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Chapter – 1

INTRODUCTION

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 was enacted to give effect to the proclamation on the full participation and equality of the people with disabilities in the Asian and Pacific Region. Under this Act, persons with disabilities is defined as those having not less than forty percent disability and identified seven categories of disabilities, namely, blindness, low-vision, hearing impairment, locomotor disability, mental retardation, mental illness and leprosy cured.

With the passing of time, the conceptual understanding of the rights of persons with disabilities has become clearer and there has been worldwide change in approach to handle the issues concerning persons with disabilities. The United Nations adopted its convention on the rights of persons with disabilities laying down the principles to be followed by the State parties for empowerment of persons with disabilities. India also signed the said convention and then notified the same on the 1st day of October, 2007. The convention came into effect on the 3rd day of the May, 2008. Being a signatory to the convention, India has an international obligation to comply with the provisions of the said convention which requires entirely new legislations.

An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sudha Kaul, Vice-Chairperson, India Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata was constituted in 2010 and submitted its report in 2011. After the draft Bill was extensively debated upon at various levels involving State Governments and Union Territories and various stake holders, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha and the said Bill was passed by both the Houses of Parliament in December, 2016. The Act known as the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 came into effect from 19th April, 2017.

The salient features of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 are:-

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 types of disabilities have been increased from existing 7 to 21 and the Central Government will have the power to add more types of disabilities. The 21 disabilities are given below:-

- i. Blindness
 - ii. Low Vision
 - iii. Leprosy Cured Persons
 - iv. Hearing Impairment (deaf and hard of hearing)
 - v. Locomotor Disability
 - vi. Dwarfism
 - vii. Intellectual Disability
 - viii. Mental Illness
 - ix. Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - x. Cerebral Palsy
 - xi. Muscular Dystrophy
 - xii. Chronic Neurological conditions
 - xiii. Specific Learning Disabilities
 - xiv. Multiple Sclerosis
 - xv. Speech and Language Disability
 - xvi. Thalassemia
 - xvii. Hemophilia
 - xviii. Sickle Cell disease
 - xix. Multiple Disability
 - xx. Acid attack victim
 - xxi. Parkinson disease
4. Speech and language Disability and Specific Learning Disability have been added for the first time. Acid Attack Victims have been included. Dwarfism, muscular dystrophy have been indicated as separate disability. The new categories of disability also included three blood disorders i.e Thalassemia, Hemophilia and Sickle Cell disease.
 5. Additional benefits have been provided for persons with benchmark disabilities and those with high support needs.
 6. Every child with benchmark disability between the age group of 6 and 18 years shall have the right to free education.
 7. For strengthening the Prime Minister's Accessible India Campaign, stress has been given to ensure accessibility in public buildings (both Government and private) in a prescribed time-frame.
 8. It has been proposed to increase reservation from 3% to 4% in Government jobs for certain persons or class of persons with benchmark disability.
 9. The Bill provides for grant of guardianship by District Court under which there will be joint decision - making between the guardian and persons with disabilities.
 10. Broad based Central & State Advisory Boards on Disability have been proposed to be set up as policy making bodies.

11. Strengthening of the Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and State Commissioners of Disabilities has been included, 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 have been proposed to provide financial support to the persons with disabilities.
13. The Bill provides for penalties for offences committed against persons with disabilities.
14. Designated special Courts have been proposed to handle cases concerning violation of rights of PwDs.

To conclude, the RPwD Act, 2016 recognizes 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. Education (Section 16-18) :

- 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.
- At present, there are 1421 disabled students under IEDSS/RMSA, 3285 under SSA and 33 nos. of CwSN are given Home based 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. At present there are 26 nos. of Resource Teacher under SSA and 45 under RMSA.

- 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.
- 288 numbers of schools under RMSA and 2246 schools under SSA are architecturally barrier free.
- 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 | 3 |
| 2 | Lunglei | 1 |
| 3 | Serchhip | 1 |
| 4 | Kolasib | 2 |
| 5 | Saiha | 1 |

▪ Educational Facilities:-

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

Upto CI-IV : ₹ 360/- per annum per student.

CI-V to CI-VII : ₹ 480/- per annum per student.

CI-VIII to CI-XII : ₹ 1,020/- per annum per student.

There are 856 beneficiaries during 2017-2018.

▪ Examination:-

- (a) 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).

