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Chapter – 1

INTRODUCTION

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 was published in the Gazette of India, Extra, Pt. III, No. 59 dated 28th December, 2016 and came into force on 19-4-2017 vide S.O. 1215(E), dated 19th April, 2017. Three years had passed since the RPwD Act, 2016 starts operation. During the reporting period, the office of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities gave priority to promote awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities and the safeguards available for their protection. For the awareness generation programmes, the Commissioner had visited all the twelve (12) districts of Mizoram by organizing workshops/seminars in various colleges and Higher Secondary Schools. Awareness generation programs had also been conducted by utilizing the Church services on Sundays. Thus massive information campaign along with seminars, workshops, booklets, posters, short films and songs are being circulated throughout the State for disseminating information among people on various aspects of disability and rehabilitation. The Commissioner also enquires, 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 concerned authorities (Departments) for corrective action. In fact, the protection, promotion overall development and empowerment of persons with disabilities are the day to day works of the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. As a result, awareness is growing rapidly and there is also a strong commitment on the part of the State Government to ensure that their rights are protected and well enforced in the State of Mizoram.

Stephen Hawking who himself was a disabled person correctly said “People with disabilities are vulnerable because of the many barriers we face; attitudinal, physical and financial. Addressing these barriers is within our reach and we have a moral duty to do so. But most important, addressing these barriers will unlock the potential of the world. Governments everywhere can no longer overlook the hundreds of millions of people with disabilities who are deprived access to health, rehabilitation, support, education, and employment and never get the chance to shine”. It is important to recognize persons with disabilities as a valuable human resource. It is therefore important that this untapped human resource is harnessed and put to use in the task of nation building. It goes without saying that persons with disabilities have proved beyond any doubt that

given equality of opportunity they have the inherent potential of becoming active agents of change rather than remaining passive recipients of benefits.

Chapter – 2

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 has been 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 has been 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 have been appointed as Nodal Officers for implementation of the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016 relation to school education for students with disabilities vide No.A.12034/1/2018-DSE(E) dt: 12/11/2018.
- Inclusive Education for the Disabled Students in the State (IEDSS) is implemented by the Government of Mizoram. Integrated 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.
- 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.
- There are 199 Secondary Schools (under Government),92 Schools (Under RMSA), 21 Higher Secondary Schools (Under Government) in which both disabled and non-disabled children are studying
- IEP (Individualised Education Plan) Development was conducted for CwSNs.

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

Sl.No	Districts	Number of School
1	Aizawl	5
2	Lunglei	1
3	Serchhip	1
4	Kolasib	2
5	Saiha	1

- Educational Facilities:-

- Textbooks and uniforms are given to all Children with Special Needs (CwSNs)/CwDs at free of cost.
- Braille Textbooks are given to Blind students.
- Large Print textbooks are given to Children with low vision.
- As prescribed by the MBSE, textbooks have been provided. Learning material is also available to CwDs in all the 8 (eight) Districts of Mizoram.
- Scholarship/Stipend is given to Children with Disability as follows:-

Upto CI-IV : ` 800/- per annum per student.
 CI-V to CI-VII : ` 1,000/- per annum per student.
 CI-VIII to CI-XII : ` 2,500/- per annum per student.

- Under RMSA the followings are provided:-

- Books and Stationaries : ` 600
- Uniform allowances : ` 1,000
- Escort allowances : ` 400 x 10 months
- Girls stipend : ` 2,000
- Boarding & Lodging Allowance is given to CWSN @ `400 p.m for 10 months.
- Reader Allowance is given to CwSNs @ `400 p.m for blind students.
- Number of children being provided books, uniforms and other material:

Under SSA : 3158

Under RMSA : 1410

- Examination:-

- Extra time of 1 hour (60 minutes) for each paper is given to CwSNs/CwDs during examinations.

