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Introduction

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 was published in the Gazette of India, Extra, Pt. III, No. 59 dated 28th December, 2016 and came into force on 19th April, 2017. Accordingly, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 was notified and came into force on 17th April, 2018.

Under the provision of Section 79 of the RPwD Act, 2016 the State Commissioner shall perform the following functions:

- (a) identify, *suo motu* or otherwise, provision of any law or policy, programme and procedures, which are in consistent 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 utilization of funds disbursed by the State Government for the benefits of persons with disabilities;
- (i) perform such other functions as the State Government may assign.



MESSAGE



I am pleased to learn that the office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) is attaining its 12th years in 2023. It is a moment of pride for me to present the 12th Annual Report. During the reporting year, we have made significant progress in the field of disability. Our achievements have a very positive impact on the welfare of Persons with Disabilities in Mizoram.

The achievements and progress is a result of hard work, dedication and perseverance of all the people involved and those working in the field of disability.

(VANLALDIKI SAILO)
Commissioner
Persons with Disabilities
Govt. of Mizoram



About Us

The office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was established w.e.f 1st June, 2012. 12 (twelve) number of posts were created and approved by the meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 20th December, 2010. The main function of the State Commissioner is monitoring the implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 within the state of Mizoram.

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.

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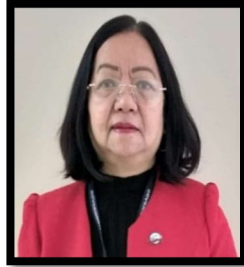
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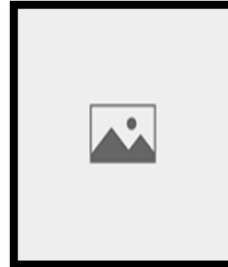
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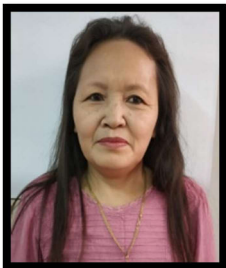
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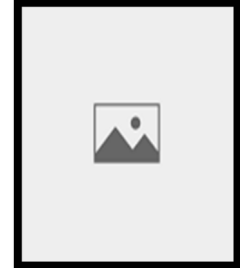
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Sign Language Interpreter



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UDC



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LDC



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LDC



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Driver



Lalthangzuala
Driver



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Laltanpuii
IV Grade



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IV Grade



Rothuama
IV Grade



Actions taken by office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

Appointment of Grievance Redressal Officer

As per Section 23 (1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, every Government Department is obliged to appoint Grievance Redressal Officer (GRO) under their respective Departments. Therefore, all Head of Department were requested to appoint GRO to monitor all matters relating to disability within their own Department.

The following officers have so far been appointed as Grievance Redressal Officer:-

Sl. No.	Department	Name	Designation
1.	Local Administration Dept (LAD)	Pu Malsawmdawngliana	Deputy Director (Admn)
2.	Transport	Pi Lalremruati	Deputy Director (Admn)
3.	Commerce & Industries	-	Deputy Director (Admn)
4.	Geology & Mining Resource	Pu R. Zirtluanga	Geologist Junior
5.	Women & Child Devp. Dept.	Pi Lalmalsawmi	SO (N)
6.	Sericulture	Pu C. Rozawna	Joint Director
7.	Cooperative Societies	Pu Zaliankhuma	DRCS (Hqrs)
8.	Higher & Technical Education	Pu Lalhmingthanga	Joint Director (Admn)
9.	Police Headquarters	Pu Lalthafamkima Jongte	AIGP (Operations)
10.	Anti Corrupton Bereau	Pu J. Lalmuankima	Addl. SP
11.	Disaster Mangement & Rehabilitation	Pi Hmingthanzuali Ralte	Deputy Director (Admn)
12.	Administrative Training Institute	-	Deputy Director (Admn)
13.	Sports & Youth Services	Pu Vanlalrova	Deputy Director
14.	Sainik Welfare & Resettlement	Surg Lt Cdr Lalnuntluanga (Retd)	Director
15.	Art & Culture Dept	Pu Lalchuaailova	Deputy Director
16.	Account & Treasuries	Pu Sangliana	Joint Director (Admin)
17.	Tourism	Pi Lalthakimi Pachuau	Deputy Director
18.	Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Dept	-	Superintendent
19.	Planning & Prog. Implementation	Pu Robert Lalhruaitluanga	Superintendent
20.	Prisons	Pu Lalrosanga Chhangte	Asst. Inspector General of Prisons

**OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, GOVT. OF MIZORAM**

Sl. No.	Department	Name	Designation
21.	UD&PA	Pi Lalremruati	Deputy Director (Admn)
22.	DC, Aizawl	Pu Isaac C. Lalrempuia	SDO (Sadar)
23.	Commissioner of State Tax	Pu HK Lalhawngliana	Joint Commissioner of State Tax
24.	ICT	Pu Vanlalringa	Senior Informatics Officer
25.	School Education Dept.	Pu Lalramthanga	Deputy Director (Admn)
26.	PHE	Pu HB Chakma	Superintending Engineer
27.	Animal Husbandary & Veterinary	Dr C. Lalzuitluanga	Deputy Director (VPH)
28.	Land Revenue & Settlement	Pu Remlalliana	Deputy Director
29.	Economic & Statistics	-	Deputy Director (Admn)
30.	Executive Engineer, PWD, Project Division - II	Pu Jimmy Vanlalsiama	SDO (TC)
31.	Home Guard & Civil Defence Dept.	Pu C. Lalnunmawia	Dy Commandant General cum Joint Director, MRHG & CD
32.	Chief Engineer, Roads, PWD	Er. Vanlalmuana Fanai	EO to CE
33.	Soil & Water Conservation	Lalchhanhima	Dy. Director (Planning)
34.	Pachhunga University College	Pi Lalsangkimi Sailo	HOD & Asst Prof.
35.	E-in-C, PWD	Pi Lalrinpuui	Deputy Director (Admin)
36.	Govt Zirtiri Resi. Science College	Prof. B. Zoliana	Principal
37.	EE, PWD, Aizawl Road Division	Pi Rohlupii	DHA
38.	Directorate, SW&TA	Pi Caroline Hmingthanzuali	Officer on Sp. Duty (Disability Affairs)
39.	Jordan Centre, Sethawn	Pi Ruth Vanlalsawmi	Centre Director
40.	State Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Centre	Dr. R. Lalnunmawii	Superintendent
41.	Dist. Social Welfare Office, Azl E	Pi F Lalngaihawmi	DSWO
42.	Dist. Social Welfare Office Azl W	Pi Zodinthangi	DSWO
43.	DSWO, Lunglei	Pu Ngurthanmawia Sailo	DSWO
44.	DSWO, Siaha	Pi Gracy Lalchhanzuali	DSWO
45.	RITC for Tribal Youth	Pi Lalrinhluii Sailo	Superintendent
46.	Aizawl North College	Mr. Lallura Zote	Dept of History
47.	Health Services	Dr. Lalremmawii	Jt. Director (FW)
48.	IASE	Lalrinfeli khiangte	Asst. Professor
49.	Printing & Stationery	Laldinfeli	Deputy Controller
50.	FCS&CA	V. Laldinsanga	Joint Director



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DISABILITIES, GOVT. OF MIZORAM**