▪ Acheivements of SSA:

- (a) 248 nos. of Children with Special Needs (CwSN) (CwDs) are given transport allowance and escort allowance @ ₹ 250/- p.m per child.
- (b) One day Training for teacher on Curricular Adaptation was conducted for 610 teachers from Primary School & UPS.
- (c) One day Parental Training for parents of disabled children was conducted. 685 CwSN parents participated.
- (d) International Day for PwDs is observed on 4th Dec., 2017 in convergence with RMSA, SCERT, NILD, SWD, Health Department and NGOs.

▪ Achievements of RMSA:

- (a) **Functioning of Resource Rooms:** All facilitated 10 Resource Rooms (formal) and 16 BRC's Resource Rooms are in full function. Children in need of screening are sent to these resource rooms for further assessment which has been found to be very useful especially for remote places.
- (b) **Environmental Building Programme:** Community Sensitization Programme was successfully conducted at 26 Blocks in different districts. The programme was organized in coordination with SMDC. The programme helped in establishing disabled friendly environment among the society.
- (c) **Consultation Meeting for Stake Holder Participation:** The meeting was conducted in all 26 blocks. Government Officials, Head of Departments, NGO representatives including Women Force, Youth Association, Church Leaders, Parents of CwSNs, teacher, etc. participated in the meeting. The meeting discussed the need for readiness of the society to embrace disabled person in the environment and preparation of public places to be accessible by all citizen of the society.
- (d) **Intensive Training for 45 Special Educators on Disability Management:** Training was conducted during the month of August, 2017. Medical Expert and Specialist Doctors were invited as Resource Persons. The topic included various streams such as locomotor, eye, mental, audiometry, speech, identification of disability, etc.
- (e) **Special Olympics cum World Disabled Day:** International Day for Persons with Disabilities was observed on 4th December, 2017. On this day, one-day Special Olympics was organized on items such as Football, Dead ball, Wheelchair Race, Spoon Race, 3-Legged Race and Musical Chair. Cash prize, trophy and medals were given to top 5 winners. The programme was observed in all 8 districts successfully.

- (f) **Special Pay to General Teacher/Special Teacher:** In the year 2017-18, 1(one) General Teacher having RCI Registration was identified and appointed as IE-incharge general teacher and ₹ 400 p.m is given as special pay.
- (g) **Distribution of Students Oriented Components:** Under Students oriented components, the assistive educational needs and equipments are distributed to all the 895 CwSNs of Mizoram in the year 2017-18 as show below:-
- (1) Books & Stationeries is given to all CwSN @ ₹ 1,000 per child.
 - (2) Escort Allowance is given at ₹400 p.m for 10 months.
 - (3) Boarding & Lodging Allowance is given to CwSN @ ₹ 400 p.m. for 10 months.
 - (4) Reader Allowance is given to CwSN @ ₹ 400 p.m for blind students.
 - (5) ₹ 2.923 lakhs is sanctioned and utilized for different types of Aids & Appliances and given in kind.
 - (6) Stipends for Girl child : Since the Ministry insisted on Direct Transfer Benefits for Stipend, details of girls including Aadhar No., Bank Account, etc., have been collected. 460 CwSN girls were given stipend.
- (h) 1 (One) General Teacher from each school has undergone “2-Day Training on IEDSS” which was conducted under the 10-Day In-Service Training package under RMSA and Headmaster Training. In this training, General Teachers and Headmasters were given lectures on the concept of disability, how to identify different areas of disabilities and classroom management, etc.

II. 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.



Female Training Centre, Aizawl



- 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 Saiha are declared as Special Employment Exchanges for Persons with Disabilities since 2005.
- Grievance Redressal Officers are appointed by all Government Departments.

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

- 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.
- Disability pension is given to severely disabled/totally bed ridden @ ₹ 350/- per month.
- 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.
- 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. Health Department in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, SCERT, RMSA, SSA conduct assessment and certification camps.
2. The specialities involved so far are; Orthopaedic surgeons, ENT surgeons, Ophthalmic surgeons, Psychiatrist alongwith Ophthalmic assistant, Clinical Psychologist and Audiologist.
3. Patients who go directly to the hospitals are also issued Disability Certificates after due assessment.
4. MBBS doctors posted at PHC and CHC have also been instructed to issue medical certificates if the person requiring disability certificate has a clear cut i.e. obvious disability.
5. 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.

(d) As per “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016”.

1. Six numbers of posts have been reserved for PwDs under Group ‘D’ and staff nurse category for the newly established medical college MIMER.
2. Every new building constructed or planned to be constructed under H & FW Department is to be made barrier free.