- (b) Blind, Locomotor & Spastic children are provided with Scribe and Writer.
- (c) For Blind candidates appearing in HSLC exam, practical examination shall not be conducted.
- (d) 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:-
 - (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.
- 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.
- Grievance Redressal Officers are appointed by all Government Departments.

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.
- Aids and Appliances are given to PwDs by ALIMCO.
- Surveys undertaken for detecting causes of occurrence of disabilities: Data collection in the form of monthly reports is available for

detection of disabilities. However, major surveys, investigations and research have not been conducted due to paucity of funds.

- 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. Main activity under the programme involves routine and regular child health screening by 25 dedicated RBSK Mobile Health Teams.
- Details of steps taken by Health & Family Welfare Department:-

(a) Prevention of disabilities:

1. National programme such as National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB & VI) among trained paramedical workers, nurses, health workers and doctors have been conducted in different areas.
2. Programmes like Rastrya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtrya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) and National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) have been conducted. ASHA and Anganwadi workers are trained to identify children having hearing problems, so that if there is any such they may avail the cochlear implant facility.

(b) Identification and certification of disabilities:

1. Patients who go directly to the hospitals are issued Disability Certificates after due assessment.
2. MBBS doctors posted at PHC and CHC have been instructed to issue medical certificates if the person requiring disability certificate has a clear cut i.e. obvious disability.
3. Medical boards have been set up in hospitals to identify persons with multiple disabilities.

(c) Rehabilitation:

1. National Institute of Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Aizawl performs diagnosis and provides Aids and Appliances to

PwDs such as hearing aid, artificial limbs, artificial arms, crutches, etc.

2. Artificial limbs are made and provided at the PMR Department in Civil Hospital, Aizawl.

3. Cataract surgeries are performed and spectacles are provided to the needy persons through NPCB & VI.

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

- '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.
- 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):

- The State Government has implemented 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.

- 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:-
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) 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).
- Centre for Disability Studies has been set up at Mizoram University for preparing professionals for imparting higher education in the field of disabilities.

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):

1. State Advisory Board on Disability:

- The State Advisory Board on Disability was constituted vide Government Notification No. B. 13016/16/2018-SWD dt: 02/12/2019 for a period of 3 (three) years.
- The members of State Advisory Board are:-
 - 1) Hon'ble Minister, SWD - Chairman
 - 2) Pu Ramthanmawia, MLA - Member
 - 3) Dr. Vanlalhlana, MLA - Member
 - 4) Er. H. Lalzirliana, MLA - Member
 - 5) Secretary, SWD - Member
 - 6) Secretary, School Edn. Deptt. - Member
 - 7) Secretary, Higher & Tech. Edn. Deptt. - Member
 - 8) Secretary, Finance Deptt. - Member
 - 9) Secretary, DP & AR - Member
 - 10) Secretary, H & FW Deptt. - Member
 - 11) Secretary, R.D. Deptt. - Member
 - 12) Secretary, LESDE Deptt. - Member
 - 13) Secretary, UD & PA Deptt. - Member
 - 14) Secretary, Planning & Prog. Implementation Deptt. - Member
 - 15) Secretary, S & Y.S Deptt. - Member
 - 16) Secretary, Transport Deptt. - Member
 - 17) Secretary, I & CT Deptt. - Member
 - 18) Asst. Prof. Dr. Henry Zodinliana Pachuau, MZU - Member
 - 19) Pi Vanlaldiki, Dy. Director, SCERT - Member
 - 20) Prof. Margaret Ch. Zama, MZU - Member
 - 21) Officer i/c NILD, Aizawl - Member
 - 22) Fr. Lawrence Kennedy, ZEP - Member
 - 23) Lalhminganga, President, Mizoram Blind Society - Member
 - 24) Vanlalringa, Samaritan Blind Society - Member
 - 25) Lalthlamuana, GS, Mizoram Blind Society - Member

