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sporting activities. The Sports and Youth Services Department has been implementing Special Award schemes for successful sports persons with disabilities. Further, the State Government is awarding state awards to eminent sports persons.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	The State Government has recognized 102 special schools and one special college to educate children with disabilities. Measures for inclusive education is also pursued on priority to ensure right to free education in a neighborhood school.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	The Government of Odisha has notified that 5% of seats in all Government/ Government aided educational institutions shall be reserved for PwDs.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified posts not later than every 3 years.	Most of the establishments have identified posts for reservation in favor of PwDs. Government of Odisha has initiated the process of review and updation of list of posts identified for PwDs.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	The Government of Odisha has issued a resolution for reservation of 4% of posts for PwDs in Government jobs in accordance with the provisions made in RPwD Act, 2016.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentives to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	The Government of Odisha has issued Industrial Policy Resolution, 2015. According to this resolution, all new and existing industrial units undertaking E/M/D in MSME and priority sector which employ skilled and semi-skilled PwDs as regular employees are to get 100% reimbursement of expenditure on account of contribution towards ESI and EPF Schemes for a period of 5 years.

36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	The Government of Odisha has already established special employment exchange for PwDs even before the enactment of RPwD Act, 2016.
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark disabilities for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark disabilities for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concessional rates for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	All concerned Departments have issued notifications for reservation of 5% of all beneficiaries for PwDs in all welfare schemes being carried out by them with priority to Women with Disabilities.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high supportive devices. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high supportive devices.	The Government of Odisha under Bhima Bhoi Samarthya Abhiyan is providing support to eligible PwDs to enable them to undertake day to day basic activities.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	The Government of Odisha is conducting, encouraging, supporting and promoting awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes throughout the State to ensure that the rights of PwDs are protected
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	This comes under the domain of the Central Government.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	The State Government has decided that all new buses purchased by Odisha State Road Transport Corporation as well as by private owners shall comply with the new provisions for accessibility of PwDs as per the harmonized guidelines issued by Ministry of Urban Transport, Govt. of India. The State Government has also extended concession in Bus Fare to different categories of PwDs. The concession in deserving cases along with their accompanying person is up to 100%.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	The Government of Odisha ensures that Government websites are to comply with GIGW guidelines issued by Government of India. In case of important websites work taken up for making them accessible in first phase.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for general use of PwDs.	The Government of Odisha have sanctioned and released an amount of Rs. 200/- per month to each PwD having degree of 60% or more disability along with Disability Pension amount as support for procurement of rice.

44	Establishments mandatorily to follow building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	The Government of Odisha has formulated the Odisha Special Planning Authority and Regional Improvement Trust Common Planning and Building Standard Rules, 2017 under which no completion certificate or occupation of building shall be provided unless the building is accessible to the PwDs.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for PwDs within 5 years.	The Government of Odisha under Accessible India Campaign is making the buildings accessible in the State. The Government is identifying, retrofitting and making all efforts to make all buildings accessible.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	The service providers are being sensitized on this to comply with the provisions of the Act.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	In Odisha, institutions have been recognized for running rehabilitation and educational programmes and to develop trained manpower for rehabilitating PwDs.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General Schemes and programmes.	Regular review and audit of all welfare programmes are being undertaken at different levels.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	The State Government has appointed Director, Department of Social Security & Empowerment of PwDs (SSEPD) as the Competent Authority and Secretary, SSEPD Department as the Appellate Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered Institutions.	The State Government is granting certificate of registration to eligible institutions other than State or Central Government Institutions. The State Government is also granting financial assistance to these registered institutions to provide services and to implement the schemes and programmes in pursuance of the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The Government of Odisha has already constituted the State Advisory Board on Disability.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	District Level Committee on Disability in all districts have already been constituted. Regular meetings are being held at District level.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)	State Commissioner for PwDs is in Independent charge but when Independent Charge State Commissioner is not functioning for resignation or otherwise, other person remains in additional charge being appointed by the Govt.

	ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details : iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities: iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year : v Number of inspections carried out by the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years: vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements: vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year: a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Comm.: b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto): c) Total number of cases: d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome: e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received: f) Number of cases pending: g) Status of preparation of laying it before State Legislature	
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial, State Government shall specify for each district a Session Court to be designated as a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	The State Government has Specified a sessions Court in each district.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	A Special Public Prosecutor has also been appointed in each district for speed trail of offences under this Act.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	A corpus of Rs. 2 crores have been earmarked for State Fund for PwDs.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provisions of this Act- Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	The Government of Odisha will take up the issues as and when the situation warrants.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act- Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	The Government of Odisha in SSEPD department has constituted eight appellate medical boards in its notification no. 9789 dated 21.12.2021 and before allowing major benefit including employment , admission to higher / professional education certificates of all applicants are being verified by the boards to eliminate the fraudulent / unfit ones .action is being taken in this regard.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	The State Government has already framed and notified the Odisha Rights of Persons with Disability Rules, 2018 on 25.06.2018 for carrying out the provisions of the RPwD Act.

10.27: PUDUCHERRY

NOT SUBMIT

10.28: PUNJAB

NOT SUBMIT

10.29: RAJASTHAN**Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	It is submitted that for the compliance of Section 3 of the RPwD Act, 2016, Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment a vide circular 12.08.2021 issued to all concern.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	The State Government has issued directions for its due compliance, from time to time. A letter 11.11.2019 was issued to Department of Women and Child Department to ensure due compliance of the Section 4 of the Act. It is submitted that women & children of all categories including persons with disabilities are given benefits of all programmes for Economic and Social Development, protection and rehabilitation initiated and undertaken by Department of Women & Child Welfare. Compliance measures are taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights. This is being done through "JAJAMS" (small group meetings of rural women) GRAM SATHIN, who is the prime animator at grassroot level.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in-house, residential and community support services.	As per the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018, it has been submitted that the District Level Committee is entrusted with the responsibility of creating social awareness for integration of persons with disabilities in the community and such committee is expected to take steps to ensure suitable arrangement to exercise legal capacity by persons with disabilities living in institution. The State Govt. has taken due steps to ensure that persons with disabilities live in the community with equal rights as any other being and are given personal assistance and support as required. It is further submitted that the State Government had notified the special scheme with name "Palanhaar" in 2005 and it is still active. As per the scheme, persons suffering with disabilities having children are given Rs. 1000 per month per child up to the age of 18 years for their upbringing and education. It is further submitted, that to ensure a good upbringing and education of such children within the society, food and clothing arrangements are to be made by the State Government.

6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	The Home Department has given direction to Additional Director General of Police. Crime and ADGP. Civil Rights dated 18.11.2019 directing in that matter of cruelty and inhumane treatment with person with disabilities. The department concerned shall take appropriate action as per the provisions of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in each and every case when the same is reported or registered. Furthermore, the State government has communicated to all departments and officers concerned that full compliance of Section 6 of the RPwD, 2016. The Specially abled Persons Department has communicated to all the District Collector and Magistrate to report cases of inhumane behavior of torture with persons with disabilities. Social Justice & Empowerment Deptt. vide circular dt. 12.08.2021 issued to all concern for compliance Section 6.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Direction has been issued to Director General of Police, all District Collectors and Superintendent of Police, Rajasthan for compliance of the provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk during armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the NFSA scheme by selecting point no. 5 & 23 and 27 of the notification dated 27.09.2018 issued for the NFSA eligibility list in the state of PwDs Rs. 2.00. Wheat is being given per section per month at the rate of 5 kg per kg. 2. Home delivery of ration material for the above beneficiaries in under process. 3. Disaster Management, Relief and Civil Defence Department, Rajasthan implements and acts in accordance with NDMA Act, 2005 and SDRF norms issued by GOI.
9.	Steps taken to ensure implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	<p>The District Level Committee has power to appoint a limited legal guardian to take legal action to protect the rights and interest of the person with disability if they cannot take such decisions.</p> <p>It is submitted that appropriate steps and directions have been issued to ensure that no child with disability is separated from parents without due person or court orders. The parents who are unable to bring up their children, the Child Welfare Committee constituted under Juvenile Justice Act can issue orders for protection and rehabilitation of such children and house them in shelter homes run by the State Government or NGOs.</p>
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	It is submitted that for the compliance of Section 10 of RPwD Act, 2016, the Directorate of Medical and Health Services has written to all CMHO and Health officers to take appropriate steps and ensure compliance.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	<p>Yes, Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.</p> <p>As per instructions given by the Election Commission of India following steps were taken to facilitate PwDs at polling station at the time of Lok Sabha -2019, Vidhan Sabha Elections 2018, and Vidhan Sabha Bye Elections - 2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration (in Electoral Roll as elector) facility provided at door step (BLC visits) 2. All Polling Stations have ramp facility (ramp with proper gradient) 3. Wheel Chairs facility at polling stations. 4. Transport facility (to and Fro PS) 5. Volunteers deputed at each polling station to facilitate PwDs for casting vote. 6. Printed Voters Slip in "Braille"

		<p>7. Photo Voter ID (EPIC) in “Braille</p> <p>8. Short film on EVM (VVPAT for Deaf Mute.</p> <p>9. Voter Awareness Messages through electronic /point/social media by EM Channels for Visually handicapped voters.</p> <p>10. Dummy Ballot Sheets & M-3 Bailot Unit in “Braille” for Visually impaired voters.</p> <p>11. Signages to reach Polling Stations.</p> <p>12. Polling personnel / polling parties sensitized to the needs of PwDs and given training in basic sign language facility</p> <p>13. All 52062 Polling Stations have AMF (Assured Minimum facility).</p>
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	It is submitted that vide notification dated 22.08.2017 of the Law and Legal Affairs Department and in consideration with Chief Justice of Hon’ble High Court. All the Sessions Courts has been jurisdiction to deal with cases under the Act of 2016 for full compliance of the provisions of the Act.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	It is submitted that the Directorate of Specially Abled Persons has directed for the Local Level Committee to be formed in each district. The Local level Committee is to be headed by the Distict Collector as Chairperson and shall include two members. One of the members from an NGO and the other is any person active in the field of Specially Abled Person.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	District Level Committee is constituted in the Chairmanship of District Collector in State Rule. 2018 which is empowered to take the decision under section 14 for limited guardianship. In the matter of limited Guardianship for persons with disabilities, Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority provision of the Rules and Regulation.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	Distict Level Committee is constituted to mobilize the community and create social awareness to support persons with disabilities in exercise of their legal capacity.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
16 & 17	<p>Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD’s.</p> <p>Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16</p>	<p>Rajasthan School Education Council, Jaipur has been providing education and therapeutic support to children with special needs (CWSN) under inclusive education. We are facilitating CWSN with allowances (Transport, Escort, Reader and Stipend for Girls), aids and appliances, Braille and large print books, exposure visit etc. They are also provided with teaching and therapeutic services with the help of specialized teachers to get learning outcomes.</p> <p>Department of Education, Government of Rajasthan issued an order to enroll all children with special needs in nearby schools, Rajsthan School Education Council has been working for enrolling all CWSN and now 83364 CWSN are enrolled in schools Private Govt. and Govt. Aided as per UDISE+ 2021-22 Enrolment drive has been conducted for CWSN as well as other children. Data has been updated on UDISE_ Shala Darpan and PMS Portal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making building campus and various facilities accessible to maximum extent. 2. Providing reasonable accommodation as per the needs of the CWSN. 3. Providing necessary support to CWSN for academic and social development with the help fo Special Teachers as well as their parents and society to achieve gost of inclusion

17	Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	<p>4. Blind Children getting facilities of Braille books and low vision with large print books as hard copies in addition to that they are also facilitated with textbooks in accessible format EText/EPUB to read it in mobile and laptop.</p> <p>5. Children with Specific Learning Disabilities are screened as well as the special teachers apply suitable pedagogy and other measures to overcome them.</p> <p>6. Regularly monitoring participation and progress of CWSN.</p> <p>7. Providing transportation allowances to CWSN.</p>
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	<p>Under the Padma Likhna Abhiyan (2020-2022), 316 non-literate PwDs of 15 years and above age groups identified in survey were imparted basic literacy and numeracy.</p> <p>Under CSS scheme New India Literacy Program (2020-2027) priority will be given to PwDs as per guidelines of Govt. of India. Under this scheme people in 15 years & above age groups will be imparted Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) through online mode. Besides they will also be given training in critical life skills and vocational training skill development for self employment.</p> <p>In the State, 7 Government specialized schools are operating at the higher secondary level, out of which 04 blind schools and 03 deaf schools are operated in three divisional headquarters (Jaipur, Bikaner and Udaipur). The process of opening deaf schools at 06 divisional headquarter (Churu, Pali, Bharatpur, Kota, Ajmer and Jodhpur) is under process.</p>

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<p>1. Director of Specially Abled Persons provided loan facility under the scheme of "Mukhyamantri Vishesh Yogyajan Swarojgar Yojna" (SAP).</p> <p>2. PwDs are trained under all short term skill training schemes implemented to RSLDC. So far 1330 PwDs youth have been trained by RSLDC in FY 2021-22 (RSLDC).</p>
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	The rules are being followed without any discrimination. No discrimination is being done. A Circular dated 09.03.2021 issued by Chief Secretary of Rajasthan for compliance of section 20 of RPwD Act, 2016.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	RSLDC has issued advisory to all training partners vide letter no. 19066-19073 dated 27.07.2020 to ensure representation for at least 5% of PwDs in every training batch of the State sponsored Schemes. Same has also been mentioned in Annual Sanction Orders.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	The training records of PwDs are maintained at the integrated Scheme Management System of RSLDC. There is a separate column to capture the data
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filing complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	It is submitted that vide circular dated 10.12.2019 of Social Justice and Empowerment Department, it has been directed that every government establishment shall appoint Nodal Officer of Rajasthan Sampark Portal or Nodal Officer of Rajasthan Public Service Guarantee Act as Grievance Redressal Officer. Any complaint or grievance can be addressed to such officer where the provisions of this Act, 2016 are not complied with or there is discrimination.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	<p>Directorate of Specially Abled Persons run many schemes for PwDs within economic limit and under Social Security Social Justice Department provided pensions for PwDs as per norms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A circular dated 09.03.2021 issued by Chief Secretary of Rajasthan for compliance of section 24 of RPwD Act, 2016. 2. A Circular dated 13.06.2022 issued by Secretary, SJED of Rajasthan for Provision of all type disabilities.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Under the State Insurance Scheme and General Insurance Scheme, like other personnel, the state employees with disabilities are issued as per the rules.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	The State Government has been making effort for the overall welfare of the Specailly Abled Persons. The State Government is organizing camps for their identification, Issuance of disability certificates and rehabilitation of Specially Abled Persons. A number of schemes have also been launched by the State Government for such people. Looking to the vast field for welfare of specially abled persons, the State Government has established a separate Directorate for Specailly Abled Persons in 2011.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	It is submitted that the State Government is duty bound to implement research and development in the field of rehabilitation of a person with disabilities. In this regard, the institutes like Bhagwan Mahavir Handicap Rehabilitation Committee, Jaipur and Narayan Seva, Udaipur are working for several years to develop a plan for rehabilitation and ensuring that persons with disabilities are brought into mainstream.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	<p>Following steps have been taken by the department to make art accessible to the PwDs</p> <p>Amber Fort Jaipur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ramps were built in the palace complex to facilitate the movement of the disabled persons. – Adequate number of wheelchairs were made available for the handicapped persons. – Special toilets are available for handicapped person. <p>Hawamahal Jaipur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free entry to the monument for PwDs – Ramps facility available – Wheel chair facility available – Hindi/English language brochures in Braille script are available for visually tourists – Speical toilets are available for handicapped persons. <p>Nahargarh Fort Jaipur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free entry to the monument for PwDs – Ramps facility available – Vehicles of PwDs are allowed to reach the Monument Complex and the Palace – Wheel chair facility available – Guest Room is made for the rest of the handicapped persons. <p>Jantar Manter Jaipur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ramps facility and toilet facility is available – Wheelchair facility available

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Special toilets are available for handicapped persons. – An 8 – Minute documentary film is run in Hindi/English language for the information about the instruments located in the monument. <p>Government Central Museum Albert Hall Jaipur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free entry to the museum for Persons with Disabilities. – Ramps facility is available – Wheel chair facility available – Special toilets are available for handicapped persons. <p>Government Museum Jodhpur / Mandore /Pali / Mount Abu / Bikaner/Jaisalmer & Art Gallery Chandravati Sirohi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ramps facility and toilets are available for persons with disabilities. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The desired assistance is provided to the disabled artist/disabled people and on receipt of the proposal, space is reserved for the programs as per the rules. 3. Ramps, Wheel Chairs, Special toilets are arranged for the PwDs by Monuments & Museums.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All facilities are equally provided to the disabled players like normal players 2. Regular Sports training is provided free of cost to the para players. 3. Under the Grants Rules 2016, prize money is given to the medal winning players. 4. According to the rules of Rajasthan State Sports Medalist, Para players are also given direct appointment in government job without shift. In this about 85 para players have been given direct appointment in government department. 5. Para Olympics players are also being included in the 2% reservation in sports quota recruitment. 6. For winning medal in Tokyo Para Olympic Games Rs. 4 Crores to Ms. Avani Lekhara and Rs. 3 Crores to Mr. Krishna Nagar. 2 Crore to Shri Devendra Jhanjharia Rs. 2 Crore and to Mr. Sunder Singh Gurjar an amount of Rs. 1 crore was provided by the State Government. 7. Budget announcement in the year 2022-23, It is proposed to set up residential para sports academy in Jaipur and Jodhpur.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Samagra Shiksha is offering quality and inclusive learning opportunities to children with special needs in a barrier free environment SMSA has been taken various initiatives to cater educational needs of CWSN under inclusive education in a neighborhood school such as braille books, large print books, ramp, disability of aids & appliances, different allowances, surgeries etc.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	As per State Government norms 4% reservation is ensured in Diploma level institutions. All most 250 seats are reserved for these persons. Out of them only 40-50% seats are filled so it is not needed to increase the % of reservation