Sl. No.	Department	Name	Designation
51.	Superintendent Engineer, PWD, Western Circle	Er K. Ramhlunsanga	Asst. Engineer
52.	Labour, Employment, Skill Devp. & Entrepreneurship Dept.	Dr. J.T Vanlalnggheta	Joint Director
53.	Mizoram Law College	Mrs. Zoparliani Khiangte	Asst Professor
54.	Govt. Champhai College	Mrs. C.Lalnunpuii	Associate Professor
55.	Govt. Lunglei College	Pu C. Lalthanpuia	Associate Professor
56.	NIELIT	Shri R. Dengchhunga	Technical Officer
57.	Govt. Johnson College	Lucy Vanlalhruii	Associate Professor
58.	Aizawl West College	K. Lalmuanpuii	HOD, Dept of PA
59.	Kolasib Division, PWD	Laldinthari	Head Assistant
60.	St. Xavier's College	Fr. Alphonse Lepcha SJ	Vice Principal
61.	Irrigation & Water Resource	Pu Beizawzi T. Azyu	Superintending Engineer (W&D)
62.	Zoram Medical College	Pi C. Liankhumi	Superintendent
63.	Hospital & Medical Education	Dr. Robert L. Khawlhing	State Nodal Officer (National Mental Health Programme)
64.	Govt. T. Romana College	Dr. Jasmine Lalremmawii	Associate Professor (Dept. of PA)
65.	Mizoram College of Nursing	R. Lalruatkimi	Lecturer
66.	E-in-C, Hmuifang division. PWD	Pu Challiansanga	Accounts Officer
67.	DIET, Lunglei	Mary Vanlalawii	Lecturer
68.	College of Nursing, Synod Hospital	Mrs. RC Lalrengpuii	Assistant Professor
69.	Fisheries Department	Pu Lalthanzuala	Assistant Director
70.	Govt. Hnahthial College	Pi Lalrinkimi	Asst. Professor (Mizo)
71.	Govt. Lawngtlai College	Pi Ruth Lalrampuii	Assistant Professor
72.	Govt. Kolasib College	Mr. Laltanpuia Rengsi	Associate Professor
73.	SCERT	Pi Lalrinpuii	Dy Director (IED)
74.	Govt. Serchhip College	Mr. Ricky Lalsangzuala	Asst. Prof & Chairman
75.	Govt. Aizawl College	Lalbiakzuala	Associate Professor
76.	Election Commission	David L. Pachuau	Joint Chief Electoral Officer
77.	E-in-Chief, PHE	Thangchungnunga	Executive Engineer
78.	Home Guards & Civil Defence	Fabian Lalfakawma	District Commandant, MRHG & CD
79.	AMC	Pi Baby Zohmingliani	Town Planner
80.	SCERT	Pi Lalduhawmi Thomte	Dy Director (Language)



Reservation of seats in Aizawl City buses for Persons with Disabilities



In pursuance to Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 Chapter VIII Section 41 regarding access to transport for PwD, meeting with Aizawl City Bus Owners Association (ACBOA) was held on 10th March, 2021 to discuss putting up of signage for reservation of seats in Aizawl City buses for Persons with Disabilities. Another meeting was held on 14th July, 2022 at Commissioner Office Chamber, Chaltlang, Aizawl.





On 22nd September, 2022 putting up of signage in Aizawl City buses at Ngaizel City Bus Terminal was organized in collaboration with ACBOA. 50 NSS students from Govt. T. Romana College also volunteered for the fruitful event.





Meeting of District Level Committee on Disability

District Level Committee on Disability under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Siaha was held on 23rd March, 2021. The meeting was attended by 15 participants.



District Level Committee on Disability was held at Lawngtlai on 24th March, 2021. NGO and officials attended the meeting. The meeting was attended by 10 participants.





District Level Committee on Disability chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei was held on 25th March, 2021. The meeting was attended by 58 officials.





**Meeting with Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE)
and State Council of Educational Research and Training
(SCERT)**

This office wrote a letter to Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) and State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) requesting them to make Braille & Large Print Text Books for Blind and Low Vision Students.

In pursuance to our request, meeting was conducted on 23rd May, 2022 at MBSE with Chairman, MBSE and Secretary regarding printing of large print textbook for Low Vision and Braille Textbook for Blind students.

On 12th October, 2022 Braille Textbook for Blind and Low Vision for Higher Secondary School was distributed for the first time in Mizoram at Education Ministers room.



*Meeting at MBSE on 23rd May,
2022.*



Visit of Special Schools for Disability

Commissioner for PwD visited Onyx Special School run by Sub Hqrs. MHIP, Lunglei on 25th March, 2021.





Commissioner for PwD visited Salvation Army Home for the Blind, Kolasib on 22nd March, 2022. A sum of ₹ 5,000/- was given to the school.



Commissioner for PwD visited shining Star Special School, Aizawl on 1st August, 2022.





Visit of Centre for Disability Studies (CDS)

Commissioner Visited Centre for Disability Studies (CDS) at Mizoram University Campus on 25th March, 2021. The Centre was established under National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata. However, we were informed that the Centre is yet to start functioning due to lack of staff and other reasons.