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| 26) | Lalremkima, Rualbanlo Pawl, Bairabi | - Member |
| 27) | Zokhumi Vankung, Mizoram Disability Forum | - Member |
| 28) | Laldinpuii, Spastic Society of Mizoram | - Member |
| 29) | Saihmingthangi, President, Ephatha Society | - Member |
| 30) | Nicky Chhakchhuak, Differently Abled Society | - Member |
| 31) | President, Mizoram Chambers of Commerce | - Member |
| 32) | Secretary, Mizoram Chamber of Commerce | - Member |
| 33) | Representatives of a district to be called by rotation on the recommendation of the District Administration concerned. | - Member |
| 34) | Director, Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs | - Member Secy. |

- The functions of the Committee are:
 - 1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the State Advisory Board shall be the State-level consultative and advisory body on disability matters, and shall facilitate the continuous evolution of a comprehensive policy for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and the full enjoyment of rights.
 - 2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the State Advisory Board on disability shall perform the following functions namely:-
 - (a) Advise the State Government on policies, programmes, legislation and projects with respect to disability
 - (b) Develop a State policy to address issues concerning persons with disabilities.
 - (c) Review and coordinate the activities of all Departments of the State Government and other Governmental and non-Governmental Organisations in the State which are dealing with matters relating to PwDs.
 - (d) Take up the cause of PwDs with the concerned authorities and the international organizations with a view to provide for schemes and projects for the PwDs in the State plans.
 - (e) Recommend steps to ensure accessibility, reasonable accommodation, non-discrimination for PwDs, services and the built environment and their participation in social life on an equal basis with others.
 - (f) Monitor and evaluate the impact of laws, policies and programmes designed to achieve full participation of PwDs.

(g) Such other functions as may be assigned from time to time by the State Government.

2. State Committee for Research on Disability:

- The State Committee for Research on Disability was constituted on vide Government Notification No. B. 13016/58/2017-SWD/Pt dt: 22/02/2018 for a period of 3 (three) years.
- The members of State Committee for Research on Disability are:-
 - 1) Secretary, Social Welfare Department - Chairman
 - 2) Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare Deptt. - Member
 - 3) Pu Lalbuatsaiha, Mizoram Blind Society - Member
 - 4) Pi Neihtluangi, Spastic Society - Member
 - 5) Pu Nicky Chhakchhuak, Differently Abled Society - Member
 - 6) Pu Vanlalringa, Samaritan Association for the Blind - Member
 - 7) Principal, School for Hearing Impaired Children of Mizoram, Vaivakawn - Member
 - 8) Expert - To be invited by the Chairman - Member
- Functions of the Committee is as follows:
 - 1) To ensure that no person with disability be a subject of any research without his/her free and informed consent obtained through accessible modes, means and formats of communication.
 - 2) Any form of research to be conducted on disability which involves invasive methods of data collection shall need the approval of the Committee. The researcher/research organization will have to satisfy the committee with its queries.
 - 3) The committee may cause itself or any other entity to undertake research on issues/matters related to disability especially in rehabilitation including development of aids and appliances through innovation.

3. District Level Committee on Disability:

- The District Level Committee was constituted vide Government Notification No. B. 13016/58/2017-SWD/Pt dt: 22/02/2018 for a period of three years.
- The members of District Level Committee on Disability are:-
 - 1) Deputy Commissioner - Chairman
 - 2) Additional Deputy Commissioner - Vice Chairman
 - 3) District Social Welfare Officer - Member Secy.