33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	State Government made rule and published in state gazette dated 24.01.2019 in this rule provision are made. In the post identified for each disability by the Govt. of India under Section 33 of RPwD act 20116 and such reservation shall be treated as horizontal reservation.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%.	Reservation is being given as per rules Stae Governemnt made rule and published in state gazette dated 24.1.2019 in this rules provision are made. 1. In every esbalishment 4% of the vacancies of direct recruitment in the cadre shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities according to the Section 34 of the Act. In the post identified for each disability by the Govt. of India under Section 33 and such reservation shall be created as horizontal reservation. 2. The circular issued dated 29.08.2019 and dated 18.09.2019 by the Secretary, Personnel (A-2) Department, Rajasthan Jaipur and a letter dated 25.09.2019 by the Secretary Social Justice and Empowerment Department issued guidelines regarding implementation of 4% reservation in govt appointments for persons with disabilities under the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with disabilities Rules, 2018. 3. The circular issued dated 10.08.2022 by the Pr. Secretary, Personnel (A-2) Department, Rajasthan Jaipur issued guidelines regarding reservation in recruitment and promotion for the persons with disabilities.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Special provision for PwDs in RIPS 2019 RIPS 2019 is an investment & employment promotion scheme. The reservation in employment is beyond the scope of the Scheme but the scheme has provisions for extra benefits to the employer if employment is provided to PwDs. The provision relating to Employment subsidy for the eligible enterprises in RIPS 2019 is as following: Employment generatioin subsidy in the form of reimbursement of 50% of employers contribution towards employees EPF and ESI, for seven years. Provided that the Employment Generation subsidy in the form of reimbursement of 75% of employers contribution towards EPF and ESI shall be granted. For employees belonging to Women Schedule caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), Person with Disability (PwD) and for all employees if the enterprise is providing more than 75% direct employment to persons domiciled in Rajasthan. Under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program and Under the Chief Minister Laghu Udyog Protesahan Yojana, there is a provision of grant for taking loan for self employment. Under which at present no additional grant or incentive is being provided to the handicapped alongwith the loan.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	As per the norms prescribed categorywise information regarding vacancy requisitions sent to recruitment agencies.

37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concessional rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For complain of RPwD Act, 2016 Section 37, Pr. Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment issued a DO Note 26.06.2019 to all concerned. 2. A circular dated 09.03.2021 issued by Chief Secretary of Rajasthan for compliance of Section 37 of RPwD Act, 2016. 3. A circular dated 09.03.2021 issued by Chief Secretary of Rajasthan for compliance of Section 37 RPwD Act, 2016. 4. According to the provision of Rajasthan Urban Land Disposal Rules 1974, for providing residential facilities to PwDs. 5 percent reservation in the allocation of residential schemes as per law / housing rules. 5. It is submitted that the Local Self Government Department through its notification dated 30.10.2019 confirmed reservation of 5% of plot to the persons entitled under category in clause (g) sub rule 2. For persons with disabilities on the basis of lottery according to procedure specified therein. <p>Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for mate panel, direction have been issued to all DPCs dated 19.08.2015 (Rural Department).</p> <p>Under Rule 158(1) of the Raj Panchayat Raj Act, 1996, there is a provision to provide 300 square yards of land at concessional rate to the handicapped persons (Panchayati raj).</p>
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Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	A joint order dated 17.09.2021 issued by the Medical & Health Department and Pr. Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Department for Assessment Board.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particular	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	District Level committee is constituted
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	As per Chief Engineer PWD, Rajasthan provision for making accessible building have been taken in newly construction.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	<p>At present in the Corporation there are two seats in the ordinary/fast-moving buses of the Corporation for the disabled. Arrangement have been made for reservation of buses, arrangement of wheel chairs at bus stands, construction of permanent ramps at major bus stands to be cordial with them during the journey and to provide full support to the differently-abled to board/deboard from buses.</p> <p>In compliance of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in 25% of public transport buses were facilitated as per 11.7.12 of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Government</p>

		<p>of India. To provide facilities to Persons with Disabilities low-floor 1200 mm door directed for at present there is not a single vehicle of low floor 1200 MM available in the corporation buses.</p> <p>Under the Accessible India Scheme of the Government of India, the Directorate of Special Abled Persons under the Accessible India Scheme issued by the Government of Rajasthan through the Public Works Department approval for construction work for the disabled in 06 units (which were selected by the DSAP was done. According to the above approval the work was done in 5 units of the corporation by PWD Department.</p>
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	<p>Screen Reader Access is being provided on most websites and portals. A Circular dated 09.03.2021 issued by Chief Secretary of Rajasthan for compliance of Section 42 of RPwD Act 2016.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. About 75% of the websites created and maintained by the department have been made Divyangjan friendly, the remaining website is being made Divyang friendly. 2. The website of Government Department, Departments Boards, PSU, Institutions which is being created and maintained by the concerned department, has been written to make those websites accessible to the handicapped 3. Training has been given to make all websites of all Government Departments, Boards PSUs, and Institutions accessible to the specially abled.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for general use of PwDs.	Compliance done.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Followed all the specification norms of SIPDA.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	Received sanction of 91 works in 90 buildings. For making accessible buildings out of which 79 works have been completed, remaining 12 works for 12 buildings detailed estimates have been submitted already out of which in principle approval of 9 works has been received, modified detailed estimates for these 9 works have been submitted already.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	<p>Provisions in accordance with rules are being taken in 90 old buildings, 91 works out of which 79 works have been completed, remaining 12 works for 12 buildings detailed estimates have been submitted already out of which in principle approval of 9 works has been received, modified detailed estimates for these 9 works have been submitted already. The works of 9 buildings will be done after receiving financial sanction.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Section related to GOI, the State Government shall comply according to any direction issued by the Govt. of India.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	For this purpose 66 institutions run in Rajasthan after approval of RCI
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	It is submitted that the Office of the Auditor General conducts time to time audit of all programmes and schemes for the persons with disabilities.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particular	Response
49 to 53	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions. Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	According to Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disability Rules, 2018, Director of Specially Abled Persons is Competent Authority for this purpose.
54 to 55	Act not to apply to institutions established or maintained by Central or State Government. Assistance to registered institutions	According to Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disability Rules, 2018, Secretary in Charge of Social Justice & Empowerment Department is competent authority for this purpose.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	State Advisory Board on Disabilities provisions are made in State Rule, which are published in the state gazette dated 24.01.2019. State Advisory Committee constitution is under process.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	It is submitted that as per a rule framed by the State Government called as Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 under Rule 21 stipulates for District Level committee on disability. It is further submitted that Local Level Committee is framed for each district since 09.01.2020 and is to be headed by District Collector as Chairperson and shall include two members, one of the member from an NGO and the second member is any person active in the field of specially abled persons.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.) ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :	Independent Shri Uma Shanker Sharma, State Commissioner, Disabilities Address-G-3/1 A, Vishesh Yogyajan Bhawan, Rajmahal Residency Area, Jaipur Phone No: 0141-2222937, 2222503 Email: commissioner.sap@rajasthan.gov.in Regarding constituting State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner File is under process at State Level (SAP).

	<p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p> <p>Details of prepartion of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature</p>	<p>Dy. Commissioner -1 SLO-1 PS-1 Asst Adm. Off-1 UDC-1 LDC-1 Peon-4</p> <p>Grant in aid sanctioned in the financial year 2021-22 by the Directorate Special Abled Persons are 3436.81 Lacs.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>It is submitted that State Government has notified the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 also issued RRPWD (A) Rules 2021 and vide notification of Law and Legal Affairs Department, Rajasthan, all District Session Courts have been assigned special jurisdiction to deal with the cases pertaining concerned provision and that as per rule framed by State Government called as Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 under Rule 21 stipulates for District Level Committee on disability. It is further submitted that Local Level Committee is formed for each district since 09.01.2020</p> <p>1. For identification and certification of PwDs 4,46,061 UDID cards issued in the State of Rajasthan.</p> <p>2. For provided social security disable pension, 639422 PwDs are getting benefit.</p> <p>866</p> <p>01</p> <p>09</p> <p>09</p> <p>--</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>2018-2019 = 8701/24-9-2019 2019-2020 = 15209/28-1-2021 2020-21 = 23639/02-02-2021</p>
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a Session Court to be a Special Court to try offences under this Act.	A vide notification dated 30.08.2017 one Session Court has been specified in each district to hear the cases under the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	Yes

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	The State Government constituted a State Fund for PwDs for compliance of the provisions of this Act, provisions are made in state rule.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	Appropriate authority ensures the compliance of the provisions of this Act.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	Appropriate authority ensures the compliance of the provisions of this Act.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	It is submitted that the State Government has notified the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules vide notification dated 23.01.2019 and also issued RRPWD (A) Rules 2021.

10.30: SIKKIM**Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	In compliance: Policies and provision are being implemented in the State as per RPwD Act, 2016.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	In compliance: Policies and provision of women & children with disabilities are being implemented in the State as per RPwD Act 2016
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	In compliance, the initiatives have been taken in 35 government buildings in which 26 work has been completed and the remaining buildings work under progress under Accessible India Campaign.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	The Superintendent of Police of all Districts have been appointed as Grievance Redressal Officers for the purpose of redressal of grievances of Persons with Disabilities.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Section 92 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 has been displayed through hoarding in all four districts of the State.

8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Land Revenue Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) Department, Government of Sikkim has been working in coordination with the district officials of the SJ&W Department as and when required.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	In compliance: Policies and provision are being implemented in the State as per RPwD Act, 2016. Till date there is no such case has been found.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Policies and provision are being implemented in the State.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	It is being done by Election Department.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Action is in place
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	As per RPwD Act, 2016 Awareness programme are being conducted from time to time.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	As per RPwD Act, 2016
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	As per RPwD Act, 2016 Panchayats, District and Block level officials are routinely oriented and awareness programme are also conducted at Block level from time to time.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16	Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD's.	Under Inclusive Education programme, Samagra Shiksha, Education Department is providing escort allowances, Textbook, Braille books, Uniforms and Midday meal to school going Child with Special Needs. The schools follow common curriculum for all students, However, the Department of Education, has appointed special educators and resource teachers to guide and support the general teachers on curriculum adaptation with special emphasis on to the Children with Special Needs.
17	Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	-do- All the school Heads are directed to implement the directives and guidelines of the RPwDs Act, 2016 and RTE Act. As per RPwD Act 2016 As per RPwD Act, 2016 and RTE Act In the State of Sikkim medium of instruction is in English and second language is Nepali followed by Hindi. Especially, for the Person with Blindness may use the above-mentioned languages and for Deaf, sign language is used. In Sate of Sikkim exist no unique disability having Deaf Blind reported. However State Government has facilitated to local NGO to take up a project specifically for deaf-blind supported by Sense International India. Special Educators/Resource Teachers has been appointed under Samagra Shiksha, Education Department. As per RTE Act and RPwD Act, 2016 and Special Educators/Resource Teachers are monitoring. Escort allowances are provided to the children with disabilities.

18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	As per Act action is in place.
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Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	The SABCO and State Bank of Sikkim provides loans to persons with disabilities to start their own business or income generation activities/ startup by Commerce and Industries Department.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	As per RPwD Act 2016
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Implementation of 4% job reservation on identified post has been notified vide Notification No: M(14)/133/GEN/DOP dated :20/11/2018.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Concerned department is maintaining the records as stipulated under the RPwDs Act, 2016
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	The Grievances Redressal Officer have been appointed in every department in the State.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension (Multiple and severe Disability having assessed 80% and above degree of disability) are provided with monthly pension of Rs.2000/- Chief Minister State disability pension: Rs.1500 pm (40% and above degree of disabilities not covered under the IGNDPS Grant of Award for marriages with Persons with Disabilities: Rs.2.00 Lakhs as one-time grant Conveyance Allowance to all Govt. servants @ Rs. 1000/- pm Rs.50,000/- Grant to Scheduled Caste beneficiaries to establish business enterprises under the Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Grant in Aid are provided to the NGOs working in the field of disabilities.

		<p>During the year 2006-07, a study on iodine deficiency disease was conducted by IDD cell, Health Department sponsored by the Government of India.</p> <p>The Information, Education & Communication Division under the Department of Health Care, Human Service & Family Welfare undertakes periodic awareness campaigns to disseminate information for general health, hygiene and sanitation in collaboration with respective CSS programme under NHM . They help to generate awareness on causes and prevention of disabilities.</p> <p>Under RBSK programme NHM:</p> <p>New born children were screened at Delivery points and 6 weeks to 18 years at AWCs and School level.</p> <p>They are screened for 4Ds (Birth defects, developmental delays including disabilities, deficiencies and diseases)</p> <p>All at risk cases detected during screening programme are referred to the nearest PHCs, CHCs, District Hospital and State Referral Hospital and birth defect cases requiring surgeries as referred to empanelled hospitals outside the state for appropriate management.</p> <p>Steps taken under RMNCH+ approach NHM:-</p> <p>Early registration with four Anti-natal check-up before delivery.</p> <p>Screening of high-risk pregnancy with appropriate referral to nearest centres.</p> <p>Initiation of Tab Folifer with the conformation of pregnancy of preventing birth defects.</p> <p>IIInd Trimester USG for abnormal scan at State and all District Level Hospital.</p> <p>Sale of non-iodised salt banned in the State.</p> <p>Emergency CS facilities are available in order to combat intra-natal complication like foetal distress, APH etc.</p> <p>Under RBSK programme all the MOs, ANMs, Paramedic and even the AHAs, AWWs are trained on prevention and Early detection of Disabilities.</p> <p>The RCH wing of the HC,HS and FW Department is imparting training at the State and District level. This trained manpower are working under the supervision of the LHV and Medical Officers which undertakes anti natal check-up, pre-natal, post-natal care of mother and child under Maternal & Child Health programme and all the risk cases are then referred to FRU/State Referral Hospital for compulsory institutional delivery.</p>
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Action is initiated in convergence with National Trust
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	The Department is providing Grant in Aid to NGOs working in the field of disabilities.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The department is constructing two special schools namely; Special School for the Children with Speech and Hearing Impaired and Special School for Children with Disabilities at Muleso Assam Lingzay with Hostel facilities separately. 2. A sports complex is also proposed to be established in the same place. 3. A Rehabilitation Home for Psycho-Social rehabilitation for Persons with Mental Illness is under construction in the same place.

29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	As per RPwD Act, 2016 The awareness and sensitization programme on RPwDs Act and its aims and objectives is being conducted at Block level and District level.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	The Samagra Shiksha under Education Department, sports activity like Special Olympic is being conducted every year in association with Sports Department.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	As per RTE Act 2009 all the children including CWSN is mainstreaming in the regular normal schools. The SJ&W Department is running three Special Schools for the Children with Special Needs, namely; 1. Primary School up to Class IV level for the Children with Speech and Hearing Impaired at Sichey, Gangtok and imparting primary education. It is a Residential School where education, accommodation, uniform, textbooks are provided by the Government free of cost. 2. The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Institute for children with Visually Impaired at Boomtar, Namchi. The students are provided with free hostel accommodation including food, books, stationary, uniform etc. up to class IV. 3. The Special School for Children with Disabilities wherein free education with Hostel facilities up to Class III level are provided and supported by the Integrated Child Protection Scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. There are 90 numbers of special children enrolled in this School. 4. Recently this institution was taken over by the State Government under Social Justice & Welfare Department.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	State Education Department has been requested to initiate appropriate action and for the same meeting has been conducted, the file is under process.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Concerned department is taking action as per the RPwDs Act 2016
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%.	Implementation of 4% job reservation on identified post has been notified vide Notification No: M(14)/133/GEN/DOP Dated :20/11/2018.

	iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	State Government is formulating a policy.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	There is no Special Employment Exchanges in the State, the persons with disabilities register themselves in the Employment Cells in their respective Block Administrative Centres. However, as per the RPwDs Act, 2016 4% reservation for PwBDs is being implemented by the State Government.
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 persons with locomotive disabilities have been allotted housing units in Rangpo East Sikkim • 11 PwDs have been allotted shops and hawker spaces in various shopping complex. • 33% is reserved for PwDs+ economically weaker sections+ victims of natural calamities in the allotment of Housing sites. <p>3% reservation is provided under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM)</p>

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	State Government has providing financial and technical support to Persons with Disabilities through NGOs for running residential quality services for high support groups.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	The Department had organized General Awareness and Publicity camps in all District of Sikkim in co-ordination with Chief Medical Officers of the District Hospitals, Block Development Officers, CDPOs and Aaganwadi workers.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	The Department of Building & Housing Department has issued a Circular bearing No.3(422) B7H/06-07/Estb/622 dated 19/8/2016 in order to ensure that all public building is made PwD friendly.