Commissioner had a meeting with Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University at his office Chamber with Director, NILD Kolkata and Section Officer, NILD Kolkata to discuss about the functioning and starting of CDS at MZU campus on 15th February, 2022.





**Visit of National Institute for Locomotor Disability NILD,
Kolkata**

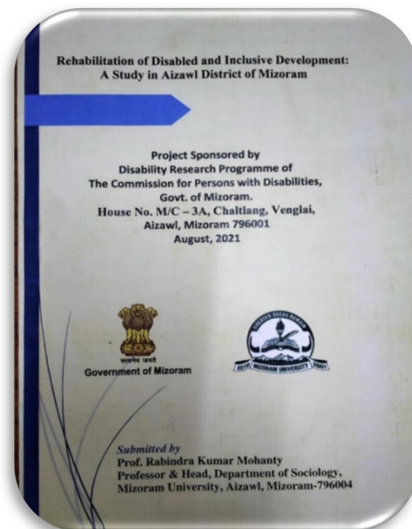
National Institute for Locomotor Disability, Kolkata was visited on 9th -13th May, 2022. Commissioner for PwD had successful interaction with Director, NILD and visited their Hospital, OPD Centre, etc.





**Sponsorship given to Department of Sociology, Mizoram
University for research conducted on Disability studies**

Head, Department of Sociology, Mizoram University contacted Commissioner for PwD seeking sanction from Govt. of Mizoram for conducting research entitled “Rehabilitation of Disabled and Inclusive Development : A study in Aizawl District of Mizoram”. Hence, Commissioner wrote an application letter to Govt. of Mizoram for allotment of ₹ 9.57 lakhs for the research. Consequently, fund amounting to ₹ 9.57 lakhs was released for the research.





Relief given to Persons with Disabilities



Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl was requested to sanction relief to PwDs - street singers (Blind) who were greatly affected by COVID 19 pandemic. Hence, CM Relief fund was disbursed to 8 (eight) PwDs @ ₹ 2,000/- each.



Relief was given to Ephatha School on 24th September, 2021.





State Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

State Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities funded by CSR, sponsored by Mizoram Rural Bank and organized by office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was given to Mr. Lalkiamlova and Mrs. Chhingpuii for their outstanding services, contribution and achievements in the field of disabilities. The event was organized at Chief Minister’s Conference Hall on 23rd January, 2023. The Award contain citation and cash amount of ₹30,000/-



LALKIAMLOVA

- Mitdel hawrapw (braille) bakah, home management leh anmahni enkawl leh kaihruai dan a zir. Mizorama primary school zirilaibu zawng zawng mitdel hawrapin a siam.
- January 1977 aʔangin Kolasib-ah Mizorama mitdel sikul hmasa ber a din. Sikul chu Integrated School tih zui a ni.
- Sikula a thawh loh hnuah mitdel naupangte a buaipui zui zel a, mitdelte'n Bible an chhiar theih nan theihtawp a chhuah.
- SCERT thawhpuiin mitdel hawrapw tihchangtlunna turin theihtawp a chhuah a, zirilaite ʔanpui turin English and Mizo Braille Primer tih bu a siam.



CHHINGPUII

- Spastic Society of Mizoram (Society for Rehabilitation of Spastic Children) dintu zinga mi a ni a, rualbanlote ʔanpui dan tur chungchang chi hrang paruk a ziak.
- NIEPID, Secunderabad siam rualbanlote chungchang thu chi hrang hrang brochure IO chuang Mizo ʔawngin a letting a, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation ʔanpuiin lehkhabu chi hrang hrang eng emaw zat Mizo ʔawngin a letting tawh.
- A hmalaknain RGF hnuaih rualbanlote tan bik film pakhat siam a ni tawh a, a thuralpuite nen hmun hrang hrang inzirrina an buatsaih thin.





**Distribution of aids and appliances for hearing impaired,
Blind and low vision**

Assessment Camp for distribution of aids and appliances such as Smart phones, Android Tablet, Hearing Aids, Universal Braille kit was organized in collaboration with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai at DIET practicing school on 2nd November, 2021. 75 numbers of Blind and Low Vision were assessed.