- 4) Chief Judicial Magistrate, District Court - Member
- 5) District Programme Officer (ICDS) - Member
- 6) Chief Medical Officer - Member
- 7) District Medical Officer - Member
- 8) District Education Officer - Member
- 9) District Coordinator, SSA - Member
- 10) District Coordinator, RMSA - Member
- 11) District LE & IT Training Officer - Member
- 12) Project Director, DRDA - Member
- 13) (a) **Aizawl District**
 - i) Pi Chhingpuii, Spastic Society of Mizoram - Member
 - ii) Pu Lalhmachhuana, General Secy., CYMA - Member
 - iii) Dr. Lalthanpuii Hnamte, MHIP Hqrs. - Member
 - iv) District Coordinator, SSA - Member
- (b) **Lunglei District**
 - i) President, YMA Sub. Hqrs. - Member
 - ii) President, MHIP Sub. Hqrs., - Member
 - iii) Medical Supdt., Serkawn Christian Hospital - Member
 - iv) Medical Supdt., John Williams Hospital - Member
- (C) **Saiha District**
 - i) President, MTP - Member
 - ii) President, MCHP - Member
 - iii) Pu Lalhmangaiha, President Rualbanlo Association, Saiha - Member
 - iv) Mary Abraham, Principal, Residential Institute for Disabled Children, Zawngling - Member
- (d) **Champhai District**
 - i) President, YMA Sub. Hqrs. - Member
 - ii) President, MHIP Sub. Hqrs. - Member
 - iii) Pi Lalchhanhimi, Associate Professor, Champhai College - Member
 - iv) Dino C. Zodinliana, Champhai Vengthlang - Member

(e) **Kolasib District**

- i) President, YMA Sub. Hqrs. - Member
- ii) Principal, Blind School
(Salvation Army) - Member
- iii) District Coordinator, SSA - Member
- iv) Pi Happy Laldingliani, Kolasib - Member

(f) **Mamit District**

- i) President, YMA Sub. Hqrs. - Member
- ii) President, MHIP Sub. Hqrs. - Member
- iii) District Coordinator, SSA - Member
- iv) Julie LH Puii, Mamit Vengthar - Member

(g) **Serchhip District**

- i) President, YMA Sub. Hqrs. - Member
- ii) President, MHIP Sub. Hqrs. - Member
- iii) District Coordinator, SSA - Member
- iv) Chairman, Shalom Spastic Society - Member

(h) **Lawngtlai District**

- i) President, YLA - Member
- ii) President, LWA - Member
- iii) District Coordinator, SSA - Member
- iv) President, Rualbanlo Association - Member

▪ Functions of the Committee are:

- 1) Advise the district authorities on matters relating to rehabilitation and empowerment of PwDs.
- 2) Monitor the implementation of the provisions of the Act and Rules made there under by the district authorities.
- 3) Look into complaints relating to non-implementation of the provisions of the Act by the District authorities and recommend suitable remedial measures to the concerned authority to redress such complaints.
- 4) Look into appeal made by the employees of the Govt. establishments under sub-section (4) of Section 23 of the Act and recommend appropriate measures.
- 5) Any other functions as may be assigned by the State Government from time to time.

4. Expert Committee:

- The Expert Committee was constituted vide Government Notification No. A. 12027/2/2017 – P & AR (GSW) dt: 06/11/2017.
- The members of Expert Committee are:-
 - 1) Secretary, DP & AR - Chairman
 - 2) Joint Secretary, DP & AR (GSW) - Member Secy.
 - 3) Commissioner for PwD - Member
 - 4) Representative of Director, SCERT with Expertise in disability affairs - Member
 - 5) Representative of Director, SWD With expertise in disability affairs - Member
 - 6) Under Secretary, DP & AR (GSW) - Member
 - 7) K. Lalmingsanga, President, Mizoram Blind Society - Member
 - 8) Nicky Chhakchhuak, Chairman, Differently Abled Society - Member
 - 9) Laldinpuii, Principal, Gilead Special School - Member
 - 10) C. Vanlalruati, Vice-Principal, Gilead Special School - Member
- Functions of the Committee are:
 - 1) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Government with regard to identification of posts in establishments which can be held by respective category of persons with benchmark disabilities in respect of the vacancies reserved in accordance with the provisions in Section 34 of the Rights of PwD Act, 2016.