41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	The State Transport Department has reserved 02(two) front seats in all the State-run buses for free travel both within and outside the State on production of a Certificate of Identity Card for Persons with Disabilities issued by the competent authority. All the staff members have been sensitized to take care of all PwDs while boarding and getting off the bus.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	The information and Technology Department has been requested to make all Government websites Disabled friendly. As of now only the website of Social Justice Empowerment and Welfare Department has been disabled friendly.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Action will be initiated as per RPwD Act, 2016
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	It is mandatory for vetting of DPR under Government of Sikkim Notification No.02/Bldgs dated 16/09/2015 in order to streamline and regulate construction activities of all Government or Semi-Government organization including those of autonomous bodies like Boards, Corporations, Companies, Public Sector Units etc. in the State of Sikkim. The Clause 3.6. i.e. Chapter VI called Special Provisions, Sub Clause 3.6.1 makes it mandatory to comply to the provisions of the PwDs Act, on providing a barrier free environment.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	35 Public Buildings in an around Gangtok has been identified for converting into barrier free environment and out of 35 nos works has been started in 15 nos of public buildings.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	The Department of Building & Housing Department has issued a Circular bearing No.3(422) B7H/06-07/Estb/622 dated 19/8/2016 in order to ensure that all public building is made PwD friendly. The State Transport Department has reserved 02(two) front seats in all the State-run buses for free travel both within and outside the State on production of a Certificate of Identity Card for Persons with Disabilities issued by the competent authority. All the staff members have been sensitized to take care of all PwDs while boarding and getting off the bus. The information and Technology Department has made most of the Government websites Disabled friendly.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	As per RPwD Act, 2016
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	As per RPwD Act, 2016

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49 to 53	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions. Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Secretary, Social Justice & Welfare Department has been appointed as competent authority for issue of certificate of registration in respect of Institutions for PwDs. and as Appellate Authority to whom appeals against the order of competent authority refusing or revoking the certificate of Registration of Institution can be made.

54 to 55	Act not to apply to institutions established or maintained by Central or State Government. Assistance to registered institutions	Implementation framework in place as per State Rules. As per RPwDs Act 2016 the Social Justice & Welfare Department is being provided the grant in aid to registered institutions who meet the criteria
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State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The State Advisory Board has been constituted vide Notification No: GOS/SJE&WD/2017-18/5 Dated: 04.06.2018
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	The District Level Committee was constituted vide Government Notification No.33/SJ&WD/ ADM/2019 Dated: 29/09/2019 as per the RPwD Act 2016.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State/UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p>	<p>The Secretary SJ&W Department has been appointed as State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities vide notification 09/ SJ&WD/2020 dated 04.05.2020. Shri Tshewang Gyachho, SCS Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey 737102 Telefax: 03592 232596 Mobile no. 97332 24497 Email: lgvachhol968HRmail.com secy-socialwelfare@sikkim.gov.in</p> <p>The State Advisory Board has been constituted vide Notification No:GOS/SJE&WD/2017-18/5 Dated: 04.06.2018 as per the RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. M.B. Chhetri, Joint Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities 2. Shri. P.N. Pradhan, Assistant Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities transferred and posted on regular full time basis. 3. Shri. Sameer Pradhan, State Coordinator UDID 4. Ms. Prane Pradhan, Inspector on ad-hoc basis. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sikkim Divyang Shayata Samiti 4.00 lakhs 2. Deorali Mayalmu Sangh: 3.00 Lakhs <p>2017-2018: Number of Inspection: 2 2018-19: Number of Inspection: 2 2019-20: Number of Inspection: 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness and sensitization on RPwD Act 2016, at District level and Block level and design and develop the leaflets on 21 types of disabilities. 2. Article published in local news paper focusing on different issues related to PwDs, rehabilitation and education. 3. Disability camps organised at District and Block level.

	<p>4. Orientation training to Medical professionals in 21 types of disabilities, certification and UDID.</p> <p>5. Teachers training on RPwDs Act 2016 and its implementation.</p> <p>6. AanganWadi Workers (AWW), Supervisor and Helpers training on RPwDs Act 2016 and its implementation.</p> <p>7. Technical supports in terms of training for local NGOs working in the field of disability.</p> <p>8. Creation of State Disability Fund as per the RPwD Act, 2016.</p>
vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:	Nil
a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Comm.:	Nil
b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):	Nil
c) Total number of cases:	Nil
d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:	Nil
e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:	Nil
f) Number of cases pending:	Nil
Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State legislature	N/A

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specify for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	As per the notification no. 40/Home/2020 dated: 04.08.2020. The Home Department, Government of Sikkim notified the District Court of Sessions with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Sikkim, hereby specifies the following Courts as "Special Court" to try the offences under the Act, within the respective jurisdiction with immediate effect. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Court of Session (East) at Gangtok. 2. Court of Session (North) at Mangan. 3. Court of Session (West) at Gyalshing. 4. Court of Session (South) at Namchi.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	----

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities : (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	A sum of Rs 30.00 Lakhs per annum State Fund for PwDs has been created

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	Action will be initiated as per RPwD Act, 2016

91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	As per RPwD Act, 2016
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Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	As per section 101 of the Act, the Department has notified the State Rules vide Notification No.06/SJE\$WD Dated 20.01.2018; The Sikkim Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017.

10.31: TAMILNADU:

NOT SUBMIT

10.32 TELANGANA

Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	The interests of the PwDs in this regard are being safeguarded through all the relevant provisions of the Act with specific measures initiated by Government and the Dept. For Disabled Welfare, as specified in the respective Sections of the Act.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Measures are taken to protect the PwDs from abuse, violence and exploitation as per the relevant provisions of the RPwD Act. Whenever such incidents are reported in the media or otherwise, they are brought to notice of the concerned authorities by the State Commissioner, for remedial measures.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Appropriate measures are initiated in this regard as per the relevant Sections of the RPwD Act, 2016 to ensure in-house, residential and community support services to PwDs.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Apart from launching awareness and sensitization programmes whenever such incidents are brought to notice or inquired suo motu, they are brought to notice of the police authorities & District level authorities including the DWOs to remedy the situation.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Measures are taken to protect the PwDs from abuse, violence and exploitation as per the relevant provisions of the RPwD Act. Whenever such incidents are reported in the media or otherwise, they are brought to notice of the concerned authorities by the State Commissioner for remedial measures. The Police authorities registered cases against the offenders in relevant cases and are tried in the District Courts. Some such cases pertain to land disputes, harassment & violence taking advantage of disability, illegal occupation of property, injustice in employment etc.
8	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Yes. The Commissioner & EO Secretary, Disaster Management, Revenue Department, Govt. of Telangana has been addressed to initiate appropriate measures to ensure inclusion of persons with disabilities in its disaster management activities and also to maintain record of particulars of persons with disabilities (PwDs) in the districts, duly emphasizing relevance of Section 8 (Protection and safety in emergencies and natural disasters) and Rehabilitation.

		<p>In the present COVID-19 crisis all the required measures of safety and protection including issue of Police passes to the care-givers of PwDs, supply of groceries, medicines etc., to the PwDs at their door step by the respective DWOs of the Districts, priority being given for medical attention at the hospitals for PwDs, including the hospitals at the rural areas, establishing special COVID vaccination centers for PwDs/Sr. Citizens. Expenditure is incurred for the above purposes from the State Fund created for such purposes. Regular review meetings with the DWOs of the districts in the entire State are held across ZOOM platform, besides Mobile whatsapp Group covering the DWOs of all the 33 districts on the steps taken, to be taken in case of short falls etc. All the necessary steps are already being taken by the State authorities/ District authorities. Separate Helpline Number for PwDs is established for redressal of their grievances (18005728980)</p>
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	A provision is made under Rule 4 of the State Rules, 2018, as per G.O. Ms. No. 3 dated 1-5-2018 of WCD & SC Department, Government of Telangana under RPwD Act, 2016 for implementation of the provision. Accordingly, all the Districts authorities are taking steps along the stipulated lines.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	The Department of Public Health of Government is taking care of this aspect.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	<p>To ensure accessibility in voting by PwDs, a number of measures have already been initiated such as:</p> <p>To ensure effective implementation Accessible components in Elections, the Director, WD&SC was designated as the State Nodal Officer for PwDs and Deputy CEO (PwDs) for the elections held for the State Assembly Elections, 2018 and General Lok Sabha Elections 2019.</p> <p>(a) Ramps for easy access in all polling stations</p> <p>(b) Wheel Chair with attendant facility positioned at all polling stations</p> <p>(c) EVMs and other voter material with Braille script</p> <p>(d) Separate 'Q' for Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>(e) Free Transport facility (to & fro) the residence of voters</p> <p>Awareness campaigns for PwDs on voting process including Mock Poll Exercise, Braille Epic and Braille Signages displayed on EVMs etc., are being organized in all the Districts and the cities in the State, especially for visually challenged voters.</p>
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Special Courts under Section 84 of the RPwD Act, 2016 are established in each District and also in the City of Hyderabad to try the offences under this Act. Besides, District Legal Services Authorities are also functioning in the Districts providing access to PwDs. Special care is being taken in respect of the Hearing Impaired for communicating with anybody in the form of SMS, Video calling etc. District Collectors are addressed to engage sign language interpreters from NIHH or any Special Educator in Special School for the Hearing Impaired or IRT/ HH category in SSA.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	The provisions under this Section are being implemented by the implementing agencies including access to bank loans, mortgages and other forms of financial credit on par with others along with right to inherit property. Open School is providing Education to dropouts & C.W.S.N to continue their education.

14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Detailed instructions have been issued for provision of limited guardianship under Rule 4 of Telangana State Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules issued vide G.O. Ms. No. 3, Department for WCD & SC (Schemes), dated 01-05-2018. The respective District Collectors as Chairman of the District Level Committee are implementing this provision.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	<p>(1) The State Government should designate one or more authorities to mobilize the community and create social awareness to support PwDs in exercise of their Legal Capacity.</p> <p>(2) The above authority should take measures for setting up suitable support arrangements to exercise Legal Capacity by PwDs living in institutions and those with high support needs.</p> <p>(3) Government has already been addressed in this regard.</p>

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD's. & Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16.	Orders on free and Compulsory Education (inclusive education) to children with disabilities are issued vide G.O.Ms. No. 20, dated 03.03.2011. Section 16 is being implemented in all its earnestness.
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	The earlier Sakshara Bharath Programme was conducted on 31.03.2018. The GOI re-designated the programme as Padma Likhna Abhiyan. Further instructions are awaited from GOI to implement the said programme. Whenever the new programme starts, participation of PwDs in adult education will be ensured.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<p>(a) A State Resource Centre (SRC) has been functioning in the Directorate of Disabled Welfare & Senior Citizens. An exclusive Skill Development & Self-employment Wing has been set up in the above SRC. Various programmes including Job Melas, Training Programmes, Awareness Programmes on the available State and Central Government opportunities for setting up of small & medium enterprises are being organized. This wing plays the role of an interface between the employer and the unemployed PwD youth.</p> <p>(b) Loans and other incentives are being extended to PwDs on par with SC/ST under "T-Pride Scheme" of Govt.</p> <p>(c) Large Scale Skill Development Programme is under taken to enhance professionalism and spirit of competitiveness with placements and Economic Support facility. 350 PwDs will be benefitted during the year.</p> <p>(d) Under Economic Rehabilitation Scheme subsidy linked with bank guarantee loans are sanctioned to various categories of self-employment units. The maximum subsidy limit is Rs. 5,00,000/-. 100% subsidy is provided to the units below 50,000/- unit cost.</p>
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	(a) 4% reservation in Direct Recruitment in Government establishments is provided to PwDs vide G.O.Ms.No. 10 of Department for Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens (ESTT) dated 30-08-2018.

21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Some Corporate establishments have submitted their equal opportunity policy with the State Commissioner.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Every establishment appointed a Grievance Redressal Officer to deal with the requirements of this Section.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	(i) Government issued orders for appointment of Grievance Redressal Officer in every Govt. establishment vide Govt. Memo No. 2833/ Schemes/A2/2017-2, of Department for WCD & SC, dated 09-08-2017. (ii) The GRO is maintaining the Register of complaints. District Level Committees under Chairmanship of District Collector is constituted in every District. (iii) The PwDs who are not satisfied with the action taken by the GRO can approach the District level Committee of PwDs for redressal of their grievances.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particular	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	(a) Disabled Pension @ of Rs. 3016/- per person per month is being implemented under Aasara Pension Scheme. (b) Government enhanced the percentage of reservation from 3% to 5% in all poverty alleviation, Welfare & various developmental schemes like housing, agricultural land with priority to women PwDs vide G.O.Ms.No. 1 dated 16-01-2018 of Department for Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens (Schemes). (c) Marriage Incentive Award of Rs. 1.00 lakh is being provided to encourage marriages between PwDs and normal persons. Under Kalyana Lakshmi Scheme the PwDs are provided Rs. 1.25 lakhs. (d) 20 Home including hostels for PwDs are run in the erstwhile 10 districts of Telangana region of the composite State of Andhra Pradesh, i.e., before bifurcation of the State. As a result of bifurcation of the State a total of 33 districts have been created in the State of Telangana. (e) Government has been providing retro-fitted motorized vehicles, laptops, prosthetic aids; mobility aids and educational aids to PwDs such as callipers, artificial limbs, hearing aids, etc., free of cost for improving their quality of life in terms of mobility, communication, education and rehabilitation. (f) The Health & Family Welfare Department and the Women Development & Child Welfare Department have been implementing various programmes through Anganwadi Centres for prevention of disability such as: Aarogya Laxmi Scheme, a nutritional programme to support pregnant women & lactating mothers, regular medical attention, awareness programmes on Dos and Dons for early identification & prevention of disability during pre-natal, peri-natal and post-natal stages. (g) The Health & Family Welfare Dept. Has been conducting regular screening camps in all the schools in the State for early identification of incidents of disability and minor corrective surgeries are under taken at empanelled Hospitals and providing corrective measures through District Early Intervention Centers (DEIC).

26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Government is providing Insurance cover to all its employees including PwD employees through Telangana Group Life Insurance and GIS.															
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	<p>HEALTH & EDUCATION)-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation including Health and Special education services to the PwDs are provided through the Deendayal Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJ&E), Govt of India by providing Grant-in-aid to 60 institutions/ NGO's who are working in the field of Disability Rehabilitation by providing Physiotherapy, Early Intervention, Speech therapy and special education services covering almost 6,664 beneficiaries for the year 2020-21. <p>The District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) are sanctioned in Sanga Reddy and Ranga Reddy Districts and are also providing Rehabilitation services to the Disabled by providing Physiotherapy, Speech therapy, Counseling and other services.</p> <p>EMPLOYMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Director, WD&SC conducted three Job Melas for PwD aspirants and provided employment for different categories of PwD's. The 1st Job Mela was conducted in the premises WD&SC Department on 12.06.2018 wherein 140 members have been placed in various MNC's and 2nd Job mela was conducted at Warangal DWO office and the 3rd job mela was conducted in the premises of WD&SC department on 19.06.2019 wherein 101 members have been placed in various MNC's. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic situation Job Melas were not conducted during 2021-22. <p>SADAREM (Disability Certificates)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Govt of Telangana is providing Disability Certificate (SADAREM – Software for Assessment of Disabled for Access, Rehabilitation and Empowerment) to all eligible categories of Disabilities through SERP (Society for elimination of Rural Poverty) Department. Till now 7,92,345 (Seven Lakhs fifty six thousand two hundred and fourteen) Certificates have been issued to PwDs which can be utilized by them for benefit under Government welfare schemes, Jobs, Loans etc. <p>(a) Telangana Vikalangula Co-operative Corporation (TVCC) is in process of distribution of Assistive Aids & Appliances worth of Rs. 24.00 Crores to 1900 beneficiaries.</p> <p>(b) Marriage Incentive Awards are provided to 400 PwD beneficiaries.</p> <p>Subsidy : The Rate of Subsidy under Economic Rehabilitation Scheme for Socio-economic upliftment of PwDs has been enhanced vide G.O.Ms. No. 17 of WCD & SC (Schemes.II) Dept., dated 01-10-2020 as detailed below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Applicable Subsidy Pattern</th><th>Percentage of Subsidy</th><th>Percentage of Bank Loan</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1) Up to Rs. 50,000/- unit cost</td><td>100%</td><td>NIL</td></tr> <tr> <td>2) Up to Rs. 1.00 Lakh Unit cost</td><td>80%</td><td>20%</td></tr> <tr> <td>3) Rs. 1.01 Lakh to 2.00 Lakh unit cost</td><td>70%</td><td>30%</td></tr> <tr> <td>4) Rs. 2.01 Lakh to 10.00 Lakh</td><td>60% or 5.00 Lakhs whichever is less</td><td>40% or the balance</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Applicable Subsidy Pattern	Percentage of Subsidy	Percentage of Bank Loan	1) Up to Rs. 50,000/- unit cost	100%	NIL	2) Up to Rs. 1.00 Lakh Unit cost	80%	20%	3) Rs. 1.01 Lakh to 2.00 Lakh unit cost	70%	30%	4) Rs. 2.01 Lakh to 10.00 Lakh	60% or 5.00 Lakhs whichever is less	40% or the balance
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28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Government of Telangana, in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Health Hyderabad, has initiated research on the following topics: (a) Telangana Disability study at Mahaboobnagar District, (b) Rapid Assessment of Disability (RAD) at urban slums of Hyderabad, (c) Portable eye examination kit (PEEK) was conducted at all Government and Private Schools in Hyderabad. Evaluation of Diagnostic facilities has been undertaken at Primary Health Centers (PHC), District Hospitals, Area Hospitals and Community Health Centers in Hyderabad, Mahaboobnagar, Nalgonda, Sangareddy and Rangareddy Districts.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Due to COVID – 19 pandemic & protocol the International Day of Disabled and Louis Braille Birthday celebrations are conducted on virtual mode, inviting the PwD Organisations
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Due to COVID-19 and keeping in view of protection and safety of PwDs., the State level games were not held this year.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	(a) As contemplated in RTE Act, 2009 School Education Department and Samagra Siksha Abhiyan are providing free and compulsory education to CwSN in Bhavitha Centers, Regular Schools and neighbourhood schools through SERP. (b) Special Residential schools for Visually Challenged and Hearing Impaired students are functioning for providing special education.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	(A) 3% reservation in admissions to PwD students is already being provided in Higher education. Government (Education Dept.) has already been addressed (18-09-2018, 09-04-2019 & 05-01-2020) to issue orders to all the universities in the State and the State Council of Higher Education and the Commissioner of Technical Education for implementing 5% reservation of seats in all higher education courses as per Section 32 of the RPwD Act, 2016. (B) As a result, the Higher Education Department has requested all the Universities to submit proposals for amendment to the Government Orders on implementation of reservation of seats in admissions to PwDs and also issued U.O. Note dated 27-01-2020, amendments to the admissions rules for admissions into higher education courses.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Government constituted an Expert Committee for identification of posts for PwDs in direct recruitment vide G.O. Rt. No. 27 and 28 of Dept. For WCD & SC (Estt), dated 03-04-2018. The Committee met thrice and identified the posts and submitted the same to Government for necessary approval.