IV. 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.
- Relaxation of upper age limit is extended to Persons with Disabilities for cases of direct recruitment under the Government of Mizoram, upto 10 (ten) years over and above the relaxation of upper age limit available to the Scheduled Caste, the Scheduled Tribes or other special categories of persons vide Notification No. A. 12027/1/2011-P & AR (GSW) dt: 21/2/13.
- 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.

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

- 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).
- 22 Persons with Disabilities are given free/concessional bus passes during 2017-2018.
- 34 Public buildings have been made accessible for PwDs and 22 barrier free public buildings are under construction.
- 288 schools under RMSA and 2246 schools under SSA are architecturally barrier free.

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

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

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

- Identification and Certification for issue of Disability Certificate is to be notified as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- Total number of Disability Certificate issued in the State till date is 11,290 nos. i.e 74%.

VIII. Committees Constituted:

1. State Advisory Board on Disability:

- The State Advisory Board on Disability was constituted 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 Advisory Board are:-
 - 1) Hon'ble Minister i/c SWD (Ex-Officio) - Chairman
 - 2) Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, MLA - Member
 - 3) Pu T. Sangkunga, MLA - Member
 - 4) Dr. K. Beichhua, 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, L.E & I.T. 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) Dr. Henry Zodinliana Pachuau - Member
 - 19) Pi Sangzuali Vanchhawng - Member
 - 20) Margaret Ch. Zama - Member
 - 21) Dr. Alendro Tripethi i/c NILD - Member
 - 22) Laldikkimi, Director, SWD - Member
 - 23) Fr. Lawrence, ZEP - Member
 - 24) Lalhminganga, President, Mizoram Blind Society - Member

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| 25) | Vanlalringa, Samaritan Blind Society | - Member |
| 26) | Lahlupuii Ralte, Mizoram Blind Society | - Member |
| 27) | Lalremkima, Rualbanlo Pawl, Bairabi | - Member |
| 28) | Zokhumi Vankung, Mizoram Disability Forum | - Member |
| 29) | Laldinpuii, Spastic Society of Mizoram | - Member |
| 30) | Lianduna, HIPSOM | - Member |
| 31) | Nicky Chhakchhuak, Differently Abled Society | - Member |
| 32) | President, Mizoram Chamber of Commerce | - Member |
| 33) | Secretary, Mizoram Chamber of Commerce | - Member |
| 34) | Representatives of a district to be called by rotation on the recommendation of the District Administration concerned. | - Member |
| 35) | Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt. | - 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. Lalhmingsanga, 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.

IX. 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 | IV th Grade | 4 nos. | Filled up |
| Total : | | 12 nos. | |

- Total no. of grievances, complaints received and suo-motu cases taken up during 2017-2018 is 17 nos.
- Annual Report for the year(s) 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 had been prepared and laid before the State Legislative Assembly.

X. 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.

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 Lalchuailova | 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) |

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| 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 Pachau | Deputy Secretary |
| 22 | Environment, Forest & Climate Change | Chief Conservator of Forests Conservator of Forest Divisional Forest Officer | PCCF Office Circle Office Div. Office concerned |

Chapter – 4

Achievements made by the Office of the Commissioner for 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. 58 persons had so far been appointed under the State Government.
- III. 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.
- IV. Annual Report for the year(s) 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 was prepared and laid before the State Legislative Assembly.
- V. **3% Reservation of Post for Persons with Disabilities :**
 - (a) 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. 42 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 58 nos.
 - (b) Proposal was submitted to Social Welfare Department and DP & AR to revise 3% reservation of posts for Persons with Disabilities vide our letter No. C. 31014/2/2013-Commr/PwD (SWD) dt: 12/08/13 and No. A. 21020/1/2013 - Commr/PwD (SWD)/301 dt: 05/09/14 as required under Section 32 of PwD Act, 1995. Hence, Revision of identified post was notified on 18th April, 2017.
 - (c) Commissioner, PwD also proposed members for Expert Committee for identification of posts in line with RPWD Act, 2016. Expert Committee was constituted and identification of posts is in the process.
 - (d) In pursuance of the request made by the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of India to the Chief Secretary,

Government of Mizoram during his visit to Mizoram on 25/04/2018 to 28/04/2018, proposal for Special Recruitment Drive has been submitted to the State Government on 4th May, 2018.