5. Advisory Committee:

- The Advisory Committee was constituted vide Government Notification No. B. 13016/58/2017 – SWD/Pt dt: 16/11/2017 for a period of 3 (three) years.
- The members of Advisory Committee are:-
 - 1) Pi Chhingpuii, Secretary, Spastic Society of Mizoram - Member
 - 2) Pu T. Saikunga, MJS, District & Sessions Judge (Rtd) - Member
 - 3) Dr. Lalrindiki T. Fanai, Associate Professor Deptt. of English, Mizoram University - Member
 - 4) Pu Lianduna, Lecturer, Govt. Mizo Higher Secondary School & President, HIPSOM - Member

5) Pi Lalfamkimi, Advocate, Zoram Law Consultancy - Member

▪ Functions of the Committee are:

- 1) It shall assist the State Commissioner in all matters relating to the welfare and development of PwDs.
- 2) It shall meet at least once in every three months.
- 3) The State Commissioner may invite subject or domain expert as per the need who shall assist him in meeting or hearing and in preparation of the report.
- 4) Any other functions as may be assigned from time to time by the State Government of the State Commissioner.

6. State Level Coordination Committee:

- The State Level Coordination Committee was constituted vide Government Notification No. B. 13016/23/2011 - SWD dt: 09/03/2018.
- The members of State Level Coordination Committee are:-
 - 1) Secretary, Social Welfare Department - Chairman
 - 2) Commissioner, Persons with Disabilities - Vice Chairman
 - 3) Director, Social Welfare Department - Vice Chairperson
 - 4) State Nodal Agency (i.e Spastic Society) - Member Secy.
Secondary School & President, HIPSOM
 - 5) DSWO 'East', Social Welfare Department - Member
 - 6) Nicky Chakchhuak, President, Differently Abled Society - Member

XI. Chief Commissioner and State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 74-83):



- Full time Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was appointed on 20th Sept., 2017 vide Order No. A. 12025/1/2017- SWD dt: 20/09/2017.
- Details of existing staff are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Designation	No. of Posts	Whether posts is filled up or not
1	Assistant Commissioner	1 no.	Filled up
2	Assistant	1 no.	Filled up
3	Research-cum-Programme Assistant	1 no.	Filled up
4	UDC-cum-Cashier	1 no.	Filled up
5	Stenographer - III	1 no.	Vacant
6	Sign Language Interpreter	1 no.	Under process
7	LDC-cum-Computer Operator	2 nos.	Filled up
8	Driver	2 nos.	Filled up
			Vacant
9	IV th Grade	4 nos.	Filled up
Total :		14 nos.	

- Total no. of grievances, complaints received and suo-motu cases taken up during 2019-2020 is 9 nos.
- Annual Report for the year(s) 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 was prepared and laid before the State Legislative Assembly.

XII. Special Court (Section 84-85):

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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

Chapter – 3

Redressal of Grievances

As required under Section 23 (1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, every Government Department has to appoint Grievance Redressal Officer under their respective Departments. The following officers have so far been appointed as Grievance Redressal Officers:-

Sl. No	Name of Department	Name of Grievance Redressal Officer	Designation
1	Art & Culture	Pu Lalchualova	Deputy Director
2	Excise & Narcotics	Pu Vanlalmalsawmdawngliana	Asst. Commissioner
3	Higher & Technical	Pu Ramhmangaiha Ralte	Joint Director
4	Agriculture	Pu Zoramthanga	Deputy Director
5	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	Pu H.C. Zonunthara	Deputy Director
6	Sports & Youth Services	Pu John Tanpuia	Jt. Director
7	School Education	Pu K. Lalthawmmawia	Director
8	Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl	Pi Lalsangpuii Hmar	Additional Deputy Commissioner
9	Engineer-in-Chief, PHED	Pu F. Liantluanga	Superintending Engineer
10	Power & Electricity Department	Pi Lalnunmawii Ralte	Deputy Director (Admn.)
11	Deputy Commissioner (General Estt.Branch)	Pu Ngulsangvela	Sub-Divisional Officer
12	Mizoram House, Kolkata	Pu Hmingthanzauva	Asst. Resident Commissioner
13	Commissioner of State Tax	Pu R. Zosiamliana	Joint Commissioner of State Tax
14	Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip	Deputy Commissioner	Sub-Divisional Officer (Sadar)
15	I & PR	Pu Lalramliana Chawngte	Dy. Director
16	Economics & Statistics	Joint Director	Joint Director
17	Mizoram House, Mumbai	Pu V. Zaithanmawia	Dy. Resident Commissioner
18	Deputy Commissioner, Mamit	Deputy Commissioner	Sub-Divisional Officer (Sadar)
19	Deputy Commissioner, Champhai	Deputy Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner

20	Office of the Commissioner for PwD	Pi Lalbiakkimi	Assistant Commissioner
21	Law & Judicial Department	Pi Melody Lalrochampuii Pachuau	Deputy Secretary
22	Environment, Forest & Climate Change	1. Chief Conservator of Forests 2. Conservator of Forest 3. Divisional Forest Officer	1. PCCF Office 2. Circle Office 3. Div. Office concerned
23	Fisheries	Pu C.H.Saplianzara	Deputy Secretary
24	MBSE	Pi C. Lalarzovi	Under Secretary
25	Commerce & Industries	Pu R. Zirtluanga	Geologist Junior
26	Local Administration Deptt. (LAD)	Pi Lalrinmawii Hmar	Deputy Director
27	Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	Dr.J.T.Vanlalnggheta	Joint Director
28	SCERT	Pi Vanlaldiki Sailo	Deputy Director (TE)
29	SAD	N/A	Secretary
30	Cooperative Societies	AN Barbhuiya	N/A
31	Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat	Pi Lalrindiki	Superintendent
32	Sericulture	Pu C. Rozawna	Joint Director
33	General Administration Deptt. (GAD)	N/A	Joint Secretary
34	General Administration Deptt. (GAD) (Protocol & Hospitality)	Pu V. Lalengmawia	State Protocol Officer
35	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	Pi Lalthansangi	Deputy Director (Admn)
36	Transport	Pu Vanlalhruaia	Deputy Director
37	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	Pu Lalchhanhima	Deputy Director (Planning)
38	Police, Kolasib	Pu C. Vanlalvena	Addl. SP
39	Tourism	Pi Lalthakimi Pachuau	Deputy Director
40	Vigilance Department	N/A	Under Secretary
41	State Referral Hospital, Falkawn	Dr. Vanlalauva	Deputy Medical Superintendent
42	Zoram Medical College	Vanlalzuala Chhangte	Deputy Director
43	Rural Development	Pi Lalengvari	Deputy Director
44	Hospital & Medical Education	Dr. Robert L. Khawlhring	State Nodal Officer, Mental Health
45	Land Revenue & settlement	Pu Lal Muanpuia	Deputy Director

46	Horticulture	Pu F. Lalthlamuana	Dy. Director (P)
47	DP & AR (GSW)	Pu Lalrinsanga	Joint Secretary
48	Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip	N/A	Sub-Divisional Officer (Sadar)
49	Deputy Commissioner, Champhai	Dr. Manesia Khaimeichho	SDC
50	Deputy Commissioner, Mamit	Pu H.D. Lalpekmawia	SDO (S)
51	Health Services	Dr. Lalramliana	Deputy Director (G)
52	Deputy Resident Commissioner, Shillong	Mark Lalthanliana	Deputy Resident Commissioner
53	Sinlung Hills Council Hqrs, Sakawrdai	Pu James Lalrinchhana	Development Officer
54	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary (AH & Vety)	Dr. Lalremliana	Joint Director (Admn)

Chapter – 4

Monitoring on utilization of funds in the State.

One of the important functions of the State Commissioner under Section 80 (g) and (h) of the Act is to monitor the implementation of the provision of RPwD Act and utilization of funds disbursed by the State for the benefits of persons with disabilities. Hence, work done under SIPDA within Aizawl had been visited by Commissioner. However, due to lockdown, physical verification of works could not be continued. Hence, contacts were made through phones with the implementing agencies for construction of Ramps, Rails and Lift.