34	<p>1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs.</p> <p>i) Blindness and low vision – 1%</p> <p>ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%.</p> <p>iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%.</p> <p>2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	<p>1) Government issued orders enhancing the existing 3% reservations in employment for PwDs to 4% in Direct Recruitment vide G.O.Ms.No. 10 of Senior Citizens (ESTT), dated 30-08-2018. The stipulated category-wise reservation is being implemented by all the recruitment agencies/departments in the State.</p> <p>2) Special Recruitment Drive (SRD) is also being conducted to fill in the Backlog vacancies of PwDs. The Government has been issuing orders from time to time for SRD and the G.O.Rt.No. 89, WCD & SC Dept., dated 20-08-2020, the G.O in force till 31-03-2022. The SRD is further extended upto 31-03-2024 vide G.O.Rt. No.35, WCD & SC Department, dated 09 -05-2022.</p>
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	The Government has already been addressed in the matter to ensure providing at least 5% incentives to employers in private sector.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	A Special Employment Exchange is functioning at Malleshpally, Hyderabad for facilitating Unemployed PwDs. Every district in the State has an Employment Exchange for registration of general and PwD candidates separately.
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<p>i) Reservation of 5% to Persons with Disabilities in welfare and various developmental schemes such as allotment of agricultural land and housing is being implemented by all the District Collectors and the Housing Department as per Collectors and the Housing Department as per Section 37 (b) of RPwD Act, 2016 with priority to women with benchmark disabilities.</p> <p>(ii) Enhancement of Reservation from 3% to 5% in all Poverty Alleviation and various departmental schemes for Persons with Disabilities with priority to women with benchmark disabilities as per Section 37 of the RPwD Act, 2016 vide G.O.Ms. No. 1, WCD & SC Dept., dated 16-01-2018</p> <p>(iii) Yes, reservation at 5% in allotment of land at concessional rate for housing, shelter, setting up occupation, business, enterprise, recreation centres, production centres, for PwDs is being followed in all districts of the State.</p>

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide PwDs with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	<p>(a) SSA is providing home based rehabilitation to children who are severely affected and are bedridden.</p> <p>(b) The Government constituted committee of Experts to study probable requirements of High Support Needs. The Report is awaited.</p>

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Steps have been taken to create awareness on the provisions of RPwD Act, 2016 and sensitization among the PwDs at gross root level by utilizing the services of District functionaries. Display Boards on the Rights of PwDs are set up at every police station and other Govt. establishments in the State.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	<p>(a) Under Phase-I of Accessible India Campaign (AIC) 16 buildings in Hyderabad were access Audited and Rs. 9.19 Cr. is sanctioned by Government of India to make these Building Barrier-Free for PwDs. The modification work of these buildings is taken up by R&B Department of Government.</p> <p>(b) Under Phase-II, 111 Government buildings which are frequently visited by PwDs are identified and Access Audit completed. The HODs are requested by the Chief Secretary to Government to take up structural modifications.</p> <p>Under Phase – III, the 8 erstwhile District Head-quarters are selected for identification of Government buildings which are frequently visited by the PwDs. Identification of the Agency for conducting Accessibility Audit is in process.</p>
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	<p>(a) TSRTC has already been running 250 busses for providing easy access to wheel chair users. These are accessible to PwDs. In addition, 120 new buses have been introduced in the year 2018-19.</p> <p>(b) Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has been issuing 100% concessional bus passes to 90,305 PwD passengers for their travel in city limits and 50% concessional bus passes for travel in districts to 4,61,364 PwD passengers as per the report of TSRTC.</p>
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	The ITE & C Department, Government of Telangana has undertaken GIGW compliance project (GCP) in February, 2017. As can be seen from the current status report on accessibility compliance relating to websites/public documents there are a total of 495 Government websites in Telangana State. Out of these, 237 websites are made accessible to PwDs while 258 websites are under development to be made accessible to PwDs.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	This is being implemented in general without any impediment to PwDs.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	WCD & SC Department of Government is addressed by this office vide Lr. No. RPwD Act, 2016/Genl/52-6/2019 dt. 12-11-2019 to take up the matter with MA & UD Department of Government for issuing appropriate instructions/guidelines to the GHMC and other Municipal Corporations/Municipalities in the State in this regard.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	A specific programme of Accessible India Campaign has been launched by the department of Disabled Welfare and Sr. Citizens. As per this programme, in Phase-I, the structural modifications of 16 buildings is in progress in State Capital with grants from GoI, in Phase-II, 111 buildings the Access Audit of which has been completed and Head of the Department are requested to undertake structural modification work.

46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Under Accessibility India Campaign, services like websites, IT, public transport are included and are being provided to PwDs. In the transport sector concessions in bus fares, reservation of seats, procuring busses which can accommodate wheelchairs and busses with low boarding platforms are being provided for the benefit of PwDs.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	(a) TCTVH (Training Centre for Teachers for Visually Handicapped) has been conducting D.ED., in teaching Visually Impaired students. (b) Telangana Vikalangula Cooperative Corporation (TVCC) has been imparting Training on Computer Application through JAWS (Job access with speech) for visually impaired persons for enabling them to operate computers independently. (c) Telangana State is privileged to have all National Institutions for PwDs, where specialists, professionals are trained.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	The Department has introduced TSOBMMS for easy access of Schemes to PwDs. They can register and regularly monitor the status. The system introduced to maintain transparency, avoid duplicability and expedite delivery of benefits to eligible PwDs. The other departments are also providing details of beneficiaries of the scheme including PwDs on the website as part of Social Audit.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	The Assistant Director, Hyderabad District and the District Welfare Officers of the Department for Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens in other districts have been nominated as competent authorities to issue Registration Certificate to the Institutions working for Rehabilitation/Empowerment of PwDs and the Director of Welfare of the Disabled and Senior Citizens is designated as Appellate Authority in the matter.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	The requirements of the above sections are being complied with by the respective authorities of the Department.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The State Advisory Board has been constituted by the State Government vide G.O.Rt.No. 84 dated 28-11-2019 of Dept. For WCD & SC (Schemes – II) under Rule 8 of the Rules framed vide G.O.MS. No. 3, dated 01-05-2018 Dept for WCD & SC with the Minister-in-charge of the Department of Disability as Chairpersons-Ex-officio. The Members of the Board include Secretaries to Government of 17 Departments; three legislators; five experts in the field of Disability and Rehabilitation; five Members to represent the Districts; 10 persons with disabilities representing various NGOs associations and three representatives of the State Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The latest such meeting held on 17.03.2022.

72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	<p>(a) Government issued orders, vide G.O.Rt No. 99 dated 19-12-2019 of Dept. For WCD & SC (Schemes-II) constituting District level Committees on Disability under the Chairmanship of the District Collector under Rule 10 of the Rules framed under the Act. The heads of various line departments in the district and representatives from NGOs and eminent knowledgeable PwDs are the Members of the Committee vide G.O. Ms. No. 3 of WCD & SC Department dated 01-05-2018.</p> <p>(b) Convening of periodic meetings of the District level Committees is in progress in all 33 districts of the State.</p>
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State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p>	<p>The Government of Telangana vide G.O.Ms. 13, Dept. For Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens (Schemes) dated 15-07-2017 designated the Director, Welfare of Disabled & Senior Citizens Department, Telangana, Hyderabad as State Commissioner for PwDs, Telangana State for the purposes of the Act to perform the functions as stipulated in Section 80 of the RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <p>Name : Smt. B. Shailaja, Office Address : Vikalangula Sankshema Bhavan, Nalgonda X Roads, Malakpet, Hyderabad – 500036. TS Whats app No: 98499 05475 Telephone No: 040 – 24559048 Mobile No: 98499 05475 Email Id: scrpwdact@gmail.com</p> <p>ii) Provision has been made in the State Rules under Rule 19 of the Telangana State Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018, vide G.O. No. 3 dt. 1-5-2018 for constitution of State Advisory Committee to assist the State Commissioner. The Committee will be formed shortly.</p> <p>iii) 1. Administrative Consultant 2. Legal Consultant 3. Disability Rehabilitation Consultant 4. Grievances Reddressal Officer 5. Skill Development Consultant 6. Two Data Entry Operators 7. Personal Assistant.</p> <p>iv) The NGOs are receiving Grant-in-aid from Government of India. State Government is not providing funds to NGOs separately.</p> <p>v) No. of Inspections carried out during: i) 2017-18: 35 ii) 2018-19: 28 iii) 2019-20: 62 iv) 2020-21: 49 v) 2021-22 : 66</p> <p>vi) The following initiatives are taken by the State for successful implementation of RPwD Act, 2016 during 2021-22 (achievements are also included):</p>

	<p>a) The State Fund was created vide G.O.Ms. No. 14 Dept. For WCD & SC (Schemes-II) dated 29-11-2019 and the funds were released by Government and are utilized for meeting the essential needs of PwDs.</p> <p>b) State Advisory Board is created vide G.O.Rt. No. 84 Dept. For WCD & SC (Schemes-II) dated 28-11-2019.</p> <p>c) The Government issued orders constituting District Level Committee vide G.O.Rt. No. 99 Dept. For WCD & SC (Schemes-II) dated 19-12-2019. The Committee is headed by the Dist. Collector as its Chairman.</p> <p>d) Extension of Special Recruitment Drive in Employment vide G.O.Rt. No. 2, Dept for WCD & SC (ESTT) dated 30.01.2020 and further extended vide G.O.Rt. No. 89, Dept for WCD & SC (ESTT) dated 30.01.2020 and further extended vide G.O. Rt. No. 89, Dept for WCD & SC (ESTT) dated 20-08-2020 up to 31-03-2022.</p> <p>e) Government notified Special Sessions Courts in the Districts and Principal Metropolitan Sessions Judges Courts in Hyderabad and Cyberabad for trial of offences filed under the RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <p>f) On the initiative of the State Commissioner, the Housing Department has issued orders for implementation of 5% reservations for Double Bed Room Houses for PwDs vide Housing (RH & C.A1) Dept., Memo No. 1836/RH & C. A1/2017-1 dated 23-12-2017.</p> <p>g) On the initiative of the State Commissioner, the Higher Education Department issued orders for implementation of 5% of seats to PwDs in the Higher Education Institutions vide UO Note No. 129/MC/A1/2018 dt. 27-1-2020 of Higher Education (MC) Department of Government.</p> <p>h) A separate web-site has been created for the office of the State Commissioner.</p>
<p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p> <p>viii) Status of Annual Report</p>	<p>vii) Cases handled as per Section 79 of the RPwD Act, 2016 during the last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before the State Commissioner :40</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on own motion: 02</p> <p>c) Total No. of cases: 42</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed off with directions and positive outcome :28</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received: 28</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending including previous years: 66</p> <p>viii) Preparation of Annual Reports: Two Annual Reports for the year 2018-19 and 2019-22 are prepared. Not yet laid before the Legislature.</p>

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Government notified Special Sessions Courts in the Districts and Principal Metropolitan Sessions Judges Courts in Hyderabad and Cyberabad for trial of cases under SCs & STs (POA) Act, 1989. These courts have been notified for trial of offences filed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 vide G.O. Rt. No. 732, Law (LA, LA & J-Home-Courts.A2) Department dated 6-12-2017.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	For every Special Court the State Government may, by Notification, specify a Special Public Prosecutor for the purpose of conducting cases in that Court. (Matter is pending with Law Department of Government. Reminder has been issued in this office letter dated 27-09-2019).

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	The State Government constituted a State Fund for PwDs Government vide G.O.Ms.No. 14 dated 29-11-2019 of Dept. for WCD & SC (Schemes-II with an initial fund of Rs. 1.00 Cr and an amount of Rs. 2.5 Crore released during financial year 2020-21 vide G.O.Ms.No.14 dated 29-11-2019 of Dept. for WCD & SC (Schemes-II). During the financial year 2021-22, a total of Rs.2.00 Crore has been released. The fund is being utilized for the welfare of the PwDs from time to time. Out of the total fund of Rs.5.50 Cr. received to end of 2021-22 an amount of Rs.3.32 Cr., has been utilized leaving a balance of Rs.2.18 Cr.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	This provision is brought to notice of the implementing agencies as and when any contravention is noticed.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	Government issued orders on imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees or both as punishment for those who fraudulently avail or attempt to avail any benefit meant for persons with benchmark disabilities vide G.O.Ms. No. 5, Dept. Of WCD & SC (Schemes), dated 13-06-2018.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Government notified Telangana State Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 under Section 101 (I) and (II) RPwD Act, 2016, vide G.O.Ms. No. 3 of Department for Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens (Schemes), dated 01-05-2018.

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Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	<p>GoUP is committed to abide by the provisions of this Act and this section in particular. GoUP has already taken relevant steps to comply with various provisions under this Act and more actions will be taken if required. It is pertinent to mention that State of Uttar Pradesh is one of the pioneer State of the country wherein independent department to address to the needs of persons with disability was created on 12th August 1995 even before the enactment of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995. Initially, it was named as Department of Handicapped Welfare and later renamed as Department of Development of Persons with Disability and now further renamed as Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. GoUP is running various schemes and programs for SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL and PHYSICAL REHABILITATION of PWBD. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant in aid (Pension) to PWBD- No. of beneficiaries : 1126670 2. Marriage incentive grant to persons marrying PWBD- No. of beneficiaries :471 3. Margin money and loan on subsidized interest rate with minimal instalments of repayment spread over a longer period for establishing any venture. 4. Establishing and running of various residential special schools for PWBD at preprimary, primary, upper primary and Senior Secondary Education. Children get free education, fooding, lodging, uniform, study material, medical assistance, assistive devices etc. in these schools. 5. Establishing Intermediate Schools for Inclusive Education. 6. GoUP is running a university named Dr Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University in Lucknow where in 50% seats are reserved in every course for PWBDs. Here too, students belonging to the category of PWBD get free education, fooding, lodging and transport. 7. Providing Mid-Day Meal to children with Benchmark Disabilities in preprimary schools/centers. 8. Running of Vocational Training Centers. 9. Grant for Artificial Aides/Appliances. No. of beneficiaries :42184 10. Grant for Corrective Surgeries. 11. Free Travel in UPSRTC Buses for PWBD and in some cases with escorts. 12. State Award to persons working for betterment of PWBD and those PWBDs who are doing excels in various fields of activities. 13. Running of Government MR Homes
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	

		14. Grant in aid to NGOs running MR Homes 15. Hostels for PWBDs aspiring Higher Education. 16. Training of teachers to identify children suffering from learning disabilities.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	The following actions have been taken by GoUP: 1. Home department has issued directives to UP Police vide letter dated 26-7-2018 in this regard to take appropriate action against cruelty, inhuman behavior, violence, exploitation, and torture caused to PWBDs as per provisions under this Act. 2. GoUP has notified all District Collectors as Additional Commissioners for PWBDs and all District Officers in charge for PWBDs as Assistant Commissioners for PWBDs to assist the District Collectors. This mechanism has been institutionalized to address to the grievances of PWBDs at local level
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	In compliance of this provision the following action has been taken by GoUP: 1. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has issued directives to all District Magistrates vide GO number 04/65-3-2019-01/2017 TC dated 02.01.2019. 2. Department of Medical Health also has issued directives to DG Medical and Health Services in this regard vide GO number 12/5-7-2019 dated 03.01.2019. 3. Doctors of Health units, ANM at sub centre and Asha and Anganwadi workers at Village level are trained for this.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	1. Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad has permitted to notify the court of VII Additional Session Judge for each district as Special Court under section 84 of this Act. And, in districts with less number of Session Courts, the Court of junior most Additional Session Judge in the District shall be notified as Special Court under section 84 of this Act. GoUP has issued order vide notification no. 11/2019/858/VII-Nyay-2-2019-17/2019 Dated 20-5-2019 to this effect. 2. State Legal Services Authority has been requested to do the needful vide letter number 03/65-3-2019-01/2017 TC dated 02.01.2019.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	GoUP vide notification no 279/LXV-3-2018-40-18 dated 28.08.2018 has appointed the District Magistrates of the concerned districts as "Competent Authority" for the purpose of appointment of limited guardianship for PWBDs and the Divisional Commissioners of the concerned division have been notified as the Appellate Authority to hear appeal against the orders of the Competent Authority under Section-14 of this Act.