In pursuance of the Assessment Camp, Aids and Appliances were distributed on 9th January, 2023 for hard of hearing, blind and low vision as mentioned below:-

<i>Smart phone</i>	– 17
<i>Android tablet</i>	– 8
<i>Hearing aid</i>	– 39
<i>Universal Braille Kit</i>	– 2
<i>Total</i>	– 66





No plying day permit for Persons with Disabilities

Locomotor PwD wrote to Commissioner stating their problems to commute on plying days which is one day in a week. Hence, Commissioner requested Traffic SP to allow Locomotor PwD to be able to commute on these days. Subsequently, 17 Locomotor PwD were given permit for no plying day which was distributed in the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on 2nd September, 2022.





Training/Workshop

State Level Training on capacity building for Persons with Disabilities employee

For the first time in Mizoram, State Level Training on capacity building for Persons with Disabilities employee was held on 13th -14th February, 2023 at Tourist Lodge, Chaltlang, Aizawl in collaboration with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIPMD), Chennai.





State Level Training of Grievance Redressal Officer

First State Level training of Grievance Redressal Officer was held on 7th October, 2022 at Dawrpui Multipurpose Hall. Function/duties/responsibilities of Grievance Redressal officers as stated by Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 were informed to the officers. The training was very productive as the officers were able to discuss various issues relating to PwD.





Second meeting/training of Grievance Redressal Officer was held on 2nd March, 2023 at State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Hall.





State Level Training of Special Educators working in Inclusive Schools in Mizoram

State Level Training for Special Educators working in Inclusive Schools in Mizoram was held on 22nd – 24th February, 2023 organised by office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Mizoram in collaboration with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai.

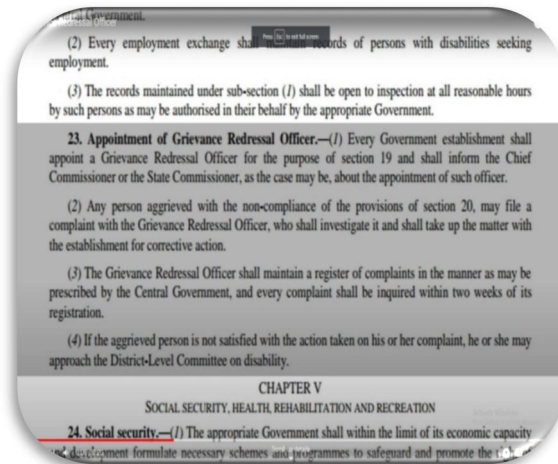




Video Clip on Grievance Redressal Officer



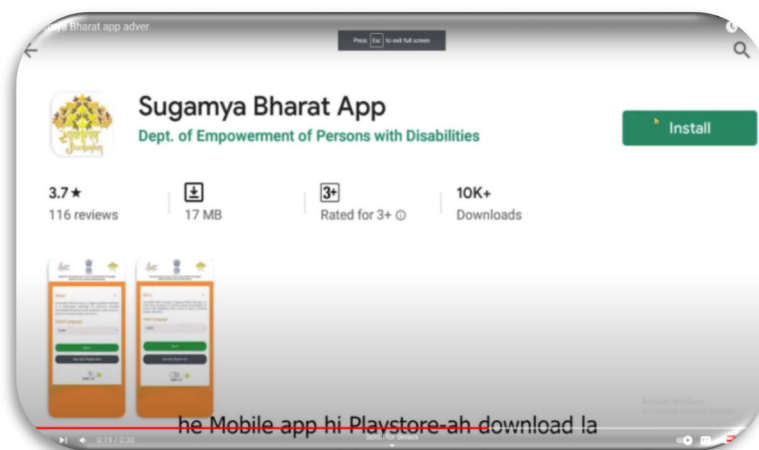
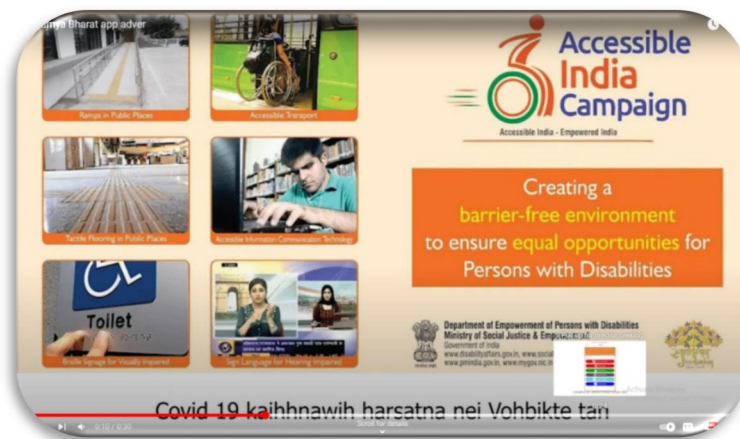
We prepared short video clip regarding the role, function, etc. of Grievance Redressal Officer as stated by Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The video can be viewed on youtube channel of State Commissioner for PwD, Mizoram.