Since Social Welfare Department is the nodal Department to deal with all matters relating to welfare of persons with disabilities in the state of Mizoram, Director, Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs had been requested to intimate funds received from State and Central Governments for the welfare of persons with disabilities to enable the Commissioner to monitor the implementation of various works sanctioned for the welfare of persons with disabilities from time to time.

Verification/ Inspection of Special Blind School run by Samaritan Association and Gilead Special School run by the Spastic Society of Mizoram has also been conducted by this office to monitor utilization of Grant-in-Aid sanctioned and released by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Utilization of funds received from the Govt. of India by Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Mizoram w.e.f 2011:

Sl.No.	Year	Amount (`)	Utilization	Remarks
1	2011-2012	20,000,000.00	Fully Utilized	SIPDA
2	2012-2013	30,000,000.00	Fully Utilized	SIPDA
3	2013-2014	76,29,000.00	Fully Utilized	SIPDA
4	2014-2015	NIL	-	-
5	2015-2016	NIL	-	-
6	2016-2017	298,05,377.98	Fully Utilized	Accessible India Campaign
7	2017-2018	NIL	-	-
8	2018-2019	44,05,000.00	Unutilized	Braille Press
9	2019-2010	Nil	-	-

Chapter – 5

Actions taken for creation of awareness on rights and privilege of Persons with Disabilities

- I. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and The Mizoram Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 were translated into Mizo language for circulation to the public.
- II. Survey was conducted on employment of Persons with Disabilities under the State Government. 72 persons had so far been appointed under the State Government.
- III. **4% Reservation of Post for Persons with Disabilities :**
Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities had written letter to all the Departments under the State Government with a request to intimate whether identified Posts have been filled up in their respective Departments, as well as clarifications and justification for Posts not filled up till date. 61 Departments have responded to our letter and necessary actions are being taken till date. Total no. of disabled persons so far employed in the State under Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' is 72 nos. (as on March, 2020).
- IV. Four numbers of meetings were conducted at the Office of the Commissioner with the stake holders and the NGOs working in the field of Disabilities. The Commissioner also visited NGOs working in the field of Disability in different parts of the State.



- V. Meeting with Church leaders on barrier free environment and sign language was conducted on 12th April, 2019. As a result Circulars have been issued by Churches on barrier free environment of Persons with Disabilities.



- VI. Awareness Campaign have been conducted by Commissioner for PwDs in various Districts/places within Mizoram:-



North Branch YMA Hall, Bairabi



Govt. Lunglei College



Govt. Mizoram Law College, Aizawl



Govt. Hnahthial Higher Secondary School, Hnahthial



Govt. J. Buana College, Lunglei



Govt. Lawngtlai College, Lawngtlai



Govt. Mamit Higher Secondary School, Mamit



YMA Hall, Phullen



Govt. Saiha College, Siaha



Awareness Campaign on rights and benefits for PwDs with parents of PwD and NGOs at Serchhip



Thingsulthliah Higher Secondary School, Thingsulthliah



Tlungvel Higher Secondary School, Tlungvel

VII. Setting up of Expert Committee & Advisory Committee:

In pursuance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, Expert Committee to represent Persons with benchmark disabilities for identification of posts and Advisory Committee to assist the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities were set up.

XI. Accessible Website for Persons with Disabilities:

In pursuance of the order of the Court of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities had written letter to all the Departments for making their Departmental Website accessible for Persons with Disabilities. In response to our letter many departmental websites have been made accessible for PwDs which were earlier not being made accessible.

XIII. Quota for PwDs in NLUP :

The Commissioner has requested the Secretary, NLUP Implementing Board to include quota for PwDs as beneficiaries in the implementation of NLUP. As a result 5% reservation for PwDs in all Poverty Alleviation and various developmental Schemes were notified by the Department of NLUP Implementing Board, Mizoram.