15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GoUP has notified all District Collectors as Additional Commissioners for PWBDs and all District Officers in charge for PWBDs as Assistant Commissioners for PWBDs to assist the District Collectors. This mechanism has been institutionalized to support, guide and redress the grievances of PWBDs at local level. 2. Districts Disability Rehabilitation Centers are functional in 28 districts of State of UP. GoI has been requested to sanction more such centers to cater to all the districts of State of UP. District Magistrate is the Chairperson of these centers. 3. GoUP allocates budget for IEC activities to make the PWBDs aware of the schemes being run for them and sensitize the population in general.
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Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16	Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD's.	SCERT, UP is preparing inclusive-content embedded with Indian Sign Language for class 1-5. This inclusive e-content is also useful for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children.
17	Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Few provision have been made in existing curriculum for class 1 to VIII, to make it suitable for children with disabilities. Classroom process is recommended in inclusive mode. Provision for providing extra time of reading, writing & assessment for CWSN. Scribe has been permitted for those needs. 3. Director General, & State Project Director, School Education, U.P has been given the details of compliance of section 16 & 17 in UP vide his letter no. dt.26-07-2022
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Report awaited

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GoUP is running special Vocational Training Centers to impart professional training of the courses most suited for PWBDs. 2. PWBDs are also getting enrolled in Government and Private Vocational Training Centre being run under UP Skill Development Mission wherein they get professional training and consultation to get them engaged in their personal ventures. 3. GoUP is running a scheme of margin money and loan on subsidized interest rate with minimal instalments of repayment spread over a longer period for establishing any venture for PWBDs.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	GoUP has already notified 4% horizontal reservation for PWBDs in appointment in every establishment vide notification no 1868(2)/LXXIX-V-1-18-1(ka)15-18 dated 01.09.2018. In this sequence, by issuing OM No.5 /2022 / 18/1 / 2008/47/Ka-2/2022 dated April 18, 2022 by Personnel Section-2, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Horizontal reservation of 04 percent has been allowed for persons with disabilities in the process of direct recruitment of in the state's services and posts.

21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Instruction have been issued to all the department by Office of the State Commissioner, PwDs, U.P. vide letter no.-3570-3625 dt. 26-03-2019.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	GoUP has issued directions to all establishments of the State Government for prompt action towards the implementation of the provisions of the said section of this Act vide letter number 1431/65-1-2018-119/2018 dated 24.12.2018.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	<p>GoUP is running various schemes and programs for SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL and PHYSICAL REHABILITATION of PWBD. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant in aid (Pension) to PWBD- No. of beneficiaries : 1126670 2. Marriage incentive grant to persons marrying PWBD- No. of beneficiaries :471 3. Margin money and loan on subsidized interest rate with minimal installments of repayment spread over a longer period for establishing any venture. 4. Establishing and running of various residential special schools for PWBD at preprimary, primary, upper primary and Senior Secondary Education. Children get free education, fooding, lodging, uniform, study material, medical assistance, assistive devices etc. in these schools. 5. Establishing Intermediate Schools for Inclusive Education. 6. GoUP is running a university named Dr Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University in Lucknow where in 50% seats are reserved in every course for PWBDs. Here too, students belonging to the category of PWBD get free education, fooding, lodging and transport. 7. Providing Mid-Day Meal to children with Benchmark Disabilities in preprimary schools/centers. 8. Running of Vocational Training Centers. 9. Grant for Artificial Aides/Appliances. No. of beneficiaries :42184 10. Grant for Corrective Surgeries. 11. Free Travel in UPSRTC Buses for PWBD and in some cases with escorts. 12. State Award to persons working for betterment of PWBD and those PWBDs who are doing excels in various fields of activities. 13. Running of Government MR Homes 14. Grant in aid to NGOs running MR Homes 15. Hostels for PWBDs aspiring Higher Education.

		Training of teachers to identify children suffering from learning disabilities. Instructions to comply the provisions of Section 25 of this Act have been issued by Medical and Health Department GouP vide letter number 15/5-7-2019 dated 03.01.2019
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	All government servants in the State of UP are covered under Group Insurance Scheme.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	GoUP is running various schemes and programs for SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL and PHYSICAL REHABILITATION of PWBD. These include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant in aid (Pension) to PWBD- No. of beneficiaries : 1103541 2. Marriage incentive grant to persons marrying PWBD- No. of beneficiaries : 340 3. Margin money and loan on subsidized interest rate with minimal installments of repayment spread over a longer period for establishing any venture. 4. Running of Vocational Training Centres. 5. Grant for Artificial Aides / Appliances. No. of beneficiaries : 59283 6. Grant for Corrective Surgeries. 7. Free Travel in UPSRTC Buses for PWBD and in some cases with escorts.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Disabilities Research Committee has been constituted by GoUP vide its Office Order No 247/65-3-2018-26/2018 dated 17.07.2018 read with Office Order No 248/65-3-2018-26/2018 dated 17.07.2018 read with Office Order No 417/65-3-2018-26/2018 dated 28.11.2018. 2. Dr Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University in Lucknow has been notified as NODAL AGENCY for advising GoUP for rehabilitation of PWBDs.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	<p>The GoUP is sensitive to the issue and the following steps have been taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department of Culture has instructed The Director, Directorate of Culture, U.P. vide letter no 50/char-2019, dated 04-01-2019 to take all appropriate measures in Compliance with the Section 29 of Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 In compliance thereof all appropriate measures are being taken by the Department of Culture. • In addition, the special children in special schools also get opportunities on various occasions of festivity and culture and put forth their talent. They are asked to perform on stage various forms of dance and drama. • Number of performance of Nukkad Natak were organized in rural areas to make PWDs aware of various activities being taken by GoUP and also public at large was sensitized to this effect. The same activity is planned for the current year as well. • There is a Department of Art and Culture in Dr Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow to promote these activities among PWDs.

30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	According to the letter number 1587/2022-23 dated 24th July 2022 of the Director Sports Department in order to ensure maximum participation of disabled players in sports in Uttar Pradesh, to boost their morale, government facilities to handicapped players like normal players of the state, such as international competitions / national Awards to medal winners in the championship, special training camps, sports kits, Laxman / Rani Laxmi Bai awards, financial assistance to former famous players and wrestlers of the state, financial assistance to state sports associations of clubs for the organizing competition. There is a provision to provide facilities under the rules. Sports Department on 11-11-2021 in district- Meerut by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh in Tokyo Paralympic Games-2020, including medal winners of the country and participant of Uttar Pradesh, a total amount of Rs. 32.5 crore was awarded to 23 players was done. A new Sports Stadium also has been built in the premises of Dr Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow. This provides for a very good infrastructure for para sports. PWDs preparing for State / National /International Para Games will get opportunity to get trained under able guidance of coaches.
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Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Following actions has been taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed instructions and guidelines have been issued by Basic Education Department vide letter number 1222/68-5-2018 dated 27.07.2018. Detailed instructions and guidelines have been issued by Director of Education (Madhyamik) vide letter number Shivir/27029-27104/2018-19 dated 03.01.2019. Directives to comply with the provisions of this Act relating to Higher Education has been issued by Director Higher Education to all State Universities and Regional Higher Education Officers vide letter number 17656/2017-18 dated 23.02.2018.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	GoUP has reserved atleast 5% Seats for PWD,'s in Higher Educational Institutions Governments orders to this effect have been issued as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Education Department issued orders vide OM No.1943/sixteen-l-2019-14(06)/2006, dated 18-06-2019 and vide Go No. 1157/sixteen-3-2017-15(01)/2019 dated 18-06-2019. Higher Education Department issued order vide Go. No. 644/seventy -l2019-u.o.15/2019 dated 09-7-2019. Agriculture Education Department issued order vide Go. No. 940/67-krishiAl 9-1500(46)/03 dated 19-7-2019. Medical Education Department issued orders vide Go. No. 358/71-4-2019-5/2018T.C. dated 09-3-2019 and Go No. 985/71-4-2019-07/2018 dated 17-6-2019.

33	<p>Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify posts for PwDs Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose. Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years. 	<p>Formation of an expert committee for the identification and review of Group A, B, C, D categories for reservation for PwDs in public services in the state under section 33 of the RPwD Act 2016 vide OM dated 29.03.2019</p> <p>GoUP has issued government order for identification of PWD's. vide Go no. 3/2021/324/2021/65-3-2021 dated 30-07-2021.</p>
34	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Blindness and low vision – 1% Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GoUP has already notified 4% horizontal reservation for PWBDs in appointment in every establishment vide notification no 1868(2)/LXXIX-V-1-18-1(ka)15-18 dated 01.09.2018. In this sequences, by issuing OM No. 5/2022/18/1/2008/47/Ka-2/2022 dated April 18, 2022 by personnel section-2, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Horizontal reservation of 04 percent has been allowed for PwDs in the process of direct recruitment of the states services and posts.
35	<p>Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.</p>	<p>Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy of Uttar Pradesh 2017 in its para 12.4.2 provides for as below:</p> <p>“Industrial units providing employment to differently abled workers will be provide pay roll assistance of Rs 500 pm for each such worker.”</p>
36	<p>Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Labor, U.P. as established Special Employment Office in 16 districts, namely, Aligarh, Gorakhpur, Prayagraj, Jhansi, Ayodhya, Kanpur Nagar, Bareilly, Meerut, Lucknow, Varanasi, Mathura, Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Azamgarh, Mirzapur and Agra for PWBDs. Of these 14 districts are divisional headquarters and cater for all the districts coming in entire division. Thus all the districts are getting this facility.
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%. 	<p>The following facilities has been allowed to PWBDs in UP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5% horizontal reservation in allotment of building/plot to PWBDs by the Housing and Urban Planning Department, U.P. vide G.O. number 786/8-1-08-25vividh/07 dated 30.01.2008 read with G.O. number 35/8-1-18-185vividh/2010 dated 15.05.2018 10% rebate on residential /commercial buildings / plots has been provided to PWBDs and 20% rebate on residential/commercial buildings / plots in case disability is severe vide Housing and Urban Planning Department G.O. number 786/8-1-08-25vividh/07 dated 30.01.2008. Concession up to 20 lac is provided in stamp duty on registration of property by Kar Evam Nibandhan Vibhag vide its notification number 11/sankhya-ka-ni-7-152/11-2015-500(104)/04 dated 20.03.2015. 5% reservation in poverty alleviation schemes with priority to women by the Rural Development Department, U.P. vide G.O. number 520/38-6-19 dated 29.07.2019 has been ensured.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, U.P. is appointed as Authority under section 38 of this Act. vide order no. 365/65-3-2019-01/2017TC, dated 24-09-2019. 2. Under Section-38 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, an Assessment Board has been constituted at the Divisional Level for the need of High Support Need to the persons with benchmark disabilities through OM No. 347/65-3-2019-01/2017 T.C. dated 09-08-2019.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Prachar-Prasar Niyamawali, 2018 has been notified vide OM number 1188/65-2-2018-73/97 dated 04.06.2018 by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, U.P. wherein adequate provisions have been made for the implementation of the said section. Also, GoUP provides for budgetary allocation for IEC activities.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	The Accessible India Campaign scheme is run by Govt. of India.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	<p>According to the report received by the Managing Director, Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Govt. Of India vide letterno-11036/07/2016 MVL dated 04-03-2016 and letter no-23018/1/2016-T dated 07-04-2017 has been informed that the order has been given for Divyangjan in Bus Code AIS : 052 2. AIS : 052 Bus Code has provision for Divyangjan, that is basically the operation of Type-] Buses under the Ministry of Urban Development. 3. It is also to be brought to the notice in this context that the provision given in Clause-4(b) of Chapter-VII of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act-2016 "Access to all modes of transport that conform to the standards, design including retrofitting old modes of transport, wherever technically feasible and safe for persons with disabilities, economically viable and without entailing major structural changes in design." The type-2 buses operated by the corporation have a floor height of about 1100 mm. It is not possible to reduce the floor height of corporation buses. 4. According to the provisions given for Divyangjan in Bus Code AIS: 052, the following arrangements can be made in the form of Type-2 retrofitting operated by the Transport Corporation- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 04 seats to be reserved for Divyangjan. b) Display of pictograms on the seats for the convenience of Divyangjan. c) Arrangement for keeping the crutches of Divyangjan. d) Provision of grab handle, handrail and arm link at the passenger door for easy boarding of Divyangjan.

		<p>5. In relation to the above 04 points, 947 buses in relation to the proposed 955 buses till 31-03-2018 for retrofitting in the buses of the corporation, 2055 buses against the proposed 2000 buses till 31-03-2019, 2100 buses proposed till 31-03-2020 2140 buses have been retrofitted with respect to the proposed 2100 buses till 31-03-2021 and 1945 buses have been retrofitted against the proposed 2097 buses till 31-03-2022, thus a total of 3219 buses have been retrofitted till 31-03-2022.</p> <p>6. 221 ramps, 195 railings and 192 toilets have been constructed and 190 wheel chairs have been provided in various UPSRTC Bus Depots to be used for PWBDs. UPSRTC has committed to make more such facilities available for PWBDs in due course of time.</p>
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	N.A.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	N.A.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Directions have been issued by Department of Urban Development, GoUP for making all public buildings and places accessible to persons with disabilities vide letter no.3965/Nau-4-18-29Ja/08T.C.-I, dated 15-11-2018.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	<p>Directions have been issued by GoUP to all the departments for making all public buildings and places accessible to persons with disabilities vide letter no.72786/2021-65/2013/2/2019-2 dated 22-06-2021 and 28.07.2022.</p> <p>Under Accessible India Campaign, in Phase 1 in 06 districts 87 buildings and in phase 2, 04 buildings (total 91 buildings) have been made "Divyangjan friendly". Proceedings are underway in the remaining districts.</p>
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	By order number-5/2021/ file no-65-2013/2/2019-2 dated January 15, 2021,all the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary / Secretary has been directed to make the State Government buildings / public buildings as"Divyangjan friendly"
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Directions have been issued by Department of Rural Development and Panchayatiraj Department for imparting training to sensitize all the field functionaries of various departments to relevant provisions of this Act.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Planning Department of GoUP takes up social audit of various government schemes being run for PWBDs.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	1. The Joint Director, Department of Persons with Disabilities UP, has been appointed as the Competent Authority vide notification number 526/65-1-2018-251/2014 dated 17.07.2018.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	<p>2. Director, Department of Empowerment of PWDs, U.P. has been appointed as Appellate officer vide notification no. 526/65-1-2018-251/2014, dated 17-07-2018.</p> <p>3. GoUP is providing Grant in aid to NGOs running MR Homes.</p>

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	The State Advisory Board has been constituted vide Office Order number 209/65-3-2018-01/2018 dated 21.06.2018 by GoUP.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	The District Level Disabilities Committee has been constituted by GoUP vide Office Order 6/2018/106/65-3-2018-24/2018 dated 26.03.2018.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

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		<p>full compliance of the Act in the State of U.P. Few provisions where budgetary constraints is a major issue, are underway in active consideration with State Government.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Requested GOI for uniform functioning of O/o State Commissioner throughout country. Sent Proposal on this issue and discussed it in National Review Meeting in January 2020. 3. Developed various formats and notices to exercise the functions of State Commissioner so as to make it uniform throughout the country. Sent these formats to GoI and discussed it in National Review Meeting. 4. Developed uniform administrative set up for the O/o The State Commissioner and sent proposal to GoI and State Government. 5. Secretary, UPPSC and other recruiting agencies have been directed to provide amanuensis to visually impaired contestants, as per GoI norms. 6. Intervened in the process of recruitment of Basic Education Teachers of 68500 vacancies and directed to ensure horizontal reservation to Persons with Disabilities. 7. Summoned Director General of Medical & Health on the issue of slow progress of UDID card and directed to ensure speedy action. 8. Conducted in service training programme to sensitize District Disability Empowerment Officers of the State. 9. A letter has been written to Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education, UP Govt. and Director, Secondary Education UP to appointed a special teacher at every school affiliated by CBSE for the implementation of circular issued by central board of secondary education. <p>Details as per below:-</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>a.</td><td>Total no. of complaints / cases filed before State Commissioner / Add. Commissioner of PwBDs</td><td>7635</td></tr> <tr> <td>b.</td><td>Suo-Moto</td><td>06</td></tr> <tr> <td>c.</td><td>Total no. of complaints / cases</td><td>7641</td></tr> <tr> <td>d.</td><td>No. of complaints / cases disposed off with direction and positive outcome.</td><td>7638</td></tr> <tr> <td>e.</td><td>No. of cases where compliance of directions have been received</td><td>--</td></tr> <tr> <td>f.</td><td>No. of cases pending</td><td>03</td></tr> </table> <p>Copy of Annual Report is being sent to State Govt. (Administrative department) regularly under Section 83.</p>	a.	Total no. of complaints / cases filed before State Commissioner / Add. Commissioner of PwBDs	7635	b.	Suo-Moto	06	c.	Total no. of complaints / cases	7641	d.	No. of complaints / cases disposed off with direction and positive outcome.	7638	e.	No. of cases where compliance of directions have been received	--	f.	No. of cases pending	03
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad has permitted to notify the court of VII Additional District Judge in each district as Special Court under section 84 of this Act. And, in districts with less number of Session Courts, the Court of junior most Additional District Judge in the District shall be notified as Special Court under section 84 of this GoUP vide notification no. 11/2019/858/VII-Nyay-2-2019-17/2019 Dated 20-5-2019 has been issued to this effect.