Video Clip on Sugamya Bharat app

We prepared short video clip regarding Sugamya Bharat app. Sugamya Bharat app is an application where PwD can submit their grievances and necessary actions will be taken by the concerned department. The video on application guide can be viewed on youtube channel of State Commissioner for PwD, Mizoram.





**Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,
2016 by various State Government Departments**

I. Rights and Entitlements (Section 3-15) :

- Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was appointed as Nodal Officer for inclusive and accessible electoral processes vide No. H. 11021/1/2016-CEP dt: 11/06/2018.
- The Director, Social Welfare Department was appointed as Limited Guardian vide No.B.13016/58/2017-SWD dt: 18/11/2018.

II. Education (Section 16-18)

- All District Education Officers under School Education Department were appointed as Nodal Officers for implementation of the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016 for students with disabilities vide No.A.12034/1/2018-DSE(E) dt: 12/11/2018.
- Inclusive Education (IE) under Samagra Shiksha for students with Disabilities as well as Inclusive Education for the Disabled Students in the State (IEDSS) are also implemented by the State to ensure that all facilities as mandated under Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Act are provided to all students with disabilities at the Elementary and Secondary Stages as per their needs.
- Although Special Part-time classes are not conducted, Resource Teachers (Special education Teachers) give Home-based Education to children with special needs who are not able to attend regular classes due to their profound disabilities. As recommended by MHRD there is one Resource Teacher in each block in all the Districts.
- Hearing Impaired children are allotted front row seats in the classroom at the left side of the teachers. Visually Impaired children are also allotted front row seats.
- Blind candidates appearing in HSLC examination conducted by Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) are allowed to offer either Commercial Studies /Home Science (Theory only) in lieu of Mathematics w.e.f 2009.



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- There are 5 Districts where Special schools are run by NGOs :-

Name of District	No. of Special schools
Aizawl	5
Lunglei	1
Serchhip	1
Kolasib	2
Siaha	1

- Educational Facilities:-

- Books & Stationery (Including Braille Books for Blind and large print books for low vision)
- Braille stationery material (Including Embossed Charts, Globes etc.) @ ₹450 x 10 months.
- Reader allowance @ ₹300 x 10 months.
- Escort allowance for 10 months including MR @ ₹ 400 x 10 months.
- Transport Allowance for 10 months @ ₹ 400 x 10 months.
- Stipend for girls for 10 months @ ₹ 200 x 10 months.
- CwDs are given scholarships/Stipend as follows:-
 - Upto CI-IV : ₹800/- p.m per student.
 - CI-V to CI-VII : ₹1000/- p.m per student.
 - CI-VIII to CI-XII : ₹2500/- p.m per student.

- Examination:-

- Extra time of 1 hour (60 minutes) for each paper is given to CwSNs/CwDs during examinations.
- Blind, Locomotor & Spastic children are provided with Scribe and Writer.
- For Blind candidates appearing in HSLC exam, practical examination shall not be conducted.
- In lieu of Mathematics, Blind candidates may offer either Commercial Studies or Home Science (Theory only).

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

- There are 3 (Three) Training Centres for the Specially abled persons run by Social Welfare Department, viz:-
 - Female Training Centre, Aizawl.
 - Male Training Centre, Aizawl.
 - 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.
- 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.
- Three (3) District Employment Exchanges in Aizawl, Lunglei and Siaha are declared as Special Employment Exchanges for Persons with Disabilities since 2005.