VI. 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.

VII. Access Audit committee :

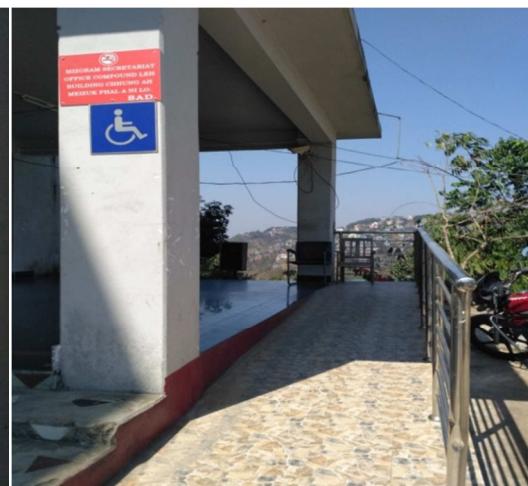
Having learnt that Audit has not been conducted since 2004, Access Auditors were requested to immediately conduct Audit for Barrier Free Built Environment in Public Buildings. Hence, 37 building have been audited during the last financial year.

VIII. Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIPDA):

Access Auditors were appointed vide Gazette Notification No.B.13016/5/2000-SWD dt 19.03.2004 to audit Barrier Free Built Environment in public buildings under section 46 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 within Mizoram. Having learnt that Audits had not been conducted since 2004, these Access Auditors were requested to immediately conduct Audit for Barrier Free Built Environment in Public Buildings. Hence, Audit in respect of constructions of ramps, railings and adapted toilets as sanctioned by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under SIPDA were conducted w.e.f 2013 till date.



Civil Secretariat Office, Aizawl



Civil Secretariat Office, Aizawl



*Chief Judicial Magistrate Office,
Kolasib District.*



*District Collector Office, Lunglei
District*



District Collector, Champhai District



District Hospital Champhai District

IX. Monitoring of Grant-in-Aid to NGOs:

Verification/ Inspection of Special Blind School run by Samaritan Association and Gilead Special School run by the Spastic Society of Mizoram has 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.

X. 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.

XI. 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. Advisory Committee :

Advisory Committee to assist the State Commissioner for PwDs was constituted for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 16th November, 2017 and the number of Advisory Committee Meeting is 1 (one).

- XIII.** (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 2017-2018

| <i>Sl.No</i> | <i>Schemes</i> | <i>Funds Allocated (in ₹)</i> | <i>No. of Beneficiaries (in ₹)</i> |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Scholarships/Stipend: Education | 6.00 lakh | 856 |
| 2 | Assistance: Educational Support Materials | Audiometer is provided by the Govt. of India | 2 nos. of organizations |
| 3 | Economic Rehabilitation | 3.25 lakh | 79 persons |
| 4 | Marriage Incentive | Nil | Nil |
| 5 | Disability Pension | 6.00 lakh | 200 |
| 6 | Unemployment Allowance | 75,000 | 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 | 298,05,277.98 | 27 buildings under AIC |
| 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. Chhingpuii 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 | ThutakNunpuitu Team (TNT) Zuangtui, MuannaVeng, Aizawl, Mizoram – 796017 | Mrs. K. Lalvenhimi Home incharge | 0389-2354075/ 9402113024 |
| 4 | ZoramEntu Pawl (ZEP) Tlangnuam, Damveng, Aizawl, Mizoram - 796015 | Fr. Lawrence F. Kennedy | 0389-2301266/ 9436352996 |
| 5 | Special School for Persons with Disabilities, Chanmari, Lunglei District, Mizoram - 796701 | Mrs. Grace Zorampari Principal | 0372-2324583/ 8014126155 |
| 6 | Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Project Road, Kolasib District, Mizoram -796018 | Mr. Lalthantluanga Sailo Secretary Mr. C. Lianzuala Principal | 9774088925 9436372568 |
| 7 | Shalom Spastic Society (Shalom Special School), New Serchhip, Serchhip District, Mizoram-796181 | Mr. H. Vanlalhruaia Chairman | 9862014363/ 9402113457 |
| 8 | Mary Hechia Residential Special School, H.No. 4, Lotai, Zawngling, Tuipang, Saiha District, Mizoram- 796911 | Mr. Sime Philip Principal | 9436149425 9791097409 E-mail: mhspecialschool@ Gmail.com |
| 6 | Deaf School of Mizoram, Vaivakawn, Aizawl. | Mr. Lianduna President | 9436152824 |
| 10 | Salvation Army Home for the Blind, Kolasib Vengthar, Kolasib District | Maj. Lalthanmawia Home Incharge | 8974836303 |