85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	The Senior Prosecution Officer of State Prosecution Service Cadre has appointed as Special Public Prosecutor for the purpose of providing speedy trial in the case of Persons with Disabilities in the Special Court notified under section-84.GoUP has been issued notification no. 1788/VI-P-9-19-31(44)/2019, Dated 31-07-2019 to this effect.
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State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "State Fund" for PWBDs has been created vide GO number 430/65-3-2018-39/2018 dated 27.11.2018 read with OM number 190/65-3-2018-39/2018 dated 15.06.2018. 2. Budget Provision of Rs 5 crore has been made in Financial Year 2021-22. 3. Budget Provision of Rs 5 crore has also been made in Financial Year 2022-23.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particular	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	----
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	----

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	GoUP vide its notification number 597/65-3-2017-01/2017 dated 28.12.2017 has notified The Uttar Pradesh Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 and the same has been tabled in both Houses of State Legislature.

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Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Barrier free parking, toilets, ramps etc have been constructed and arrangements of wheelchairs have been made for Persons with Disabilities in all offices in Uttarakhand.
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	For compliance with regard to women and children with disabilities, instructions have been issued by the Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Under the direction of Pradhanmantri Aawas Yojana, the people of the city are being made aware of the construction of the state, and the work is going on to make all the facilities available for the disabled.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Arrangements have been made by the Uttarakhand State Police for proving Legal Services to Persons with Disabilities in case of any inhuman behavior with any person with disability.

7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Instructions have been issued by the Inspector General of Police, Uttarakhand to all the Senior Superintendent of Police in the State for providing legal services to Persons with Disabilities in case of receipt of any complaint from Persons with Disabilities related to abuse, violence and exploitation under Section 7 of RPwD Act, 2016.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Government Order No.1260 dated 12.09.2019 have been issued by the Disaster Management Department of Uttarakhand for protection and safety of Persons with Disabilities of the State in situations of risk, armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters, under Section 8 of the RPwD Act, 2016.
9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	No such complaints has been received.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Under the Reproductive Health and Family Planning Scheme, these services are provided to the Persons with Disabilities by the Health Department of Uttarakhand. Awareness is being made through Asha workers and A.N.M.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	All Polling Booths have been made in Uttarakhand, which are at ground floor for persons with visual impairment, barrier free and accessible with proper ramp, facilitated with direct entry for voting and dummy ballot paper are available. Drinking water, light, signage, accessible toilet, help-desk, sticks, walker, furnished shed for waiting and escort are also available for Persons with Disabilities.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	All Civil Courts and Sessions Courts in the Uttarakhand have been declared as a Special Courts and all Government Advocates in the State have been declared to be Public Prosecutors.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	A Local Level Committee has been constituted in every District of Uttarakhand headed by the District Magistrate for the purpose of appointing Legal Guardian for persons with disabilities.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Provisions have been made in the State Manual for limited guardianship.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	At the District level, District Social Welfare Officer; and at the State level, Director – Social Welfare has been given responsibilities for social awareness and community suggestion, campaigns have been organized on time to time. Awareness Campaign has been organized more oftenly by NSS, NCC & Rover Rangers by Education Department.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16 & 17	Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD's.	All the government and aided schools of the state have the facility of inclusive education for disabled students. Disabled children are given admission in all government and aided educational institutions of the state without any discrimination. Braille stationery hearing aids and other equipment are made available to children with special needs by the education department in the State.

		<p>According to the geographical conditions of the state, it is not safe to make ramps and railings in the schools located in hilly areas. Ramp railings have been constructed as per the requirement of the schools. 11906 schools in the state have been made barrier free.</p> <p>Under overall education in the state, students with locomotor, visual impairment and intellectual disability are provided with an assistant allowance of Rs.300/- per month (up to 10 months). A total of 837 children were benefited in the year 2021-2022.</p> <p>Teachers of the state are provided special training for the educational development of disabled children through Rafale and other institutions and through DIET.</p> <p>There are 27 block resource persons and 03 district resource persons working in the state. The education department has sent a proposal to the state government for regular appointment of special teachers. Rs. 200/- per student (for 10 months) is provided to girl students with special needs under overall education.</p> <p>8- Continuous parent-teacher meetings and awareness programs are organized under overall education. Awareness training is provided to parents through SSC/SMDC.</p>
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Under Integrated Education, education is provided to the students in the age group of 14 to 18 in IEDSS.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Multi-purpose Finance and Development Corporation has been providing loan to differently-abled people for self employment and training were provided under Kaushal Vikas Mission. Under the National Urban Livelihood Mission, the Urban Development Department provided loans to 05 Divyangjan for self employment.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	Under the Skill Development Mission, there is a system to provide training to all classes along with the disabled.
21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	The Equal Opportunity Policy 2019 of the State of Uttarakhand has been promulgated.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Instructions have been issued to the concerned departments for compliance of section 21. Differently-abled people get the registration number from employment exchange office and are being sponsored as per the vacant post.
23	<p>Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer:</p> <p>i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer.</p> <p>ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints.</p> <p>iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.</p>	<p>Grievance Redressal Officers have been nominated by various departments of the state to solve the problems of the differently-abled.</p> <p>District level disability committees have also been constituted in each district of the State.</p>

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Under the National Child Security programme, screening of the children are done at Anganwadi Centres and in schools; and are also made aware of social Security and Health measures. Doctors and Para-medical Staff are provided training. Under Samagra Shiksha, many programs like parent counseling Camps, public awareness programs are organized in schools.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Health Insurance has been provided to all State Government employees.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, for rehabilitation of Children with Disabilities, Parents Suggestion Camps; and for necessities of life, Skill Training Camps are organized. Under the Prime Minister Awas Yojna, houses were allotted to 10 Divyangjans by the Urban Development Department.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	The 5% reservation for persons with disabilities in poverty alleviation schemes and housing allocation schemes has been provided by the Urban Development Department and Rural Development Department in the State. In the various schemes run by the Rural Development Department, the following disabled persons were benefited in the year 2021-22. Mahatma Gandhi NREGA – 1866 DE-NRLM- 2628 D.D.U.G.K.Y- 141
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of Pwds to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Divyangjan studying in Bharatkhande Hindustani Music Colleges in the State are given full fee exemption and platform is provided to the differently-abled artists on priority basis.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Sports department organizes competitions for differently abled players in various sports without any discrimination. After ascertaining the specific and special characteristics of children with disabilities, they are made to participate in the same field according to their talent.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	Under Section-12 of the Uttarakhand Right to Education Rules, 2011, a provision has been made to provide free education to all disabled children in their nearest school.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	Government order No. 33(1)XXIV(4)/2019-25(01)/2018 dated 03.01.2019 has been issued to reserve 5% seats for the differently-abled in higher education. 5 percent seats in the state are being fully reserved and filled.
33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	By order number: 196 dated 25-03-2011, posts have been identified for the differently abled in various departments. At present, a committee has been constituted by the government for re-imagining the posts.

34	<p>1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs.</p> <p>i) Blindness and low vision – 1%</p> <p>ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%.</p> <p>iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%.</p> <p>2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	In the State of Uttarakhand, arrangement for category wise 4% reservation has been made in the appointment for the disabled.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	On the occasion of International Day of Disability, the employers are honored by giving State level awards according to their efficiency.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	On the basis of requisition received by various departments in the state, the process of recruitment is done through Subordinate Services Selection Commission and Uttarakhand Public Service Commission.
37	<p>Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%.</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %.</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.</p>	<p>In the poverty alleviation schemes and housing allocation schemes run by the Department of Housing Development, Rural Development and Urban Development, the reservation fixed for persons with disabilities has been increased from 3 per cent to 5 per cent.</p> <p>Pattas of agricultural land are allotted by the Revenue Department and plots are allotted for residential purpose in which 5 percent reservation has been made giving priority to women.</p> <p>In the grant given by the Industries Department under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program, there is a provision to provide 25 percent of the plan cost in urban areas and 35 percent in rural areas for setting up an enterprise/business by a disabled entrepreneur/businessman. Under the Startup scheme, provision has been made for special benefits and incentive assistance for the disabled. In the allocation by the Industries Department, a provision of 5% reservation has been made for Divyangjan.</p>

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	<p>1. The District Magistrate has been designated as the authority for higher assistance to persons with disabilities under section 38(1) of the Act by Uttarakhand Government Order No. 414 dated 06.09.2019.</p> <p>2. The Board of Disability constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Medical Officer at the district level under Section 38(2) of the Act has been named as the Assessment Board by the Government Order No. 1374 dated 30.09.2029.</p>

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particular	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, different programmes like Parents Suggestion Camp, Public Awareness Programme, are organized. Camps are organized by the Secondary Schools for identification of disabilities. Under the National Child Security Programme, awareness programmes for health and cleanliness are organized at Anganwadi Centres and schools during the National Worm Day and Intensive Diarrhea Control Fortnight in the State. Public Awareness Programmes are organized through Poster, Street Drama, Flax, Banner, Video Clip Rally, Signature Campaign and IEC, under the different national programmes such as National Adolescent Health Programme and Hemoglobin Programme run under the Non-communicable Diseases.
40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	To construct barrier free campus/complex for the needs, safety & security of the Persons with Disabilities, Standards of Accessibilities have been defined by the Housing Department under the Building Construction & Development Bylaws, 2011 issued by Government of Uttarakhand.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	Travel Facility Manual, 2009 has been issued by Uttarakhand Government for providing concession in State Transport Buses to persons with disabilities, under which Persons with Disabilities are provided concessional ticket to travel in State Transport Buses. During the financial year 2021-2022, under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 11199290, and 130617 number of Divyangjan got the benefit.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	The Websites of different Departments in the State have been made barrier free for the Persons with Disabilities by the NIC Uttarakhand.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Uttarakhand Govt. is seeking suggestions from Central Govt. for development, production and distribution of universal design products and accessories for the General use by Persons with Disabilities.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Standards of Accessibilities have been defined by the Housing Department under the Building Construction & Development Bylaws, 2011 issued by Government of Uttarakhand to construct barrier free campus/complex for the needs, safety & security of the Persons with Disabilities. Accordingly, actions are being taken to make all administrative buildings accessible for Persons with Disabilities. Orders have been issued to make each college and university buildings barrier free.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	Directions have been issued to make all public buildings barrier free for persons with disabilities within five years, under which, the proposals received from different offices are sent to the Central Government. At present 07 buildings have been made accessible for persons with disabilities.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Pertains to Central Government. In this regard, instructions have been issued from the government.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Under the Skill Development Mission, unskilled young persons with disabilities are provided skill training. In the state, 03 Government Divyang Training and Production Centres are driven at Pithouragarh, Tihri and Haldwani (Nanital) where training is provided to persons with disabilities in employment-oriented programmes. In the year 2020-21, Government Divyang Training and 03 Production Centres were provided with money amounting to Rs.100.65Lakh.

48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	This is being done by the Social Welfare Department.
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Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions.	Under Section 50 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, Government of Uttarakhand has nominated Director, Social Welfare, vide Notification No.526/XVII-02/2008-6(47)/2008 dated 08.09.2008 to register voluntary organization working in the field of disability. The contact details of Director, Social Welfare are as under: Director, Social Welfare Uttarakhand, Manpur East, Rampur Road, Haldwani, Nainital Phone/Fax: 05946-297051 Email: directorsocialwelfare@gmail.com
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Social Welfare Department, Uttarakhand has so far registered 76 number of Voluntary Organisations.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

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66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	Due to the completion of the term of three years of the nominated members of the State Advisory Board for Persons with Disabilities constituted in the State, the process of nomination of the members of the board is in motion at the government level.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	In every district of the State, a District Level Committee has been constituted for redressal of grievances of Persons with Disabilities.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

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79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p>	<p>i) The Dy. Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Uttarakhand has been ex-officio nominated Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in the State. The contact details are as under: Shri Chandersingh Dharamshaktu Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun Phone (O): 0135-2727981, 2974992 Email: cduttarakhand@gmail.com</p> <p>ii) Social Welfare Department, Uttarakhand, vide Govt Order No425/XVII-4/2019-01(04)/वि०क०/2017TC dated 17.09.2020 has constituted a State Advisory Committee.</p>

	<p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/UTs for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p> <p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complains filed by the complainants before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p>	<p>In the year 2020-21, Government Workshops in the State were provided with money amounting to Rs.100.65 Lakh.</p> <p>Year-wise number of inspections are as under: 2019-20: 02 2020-21: 03 2021-22: 03</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For providing barrier free and accessible environment in the State, instructions were issued to provide ramps, reserved parking, wheelchair, signage, railing and accessible public buses etc. Government/Private offices and got implemented. 2) For expeditious issuance of UDID Card to Persons with Disabilities in the State, the process of work was reviewed at District level with all District Welfare Officers/Director General, Medical Health & Family Welfare. 3) For implementation of Section 72 of RPwD Act, 2016 a District Level Disability Board has been constituted in every District of the State. 4) State level workshop was conducted on 28.02.2021 for resolving the issue and welfare of persons with disabilities. Different Departments, District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre, Volunteers from Voluntary organisation and Persons with Disabilities took part in the workshop. 5) In 2021-22, 28275 UDID card were issued to Persons with Disabilities. <p>The cases handled are as under:-</p> <p>(a) No. of complaint: 22</p> <p>(b) No. of Suo-motu: 02</p> <p>(c) No. of cases: 06</p> <p>(d) No. of disposed cases: 03</p> <p>(e) No. of cases complied with: 03</p>
	<p>f) Number of cases pending: Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the state legislature</p>	<p>(f) No. of pending cases: 03 Year-wise Implementation Reports/Annual Reports for the last three years were sent to the Government of Uttarakhand – 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-2021.</p>

Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	All District Courts and Sessions Courts in the State have been declared as Special Courts for Persons with Disabilities.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	In the State, District Government Advocates have been declared Special Public Prosecutors.

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	State Fund for Persons with Disabilities has been constituted.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	In the year 2020-21, as a result of compliance made with the recommendations issued by the Office/Court of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities under the provisions of RPwD Act, 2016, there was no need to impose penalties.
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	As a result of compliance made with the recommendations issued by the Office/Court of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities under the provisions of RPwD Act, 2016, there was no need to impose penalties.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	Uttarakhand State Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rule, 2019 has been promulgated in the State in terms of Section 101 of the RPwD Act, 2016.

10.36 WEST BENGAL:**Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):**

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
3	Steps taken to ensure equality non-discrimination, non deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	Complaints received are dealt with provisions of the RPwD Act 2016
4	Measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	Efforts have been taken to reduce discrimination.
5.	Steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	Awareness generation in this regard has got momentum.
6.	Measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Relevant content of the Act have been shared with Home (Police) and Judicial Department.
7.	Steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	Concerned Departments have been enlightened regarding provision of the Act.
8.	Steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	Concerned Authorities have been informed.