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

- 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 through Social Welfare Department.
- 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 @ ₹3,000/- per year per person through Social Welfare Department.
- Disability pension is given to severely disabled/totally bed ridden @ ₹350/- per month through Social Welfare Department.
- Monitoring Committee for implementation of the roadmap for setting up rehabilitation Home for Mental Patients was set up vide Notification No.C.18015/94/2018-SWD dt: 1/07/2019 which was issued by Social Welfare Department in compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court order.
- The State has implemented the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) to conduct extensive child health screening and provision of early intervention services.



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

- 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.
- 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.
- There is 5% reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental Schemes with priority to women with benchmark disabilities vide No. D. 28013/1/2013-NLUP/PT-III/168 dt: 14/03/2018.
- 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.

VI. Special provisions for persons with disabilities with high support needs (Section 38):

- 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.

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

- Centre for Disability Studies has been set up at Mizoram University for preparing professionals for imparting higher education in the field of disabilities.
- State Government servants having minimum 40% of disability are given Transport allowance at the minimum of ₹1,000/- p.m vide Government Notification No. A. 26019/1/09 – FIN (PRU) dt: 06/08/2010.



- Free/Concessional Travel for Persons with Disabilities:-
 - (1) 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.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) Transport allowance : 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 Medical Authorities vide O.M No. A. 26019/1/99-FIN (PRU) dt: 10/06/2004.
 - (4) Escort Allowance : 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).

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

- Director, Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs has been appointed as competent authority for issue of certificate of registration in respect of Institutions for PwDs.
- 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.

IX. Certification of Specified Disabilities (Section 56-59):

- Identification and Certification for issue of Disability Certificate was notified as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.



X. Central and State Advisory Boards on disability and District Level Committee (Section 60-73):

- The following Committees have been constituted as mandated under the RPwD Act:
 - (1) State Advisory Board on Disability.
 - (2) State Committee for Research on Disability.
 - (3) District Level Committee on Disability.
 - (4) Expert Committee.
 - (5) Advisory Committee.
 - (6) State Level Coordination Committee.

XI. Special Court (Section 84-85):

- (1) 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.
- (2) As required under Section 85 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, Addl. Public Prosecutors are also appointed as Special Public Prosecutors for the purpose of conducting cases falling under the Act.
- (3) Special courts for Divyangjan are as follows:-

Sl. No	Name of Court	Territorial Jurisdiction
1	2 nd Court of Addl. District & Session Judge, Aizawl	Whole of Aizawl, Serchhip and Mamit Administrative Districts
2	Addl. District & Session Judge, Lunglei	Whole of Lunglei Administrative District
3	Addl. District & Session Judge, Champhai	Whole of Champhai Administrative District
4	Fast Track Court, Saiha	Whole of Siaha and Lawngtlai Administrative District
5	Fast Track Court, Kolasib	Whole of Kolasib Administrative District



Recommendations

1. Mandatory observance of accessibility norms – Standards of accessibility must be followed in physical environment (such as public building – Hospitals, health centres, churches, schools, colleges), transportation (such as in public buses waiting shed, parking places, etc. should have barrier free environment for PwDs, etc.
2. Private sector such as bank, etc. should be made inclusive/accessible and have barrier free environment.
3. All Departments of the State should strictly follow Reservation Roster System issued by the Department of DP & AR from time to time.
4. The Aizawl Municipal Council (AMC) needs to ensure that all public buildings strictly follow the AMC Building Regulations, 2012 especially in respect of barrier free environment.
5. Have more awareness through entertainment section i.e doordarshan/radio/live phone call, etc.
6. Not less than 5% reservation of seats for persons with benchmark disabilities should be maintained in respect of admission in higher education institutions receiving aid from the Govt. (as mentioned in RPwD Act, Chapter VI Section 32)
7. Reservation for PwD in poverty elevation scheme (as mentioned in RPwD Act, Chapter VI Section 37 (b) should be strictly followed.
8. There should be more provision for PwD with high support needs (as mentioned in RPwD Act, Chapter VII Section 38)
9. Assessment and Certification (UDID) of PwD must be carried out more strictly so that they will receive various benefit meant for them.