- XII. (a)** 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.
- (b)** As required under Section 85 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, Addl. Public Prosecutors were also appointed as Special Public Prosecutors for the purpose of conducting cases falling under the Act.

Chapter – 5

Recommendations

1. The building plans in respect of public buildings such as Colleges, Schools, Hospitals and Churches should be made easily accessible for Persons with Disabilities with barrier free environment. In addition, Transport system such as public buses, waiting shed, parking places, etc. should have barrier free environment for PwDs.
2. All Departments of the State should strictly follow Reservation Roster System issued by the Department of DP & AR from time to time.
3. 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.

Chapter - 6

Utilization of funds under various schemes for financial year 2019-2020

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Schemes</i>	<i>Funds Allocated (in `)</i>	<i>No. of Beneficiaries (in `)</i>
1	Scholarships/Stipend: Education	4,41,000.00	799
2	Assistance: Educational Support Materials	Nil	Nil
3	Economic Rehabilitation	3,25,000.00	87 nos.
4	Marriage Incentive	Nil	Nil
5	Disability Pension	8,40,000.00	200
6	Unemployment Allowance	1,95,000.00	25
7	Insurance for Employees with Disabilities	Nil	Nil
8	Aids and Appliances	Nil	Nil
9	Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisation	Nil	Nil
10	Human Resource Development	Nil	Nil
11	Infrastructure Development	Nil	Nil
12	Grant-in-aid to Govt. Institutions	Nil	Nil
13	Transport Subsidies	Nil	Nil
14	Any other scheme	Nil	Nil

**LIST OF INSTITUTIONS/NGOs WORKING IN DISABILITY SECTOR IN
MIZORAM**

Sl. No	Name & Address of the NGOs	Name of contact person	Contact details
1	Spastic Society of Mizoram (Gilead Special School), Bawngkawn, Aizawl, Mizoram – 796001	Mrs. Chhingpui Secretary	0389-2350019/ 9436159952
2	Samaritan Association for the Blind (Special Blind School), Zuangtui Road, DurtlangVenglai, Aizawl, Mizoram - 796025	Mr. R. Thanga President Mr. R.K. Vanlalringa Principal	0389-2362027 9862311070
3	Ephatha Deaf School, Vaivakawn, Aizawl.	Mr. Lianduna President	9436152824
4	Redeem Garden, Chaltlang Lily Veng, Aizawl	R. Lalmahhuani Audiologist & Speech language pathologist	9862580177
5	Shining Star Special School, Republic Veng, Aizawl	Zonunmawii Principal	8732081079
6	ThutakNunpuitu Team (TNT) Zuangtui, MuannaVeng, Aizawl, Mizoram – 796017	Mrs. K. Lalvenhimi Home incharge	0389-2354075/ 9402113024
7	ZoramEntu Pawl (ZEP) Tlangnuam, Damveng, Aizawl, Mizoram - 796015	Fr. Lawrence F. Kennedy	0389-2301266/ 9436352996
8	Special School for Persons with Disabilities, Chanmari, Lunglei District, Mizoram - 796701	Mrs. Grace Zorampari Principal	0372-2324583/ 8014126155
9	Salvation Army Home for the Blind, Kolasib Vengthar, Kolasib District	Maj. Lalthanmawia Home Incharge	8974836303
10	Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Project Road, Kolasib District, Mizoram -796018	Mr. Lalthantluanga Sailo Secretary Mr. C. Lianzuala Principal	9774088925 9436372568
11	Shalom Spastic Society (Shalom Special School), New Serchhip, Serchhip District, Mizoram-796181	Mr. H. Vanlalhruaia Chairman	9862014363/ 9402113457
12	Mary Hechia Residential Special School, H.No. 4, Lotai, Zawngling, Saiha District, Mizoram- 796911	Mr. Sime Philip Principal	9436149425 9791097409 E-mail: mhspecialschool@ Gmail.com