9.	Steps taken to ensure Implementation of the provision that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Awareness generation programmes with Government departments and Registered Organisations working with Persons with Disabilities is going on.
10.	Steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	Awareness generation programmes with Government Departments and Registered Organisations working with Persons with Disabilities is going on.
11.	Steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities.	CEO, West Bengal has been apprised and befitting action have been taken from CEO's Office, West Bengal.
12.	Steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	Judicial Department has been apprised.
13.	Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others alongwith right to inherit property.	Judicial Department has been apprised.
14.	Whether Rules have been made for limited guardianship and status of Implementation.	Provision has been made in Rule – 4 of the West Bengal Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018.
15.	Whether authorities for community mobilization and social awareness appointed/designated.	The District Magistrates of all districts have been declared as Additional Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in their respective districts, in addition to their present duties, for better coordination between the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, West Bengal and the District administration for implementation of the aforesaid Act and all allied Acts and Rules.

Education: (Section 16-18):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
16	Steps taken to towards Inclusion Education to CWD's.	School Education Department has taken proper measure for inclusive education. As of now 1129 Special Educators have been appointed and are currently working in an itinerant mode for general school. Plan has been made by the School Education Department to train the in service teacher both at primary and secondary level @ 2 teachers scale for a given duration to equip them with the needs of children with different disabilities.
17	Measure to be taken by appropriate government & local authorities for purpose of Sec 16	
18	Measures taken to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	Deptt. of MEE & LS and PBSSM have been apprised. At present 1129 Special Educators are working at circle level to extend resource support to CwSN in an itinerant mode.

Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
19	Measures taken to formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	Matter has been taken up by Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development, MS&ME Department, SHG & SE Department, P&RD Department.
20	Measures taken to ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	All Government Departments are sensitised about non discrimination.

21	Steps taken to ensure that establishment (Government/Private) notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	Awareness generation programmes with Government Departments and Registered Organisations working with Persons with Disabilities is going on.
22	Measures taken to ensure of records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	Awareness generation programmes with Government Departments on provisions of RPwD Act 2016 is going on.
23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal Officer. ii) Grievance Redressal Officer to maintain register of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs may approach District Level Committee.	Awareness generation programmes with Government Departments on provisions of RPwD Act 2016 is going on. District Level Committees constituted in Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Cooch Behar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Darjeeling, Hooghly, Howrah, Jalpaiguri, Jhargram, Kalimpong, Maldah, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Bardhaman, Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purulia, South 24 Parganas and Uttar Dinajpur.

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation: (Section 24-30):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
24&25	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health measure.	Schemes for pension like “ Manabik ”, health insurance like “ Swasthya Sathi ” and regular monthly financial assistance to women like “ Laksmir Bhandar ” are being run by the State Government.
26	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Govt. Employees with Disabilities are covered under Group Insurance Scheme.
27	Appropriate Govt. and Local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	Rehabilitation of the PwDs is undertaken with the help of registered organizations.
28	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	Universities like Jadavpur University, Rabindra Bharati University, Netaji Subhas Open University are pursuing Research and Development through their Department of Disability Studies.
29	Appropriate Govt. and Local Authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	Department of W & CD & SW organizes different cultural programmes involving PwDs at State and district level. Department also financially helps the registered NGOs for organizing recreational activities for the PwDs.
30	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities to Promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Department of W & CD & SW financially helps the registered NGOs for organizing sporting activities for the PwDs.

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (Section 31-37):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
31	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	This is done in conformity with the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.
32	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	High Education Department has been moved for raising reservation to 5%. Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development has raised reservation from 4% to not less than 5%.

33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall:- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of Pwds for above purpose. iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Expert Committee has been constituted vide notification no.COM/553/60/RPwD Act-2016/Pt.II Dated 23.07.2018 of Department of W & CD & SW.
34	1) Appropriate Government and Local Authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs. i) Blindness and low vision – 1% ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy – 1%. iv) Autism, Intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness – 1%. 2) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.	As per Notification No.Labr/280/Emp Dated Kolkata. 8th July 2019 of Labour Department, Govt. of West Bengal, 12th, 32nd, 42nd and 72nd vacancies under Model 100 – point Roster are to be filled up by Persons with Disabilities. This notification is in compliance of Sec.34 of the RPwD Act, 2016.
35	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5% of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	Appropriate authority has been moved.
36	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Appropriate authority has been moved.
37	Appropriate Government and the Local Authorities shall make schemes in favour of PwDs:- i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes – 5%. ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes- 5 %. iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, Setting up of occupation, Business, Enterprise, Recreation centres, and Production centres – 5%.	The relevant Departments have been asked to frame schemes accordingly.

Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with High Support Needs: (Section 38):

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
38	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide Pwds with high support needs. Assessment Board to assess the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	Appropriate Authority has been notified by the W & CD & SW Deptt., Govt. of W.B. vide its No. 3410-SW/O/1D/14/2014, DL 14.10.2020.

Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
39	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	Dept. of W& CD & SW observes International Day for Persons with Disabilities, World Braille Day, World Autism Awareness Day and Hellen Keller Day (Deaf Blind Day) every year. Apart from that, a number of awareness programmes are undertaken in liaison with the registered NGOs.

40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	Related to Central Government & Accessibility norms have already been published.
41	Appropriate Government shall facilitate the easy accessibility to transportation services for PwDs.	There are 3462 no. of Govt. buses in West Bengal. Among which 1468 buses are accessible. Discussion has been initiated with private operators to introduce accessibility features in their buses.
42	Appropriate Government shall provide Good Electronics and equipments for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	All the departments have been instructed for making their websites disabled friendly and websites of nineteen (19) departments have so far been made fully complied in this respect.
43	Appropriate Govt. shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	Universal design of Consumer goods is under active consideration of Commerce & Industries Department. Besides, intervention from Micro Small and Medium Entrepreneurships Department will be explored.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	Dept. of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs is actively monitoring the status.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for PwDs within 5 years.	Retrofitting work completed in 21 buildings and for another 7 buildings work will be taken up shortly.
46	Service provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	Sugamya Bharat App is being used for monitoring.
47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resource for purpose of this Act.	Awareness generation programmes with Government Departments and Registered Organisations working with Persons with Disabilities is going on.
48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Awareness generation programmes with Government Departments and Registered Organisations working with Persons with Disabilities is going on.

Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions (Section 49-55)

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
49	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	State Commissioner for persons with disabilities is declared as the competent authority.
50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	Financial assistance is given to registered organization against their proposal for assistance.

State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee (Section 66-72) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
66	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	State Advisory Board on disability has been constituted vide No.COM/342/70-SAB/17(33), dated 27th April, 2018.
72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	District Level Committees notified vide No. 3966-SW/O/1A-01/17, dated 26th July, 2018. District Level Committees constituted in Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Cooch Behar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Darjeeling, Hooghly, Howrah, Jalpaiguri, Jhargram, Kalimpong, Maldah, Murshidabad, Nadia , North 24 Parganas, Paschim Bardhaman, Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purulia, South 24 Parganas and Uttar Dinajpur.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 79-83) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summery for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p>	<p>Presently Smt Nilanjana Dasgupta, I.A.S. is in additional charge of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, West Bengal. Office Address : Subhanna, 7th Floor, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700064. Ph.no.-(033)-2359-7997. E-mail:- com.disabilitywb@gmail.com</p> <p>Implemented (Constituted)</p> <p>Assistant Commissioner – 01 Officer on Special Duty - 01 Cashier - 01 L.D.A-01 U.D.A/Accountant. - 04 Group – D – 02</p> <p>Rs.98,545/- (Rupees Ninety - eight thousand five hundred forty - five only).</p> <p>Inspections are made during enquiry for registration and renewal under RPwD Act 2016 and other occasion by designated officials under direction of the State Commissioner and Additional Commissioners.</p> <p>2019-2020 : 73 2020-2021 : 25 2021-2022 : 22</p> <p>a) Formation of State Advisory Board and conduct of meeting to advise State Govt. on policies, programmes, legislation and projects with respect to disability.</p> <p>b) Publication of West Bengal Rights of Persons with Disability Rules, 2018.</p> <p>c) The Department of Health and Family Welfare has notified the establishment of Medical Certification boards at various levels, and listed disabilities to be assessed by specific Medical Boards.</p> <p>d) In terms of Sec-31 of RPwD Act, 2016,the free education is provided to children with special needs till he/she attains the age of eighteen years.</p> <p>e) In terms of Sec-32 ofRPwD Act, 2016, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal has been moved for not less than 5% reservation for the persons with benchmark disabilities in the institution meant for higher education and so far it has been implemented in admission to Govt. and Govt. sponsored Polytechnics under Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development (Polytechnic Branch).</p>

	<p>f) In terms of Sec34(1) of RPwD Act, 2016, vide no. Labr/280/EMP/IM2/16, dated 8 July, 2019, Labour Department (Exempted Category Cell) issued order making amendment of existing Model 100-point Roster to incorporate 4 % reservation of posts for persons with benchmark disabilities.</p> <p>g) Initiation of file with Judicial Department for notification of Special Court.</p> <p>h) All State Government Departments have been moved for making their websites accessible for the persons with disabilities u/s 42 of RPwD Act, 2016 and so far it has been fully implemented by nineteen(19) departments.</p> <p>i) District level committees on disabilities have been formed in different districts to advise the district authorities on matters related to rehabilitation & empowerment of persons with disabilities and other advisory roles.</p> <p>j) Declaration of all District Magistrates as Additional Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in their respective districts in terms of Sec- 79 (4) of RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <p>k) Appropriate Authority has been notified by the W & CD & S W Deptt., Govt. of W.B. in accordance with special provision for Persons with Disabilities with high support needs u/s.38 of RPwD Act, 2016.</p> <p>l) Launching of new Pension Scheme, MANABIK " for giving assistance to PwDs for livelihood.</p>										
	<p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p>	<p>116</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>116</p> <p>86</p>									
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Special Court : (Section 84-85) :

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84	For speedy trial State Government shall specify for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Judicial Department is moved for notification of Special Court vide memo no.376/WCDSW/18 dated 22.11.2018 of the Department of W & CD & SW. Judicial Department has forwarded the same to Registrar, Calcutta High Court for taking up the matter with Hon'ble Chief Justice for his kind consent.
85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	

State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	State Fund for Persons with Disabilities – Rules has been formulated for this purpose. Appropriate authority has been moved.

Offences and Penalties (Section 89-91) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1st violation and for subsequent violations Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lakhs.	Fine was imposed by State Commissioner for Rs 5,000/- in one occasion..
91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act- Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 lakh.	No report of such offence and Penalty available.

Miscellaneous (Section 100-101) :

Sub Section	Particulars	Response
101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	W & CD & SW Department notified WB RPwD Rules, 2018 vide notification no.3966-SW/O/1A-01/17, dated 26th July, 2018.

Status of Issuance of Disability Certificates in the States/UTs

Sl.No	Name of the State/UTs	Total Nos. of PwD in State Wise (As per Census 2011)	Total No. of Disabilities Certificates Issued	Percentage %
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island (UT)	7720	5123	66.36
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1219785	1181097	96.83
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	26734	2907	10.87
4.	Assam	480065	344665	71.80
5.	Bihar	2331009	1505598	64.59
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	14796	9173	62.00
7.	Chhatisgarh	624937	244133	39.07
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (UT)	6578	3716	56.49
	Daman & Diu (UT)	2196	2353	107.15
9.	Delhi (UT)	234882	183160	77.98
10.	Goa	33012	20336	61.60
11.	Gujarat	1092302	551000	50.44
12.	Haryana	546374	339190	62.08
13.	Himachal Pradesh	155316	95630	61.57
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	361153	176355	48.83
15.	Ladakh	0	0	0.00
16.	Jharkhand	769980	521592	67.74
17.	Karnataka	1324205	1229825	92.87
18.	Kerala	761843	314777	41.32
19.	Lakshadweep	1615	912	56.47
20.	Madhya Pradesh	1551931	660313	42.55
21.	Maharashtra	2963392	1779545	60.05
22.	Manipur	54110	26450	48.88
23.	Meghalaya	44317	33775	76.21
24.	Mizoram	15160	12409	81.85
25.	Nagaland	29631	9398	31.72
26.	Odisha	1244402	464118	37.30
27.	Puducherry (UT)	30189	29700	98.38
28.	Punjab	654063	324419	49.60
29.	Rajasthan	1563694	582987	37.28
30.	Sikkim	18187	5767	31.71
31.	Tamilnadu	1197000	1179303	98.52
32.	Telangana	1046822	820146	78.35
33.	Tripura	64346	89060	138.41
34.	Uttar Pradesh	4157514	2540035	61.10
35.	Uttarakhand	185272	128947	69.60
36.	West Bengal	2017406	1763711	87.42

Note : Earlier available data is reflected in respect of State/UT of which State/UTs information was not received.

**Organizations/National Institutes of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,
M/o SJ&E in Disability Sector**

A. National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) has been set up by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India on 24th January 1997. The company is registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 as a Company not for profit.

It is wholly owned by Government of India and has an authorized share capital of Rs. 400 Crores (Rupees Four Hundred Crores only). The company is managed by Board of Directors nominated by Government of India. NHFDC functions as an apex institution for channelizing the funds to persons with disabilities through the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the State Government(s).

Aims & Objectives

- Promote economic development activities and self-employment ventures for the benefit of persons with disabilities.
- Extend loan to the persons with disabilities for upgradation of their entrepreneurial skills for proper and efficient management of self-employment ventures.
- Extend loans to persons with disabilities for pursuing professional/technical education leading to vocational rehabilitation / self employment.
- To assist self-employed individuals with disability in marketing their finished goods.

Contact Details:

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B. National Trust

National Trust is a statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, and set up under the “National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities” Act (Act 44 of 1999). National Trust works towards providing opportunities for capacity development of Persons with Disabilities and their families, fulfilling their rights, facilitating and promoting the creation of an enabling environment and an inclusive society. National Trust’s mission, or fundamental purpose, is to create an enabling environment, i.e. providing opportunities for persons with disabilities through comprehensive support systems which can also be done by collaborating with other Ministries, etc., which will lead towards development of an inclusive society.

Objectives:

- to enable and empower persons with disabilities to live as independently and as fully as possible within and as close to their community as possible;
- to facilitate the realisation of equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation of persons with disabilities;
- to extend support to its registered organisations to provide need based services; and
- to evolve procedures for appointments of guardians and trustees for persons with disabilities.

Contact details:

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C. Rehabilitation Council of India

Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) was set up as a registered society in 1986. On September, 1992 the RCI Act was enacted by Parliament and it became a Statutory Body on 22 June, 1993. The Act was amended by Parliament in 2000 to make it more broadbased. The mandate given to RCI is to regulate and monitor services given to persons with disabilities to standardise syllabi and to maintain a Central Rehabilitation Register of all qualified professionals and personnel working in the field of Rehabilitation and Special Education. The Act also prescribes punitive action against unqualified persons delivering services to persons with disabilities.

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D. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India

Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is a Schedule 'C' Miniratna Category II Central Public Sector Enterprises, registered under Section 8 (Not for Profit motive) of the Companies Act 2013, (corresponding to Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956) is functioning under the Administrative Control of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. It is 100% owned Govt. of India Central Public Sector Enterprises with an objective of benefiting the persons with disabilities to the maximum extent possible by manufacturing Rehabilitation Aids for persons with disabilities and by promoting, encouraging and developing the availability, use, supply and distribution of Artificial Limbs and other Rehabilitation Aids to the disabled persons of the country.

Profitability is not the motive of the operations of the Corporation and its main thrust is in providing better quality of Aids & Appliances to larger number of disabled persons at reasonable price. The Corporation

started manufacturing artificial aids in 1976. It has four Auxiliary Production Centres (AAPCs) situated at Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Jabalpur (M.P.), Bengaluru (Karnataka), and Chanalon (Punjab). The Corporation has four Marketing Centres at New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, & Hyderabad and one Outreach Centre at Guwahati. The Corporation is the only manufacturing company producing various types of assistive devices under one roof to serve all types of disabilities across the country.

Objectives: The main objectives of the Corporation are:

- 1) To promote, encourage and develop the availability, use, supply and distribution at reasonable cost in the country of Artificial Limbs and accessories and constituents thereof to needy persons particularly disabled Defence personnel, hospitals and such other welfare institutions.
- 2) To establish facilities for the manufacture of Artificial Limbs and accessories and constituents thereof and all other things which can be or may conveniently be used for the manufacture of or in connection with such articles, things as aforesaid.
- 3) To carry on the business of manufacturers, buyers, sellers, importers, exporters, dealers in and of Artificial Limbs and accessories and constituents thereof and all other things which can be or may conveniently be used for the manufacture of or in connection with such articles, things as aforesaid.

Explanation: Artificial Limbs, accessories and Constituents thereof appearing in the aforesaid clauses include Orthosis, Prosthesis, Orthotic Components, Prosthetic Components, Rehabilitation Aids, Associated Special Tools and Orthotic and Prosthetic Supplies

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Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India

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National Institutes:

The National Institutes set up by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment are professionally managed pioneer and specialized institutions in the respective areas of disability and well equipped with rehabilitation facilities. The thrust areas of the National Institutions/Apex Level Institutions are mentioned below:

- a) Human Resource Development
- b) Rehabilitative Services
- c) Research Activities

In order to reach the maximum number of persons with disabilities throughout the country, the National Institutes are engaged in outreach and extension services through their Regional Centres (RCs), Composite Rehabilitation Centres (CRCs) and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) linked to them to provide the rehabilitation services to the disabled in far flung areas.

The National Institutes also create awareness in the community on various aspects of disabilities such as prevention, early detection, interventions, and various facilities available to the disabled, schemes and programmes being run by the Government for their welfare. They also provide community based rehabilitation

services such as diagnostic, fitment and distribution of aids and appliances by organizing camps at various places.

The following are the National Level Institutes/Organizations:

1. Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation Training & Research (SVNIRTAR)
 - Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR) is an Autonomous Body under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. It is located in a beautiful rural area at Olatpur at a distance of 30 Kms. from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.
 - It conducts three Bachelor Degree courses in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, two Postgraduate courses in Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy affiliated to Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. It also has an accreditation for DNB in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of National Board of Examination (NBE), New Delhi. It also conducts Short Orientation Courses, Continuing Medical Education courses for Rehabilitation professionals, awareness programmes for the functionaries of Govt. and Non-Govt., Persons With Disabilities and their relatives etc.
 - It has a Hospital, with 100 beds, Operation Theatres, X-ray and pathological investigations, Physio-Occupational Therapy services, Clinical Psychology, Vocational Counselling, Speech and Hearing, fabrication of rehabilitation of aids and appliances. It provides total medical rehabilitation for the Persons with Locomotor Disabilities.
 - Institute continued to provide rehabilitation services (Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy) through its three Sub-centres at Cuttack, Dhenkanal and Bhubaneswar. Institute Provides technical and manpower support to Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Guwahati, Assam. It conducts Rehabilitation Camps in rural, remote and interior areas of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and North-Eastern States to provide rehabilitation services.

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2. National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan)

National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan) is an apex organization in the area of locomotor disability which came into the service since 1978 as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. It is located in the Kolkata city and expanding its services whole country wide.

Objective:

To develop Human Resource (manpower) for providing services to the Orthopaedically Handicapped population, namely training of Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Orthotists & Prosthetics, Employment & Placement Officers and Vocational Counsellor etc. To conduct and sponsor research in all aspects related to the rehabilitation of the Orthopaedically handicapped. To provide services in the area of rehabilitation, restorative surgery, aids & appliances and vocational training to the persons with disability. To standardize aids and appliances and to promote their manufacturing and distribution.

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3. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, (Divyangjan)

- National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Formerly National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped) established in the year 1984 at Manovikasnagar, Secunderabad (TS) is an Autonomous Body under the administrative control of Department of Empowerment of persons with disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India and thus the institute is fast approaching towards its silver jubilee to celebrate its dedicated services to persons with mental retardation in the national interest. ^
- NIEPID has three regional centers located at New Delhi, Kolkata, & Mumbai, NIEPID Model Special Education Center located at New Delhi. The institute endeavors to excel in building capacities to empower persons with mental retardation. Since the quality of life of every person with mental retardation is equal to other citizens in the country, in that they live independently to the maximum extent possible and through constant professional endeavors, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities empowers the persons with mental retardation to access the state of the art rehabilitation intervention viz., educational, therapeutic, vocational, employment, leisure and social activities, sports, cultural programmes and full participation.

The objectives for which NIEPID works are listed as under:-

Objectives:

- Human Resources Development
- Research and Development
- Development of models of care and rehabilitation.
- Documentation and dissemination.
- Consultancy services to voluntary organizations
- Community Based Rehabilitation
- Extension and Outreach programmes

Contact Details:-

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4. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) (AYJNISHD)

- Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) (AYJNISHD) was established on 9th August, 1983. It is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi. The Institute is located at Bandra (West), Mumbai.
- Regional Centres of the Institute have been established at Kolkata (1984), New Delhi (1986), Secunderabad (1986) and Bhubaneswar (1986- in association with Government of Orissa). These are centres aimed at meeting the local and regional needs in terms of manpower development and services.
- Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Bhopal is a service model initiated by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, established on 14th August, 2000. The Centre is functioning under the administrative control of AYJNISHD since February, 2006. An one more CRC at Ahmadabad, Gujarat was established on 16th Aug, 2011 and this CRC also functioning under the administrative control of AYJNISHD.

Objectives:

- Manpower Development: To deal with the various aspects of rehabilitation of the Hearing Handicapped, various undergraduate and post graduate courses are being offered. The Institute is rated excellent by the RCI.
- Research: Research in the areas of identification, intervention, educational approaches, remedial teaching methods, jobs for the hearing handicapped and technology development have been carried out.
- Educational Programmes: By studying the existing school for the deaf, curriculum followed, methods of teaching etc. and supplementing or strengthening them by way of improving existing educational facilities and developing new strategies wherever required, newer measures such as open school for the illiterate/drop out is being conducted as model activity. Service Facilities: Strategies for early identification and rehabilitative procedures. films and audio visuals on vocational training and job placement, etc. are being developed.
- Community Programme: Identification and intervention, home bound training, correspondence training and also tele-rehabilitation services are being rendered and evolved with emerging needs.
- Material Development: Required for (a) education, like teaching aids, audio-visuals etc. (b) public awareness and community education, literacy programme for adult deaf, Parent Counselling and Programme for strengthening voluntary organisations. Information and Documentation: Documenting and disseminating the latest information and developments in the science of hearing, speech and related technology is being done.

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5. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan)

The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities owes its origin to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the War Blinded established in 1943, which offered a basic set of rehabilitation services to the soldiers and sailors blinded in the World War II. In 1950, the Government of India took over the St. Dunstan's Hostel and entrusted the Ministry of Education with the responsibility of developing comprehensive services for the rehabilitation of blind persons. Subsequently, services for the blind witnessed remarkable expansion. In the same year, the Government established the Training Centre for the Adult Blind to ensure reintegration

of blind soldiers including other persons in the world of work. In 1951, the Government established Central Braille Press; in 1952, Workshop for the manufacturing of Braille Appliances; in 1954, Sheltered Workshop; in 1975 Training Centre for the Adult Blind Women and in 1959, Model School for the Visually Handicapped. In 1963, National Library for the Print Handicapped was established out of which National Talking Book Library was carved out in the year 1990. On integration of all the Units in 1967, the Government established National Centre for the Blind (NCB). This Centre was further upgraded as National Institute for the Visually Handicapped in the year 1979 and finally in October 1982, it was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and gained the status of an Autonomous Body.

The NIEPVD has its Headquarters at 116, Rajpur Road, Dehradun with one Regional Centre at Chennai (Tamil Nadu) established in 1988 and two Regional Chapters at Kolkata (W.B.) and Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh) established in the year 1997. These Chapters provide peripheral services and are being served by a small component of Officers and Staff transferred from the Headquarters, whereas, Regional Centre at Chennai is a full-fledged Institute with staff strength of 30 headed by a Regional Director. The Institute also coordinates and supervises Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Sundernagar (H.P.) established in the year 2001.

Objectives

- To conduct, sponsor, co-ordinate and/or subsidize research in collaboration with other NGOs and research organizations including Universities into various dimensions of the education and rehabilitation of the visually impaired.
- To undertake, sponsor, co-ordinate or subsidise research into biomedical engineering leading to the effective evaluation of special appliances/instruments or suitable surgical or medical procedures or the development of new special appliances/instruments.
- To undertake or sponsor the training of trainees and various specialized professionals including Teachers, Employment Officers, Psychologists, Vocational Counsellors and such other personnel as deemed necessary.
- To distribute, promote, or subsidise the manufacture of prototypes and to manage distribution of any or all devices designed to promote any aspect of the education, rehabilitation or employment of the Visually Impaired.

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with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan)**

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6. National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) established in the year 2005, on East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, (about 30 km from Chennai Central railway station, Mofussil bus terminus and airport), DEPWD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, to serve as a national resource centre for empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities such as those with two or more disabilities in a person. The Disabilities enumerated as per PWD (1995) Act, are Low Vision, Blindness, Locomotor Disability, Hearing Impairment, Mental Retardation, Mental Illness, Leprosy Cured Persons and as per The National Trust (1999) Act, are Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.

Objectives:

- To undertake development of human resources for management, training rehabilitation, education, employment and social development of persons with Multiple Disabilities.
- To promote and conduct research in all areas relating to Multiple Disabilities.
- To develop Transdisciplinary models and strategies for social rehabilitation and to meet the needs of diverse groups of people with Multiple Disabilities.
- To undertake services and outreach programs for the persons with Multiple Disabilities.

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National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)

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7. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities is an autonomous organization under the administrative and financial control of DEPWD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. The Institute came into being when the erstwhile Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and other allied institution run by the council for the Aid of crippled & handicapped were taken over by the Government of India on 22nd May, 1975 and converted into an autonomous body in the year 1976. It was renamed after Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya in the year 2002..

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Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan)

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8 National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR):

This is a Central Autonomous Institute under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. It is registered as Society under the MP Societies Registration Act, 1973. It is a National Institute working in the area of mental health rehabilitation.

The broad objectives are to:

- To promote mental health rehabilitation using integrated multidisciplinary approach.
- To promote and undertake capacity building and to involve in developing trained professionals in the area of mental health rehabilitation.
- To engage in research and development and policy framing towards promoting mental health rehabilitation services.

Services:

- Psycho-Diagnostic Assessment and Testing
- Neuropsychological Assessment
- Psycho-Education, Guidance and Counselling
- Psycho-therapeutic Intervention for Various Mental Health Problems
- Outreach and Awareness Services

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9 Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)

In the 2000s, the Indian deaf community advocated for an institute focused on ISL teaching and research. The 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) acknowledged that the needs of people with hearing disabilities had been relatively neglected and envisaged the development of a sign language research and training center, to promote and develop sign language and training of teachers and interpreters. The Finance Minister announced the setting up of ISLRTC in the Union Budget speech of 2010-11.

As a result, in 2011, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment approved the establishment of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) as an autonomous centre of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Delhi. The foundation stone of the centre was laid at IGNOU campus on 4th October, 2011. In 2013, the centre at IGNOU was closed.

In an order dated 20th April, 2015, the Ministry decided to integrate ISLRTC with the regional centre of the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Hearing Handicapped (AYJNIHH) at Delhi. However, the Deaf community protested this decision due to the different perspectives and goals of ISLRTC and AYJNIHH.

The protests and meetings with the Ministers resulted in the Union Cabinet approving the setting up of ISLRTC as a Society under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJE, in a meeting held on 22nd September, 2015. An order to this effect was issued by the MSJE on 28th September, 2015, leading to the establishment of ISLRTC.

As per the 2011 Census, the total population of deaf persons in India numbered about 50 lakh. The needs of the deaf community have long been ignored and the problems have been documented by various organizations working for the deaf. Obsolete training methodology and teaching systems need urgent attention.

Indian Sign Language (ISL) is used in the deaf community all over India. But ISL is not used in deaf schools to teach deaf children. Teacher training programs do not orient teachers towards teaching methods that use ISL. There is no teaching material that incorporates sign language. Parents of deaf children are not aware about sign language and its ability to remove communication barriers. ISL interpreters are an urgent requirement at institutes and places where communication between deaf and hearing people takes place but India has only less than 300 certified interpreters.

Therefore, an institute that met all these needs was a necessity. After a long struggle by the deaf community, the Ministry approved the establishment of ISLRTC at New Delhi on 28th September, 2015.

Vision: To build an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of Persons with Disabilities so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives.

Mission: To empower Persons with Disabilities, through its various Acts/Institutions/Organizations and Schemes for rehabilitation and to create an enabling environment that provides such persons with equal opportunities, protection of their rights and enables them to participate as independent and productive members of society.

Objective:

1. To develop manpower for using Indian Sign Language (ISL) and teaching and conducting research in ISL, including bilingualism.
2. To promote the use of Indian Sign Language as educational mode for deaf students at primary, secondary and higher education levels.
3. To carry out research through collaboration with universities and other educational institution in India and abroad and create linguistic records/ analyses of the Indian Sign Language, including creation of Indian Sign Language corpus (Vocabulary).
4. To orient and train various groups, i.e. Govt. officials, teachers, professionals, community leaders and the public at large for understanding and using Indian Sign Language.
5. To collaborate with organizations of the deaf and other institutions in the field of disability to promote and propagate Indian Sign Language.
6. To collect information relating to Sign Language used in other parts of the world so that this input can be used to upgrade the Indian Sign Language.

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POSTS IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF DISABILITIES.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT [Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)] NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 4th January, 2021

No. 38-16/2020-DD-III.—Whereas Section 33 of the repealed Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (hereinafter, after referred as repealed Act) provided for reservation of not less than 3% for persons with disabilities in the three categories namely, (i) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, (ii) visual impairment (low vision & blindness) and (iii) hearing impairment.

2. And whereas, section 32 of the repealed Act mandated the appropriate Government to identify posts to be reserved for persons with disabilities and review such list at periodic interval not exceeding three years.
3. And whereas, in pursuance of the above provisions of the repealed Act, the Central Government last notified the list of posts suitable for persons with disabilities through notification No. 16-15/2010-DD-III dated 29th July, 2013.
4. And whereas, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 32 and 33 of the repealed Act (since repealed on 15.06.2017) had constituted an Expert Committee on the 19th November, 2015 under the chairpersonship of the Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities to review the list of Central Government posts identified suitable for Persons with Disabilities.
5. And whereas, the Expert Committee met on the 9th December, 2015 and decided that one Sub-Committee should be constituted for each of the category of disabilities which are provided reservation under section 33 of the said repealed Act and accordingly, following three Sub-Committees were constituted, namely:—
 - i. Sub-Committee for locomotor disability
 - ii. Sub-Committee for hearing impaired
 - iii. Sub-Committee for visually impaired
6. And whereas, the Central Government notified the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred as “the Act”) which inter-alia under sub-section (1) of section 34 extended the benefit of reservation to persons with benchmark disabilities in the new category of (i) autism, specific learning disability, mental illness and intellectual disabilities and (ii) multiple disabilities amongst the various categories mentioned in the said section of the Act.
7. And whereas, Section 33 of the said Act mandates the appropriate Government to constitute expert committee for identification of posts suitable for persons with benchmark disabilities and accordingly, following two sub-committees were further constituted to take care of identification of posts suitable for new categories included under the Act, namely; (i) Sub-Committee for autism, intellectual disabilities, specific learning disability and mental illness, and (ii) Sub-Committee for multiple disabilities.
8. And whereas, all the Sub-Committees reviewed the posts notified through notification No.16-15/2010-DD-III dated the 29th July 2013, and submitted their reports and the Expert Committee considered the reports of the

Sub-Committees in its meeting held on 19th November 2019, finalized its recommendations and submitted its report to the Central Government for consideration.

9. Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred upon section 33 of the said Act and based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee, the Central Government hereby notifies the gist of the report, and the list of Central Government posts in Group A, B, C and D identified suitable for persons with benchmark disabilities which is at Annexure-A for information and further necessary action by all cadre controlling authorities in the Central Government.
10. The said list supersedes the list of posts for Groups 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' notified through notification No. 16-15/2010-DD-III dated 29th July, 2013.

Note 1: Persons with benchmark disabilities require aids and assistive devices to overcome their difficulties. The aids and assistive devices may be provided to persons with benchmark disabilities on their appointment keeping in view their requirement as per the instructions of DoPT issued from time to time.

Note 2: The list of posts being notified is only indicative and not an exhaustive list. If a post is not mentioned in the list, it is not to be construed that it has been exempted. Central Ministries, Departments, Autonomous Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings may further supplement the list by adding to the list of posts identified for respective category of disability.

Note 3: If a post is already held by a person with benchmark disability, it shall be deemed to have been identified for that category of benchmark disability.

Note 4: If a post is identified in the feeder grade, all the posts in the promotional grade should also stand identified.

Note 5: If a post having identical nature and place of job with respect to any identified post, the post should be construed to be identified even if the post has a different nomenclature and/or is placed in a different group.

Note 6: This list will be the principal list in respect of the posts identified suitable for persons with benchmark disabilities. However, in case a list of post is separately identified by any Central Government establishment, the list having wider range of identified categories (i.e. having more sub-categories under each category) would prevail.

Note 7: In case a post is identified suitable for more than one sub-category under a broad category, individual Central Ministries or Departments or Public Sector Undertakings or Autonomous Bodies should conduct recruitment for all the sub-categories and cannot suo-moto choose one particular sub-category for appointment.

Note 8: It is for the Central Ministries or Departments or Public Sector Undertakings or Autonomous Bodies to verify the authenticity of the certificate of disability and examine suitability of the candidate in terms of functional requirements before appointment against any identified post.

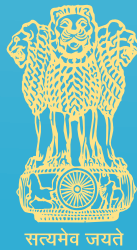
Note 9: In the event of discrepancies in the English and Hindi versions of this Notification, English version shall prevail over the Hindi version.

Dr. PRABODH SETH, Jt. Secy.

Annexure – A

May kindly visit the link for the List of Central Government posts in Group A, B, C and D identified suitable for persons with benchmark disabilities at:

<http://disabilityaffairs.gov.in/content/upload/uploadfiles/files/224370.pdf>



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