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Chapter – 1

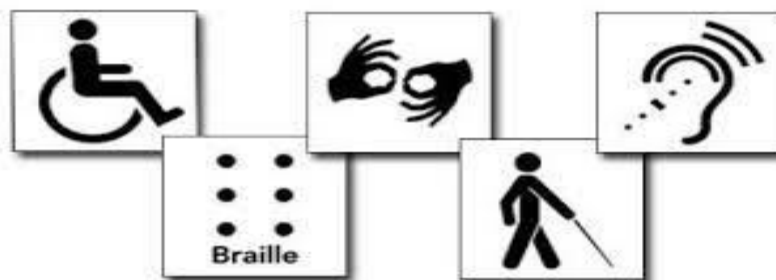
INTRODUCTION

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 was implemented in Mizoram with effect from 2nd February, 1996.

As required under Section 73(1), The Mizoram Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Rules, 1999 was notified vide Gazette Notification No. H-13016/20/97-SWD dt: 12th August, 1999.

As per 2011 Census, the population of Mizoram is 10,97,206 and out of the total population, the population of Persons with Disabilities is 15,160 (1.3%) Number of Persons with Disabilities certified and ID issued till December 2017 is 10,857 (72%).

Break-up of disability in the State is given as follows:-



Sl. No	Type of Disability	Number
1	Orthopaedically Handicapped (O.H)	1976
2	Mental Retardation (M.R)	1585
3	Visually Impaired (V.I)	2035
4	Hearing Impaired (H.I)	3354
5	Speech	1163
6	Mental Illness (M.I)	1050
7	Multiple Disability	2083
8	Any other	1914
	Total :	15,160

Rural : 8627 nos. Urban : 6533 nos.

Chapter – 2

IMPLEMENTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 1995 IN THE STATE OF MIZORAM

Section 13-24 : State Coordination Committee & State Executive Committee

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	13	Constitution of State Coordination Committee	State Co-ordination Committee was first constituted on 24 th June, 2003 and reconstituted on the following dates and years:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11th Sept., 2007• 15th July, 2010• 30th July, 2013• 20th January, 2015• 22nd Sept., 2015
2	17	Meeting of State Coordination Committee	Meeting of the Committee was last convened on 22 nd Nov, 2016.
3	19	Constitution of State Executive Committee	State Executive Committee was first constituted on 5 th August, 1999 and reconstituted on the following dates and years:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th Oct., 2007• 14th Jan., 2013• 8th July, 2013
4	21	Meeting of State Executive Committee	Meeting of the State Executive Committee was last convened on 10 th August, 2016.

Section 25-30 : Prevention and Early Detection of Disabilities

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	25	Survey and awareness creation.	<i>(i) Surveys undertaken for detecting causes of occurrence of disabilities:-</i> 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.

			<p><i>(ii) Details of steps taken to promote various methods of preventing disabilities:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Assessment and Disability Certification Camps have been conducted at District and Block Levels and even at various villages in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, SCERT, SSA, RMSA, NIOH-NERC in which an early detection and prevention of disabilities awareness is given to prevent disabilities. • RCH (RMNCH & A) and RBSK team also conducted awareness programmes at various platforms regarding prevention of disabilities. • Measures were taken in coordination with Health Department for Pre-natal and Post-natal care of mother and child. • Immunization programmes are undertaken regularly in coordination with Health Department starting from the grass root level by Health Workers and Anganwadi Workers. • Regular check-up for blindness control and School health programmes is carried out at regular intervals jointly by the Department of Health, SSA and SCERT. • Medical Officers are trained on Assessment cum Certification on disability by NIOH-NERC and Health & Family Welfare Department. <p><i>(iii) Whether all children are being screened for the purpose of identifying 'at risk' cases:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening is done by ASHA Health Worker (MPW), Nurses and doctors at Sub-Centres, PHC and also by Anganwadi Workers and at schools i.e Govt. and aided schools by RBSK team. <p><i>(iv) Whether staff at Primary Health Centres is trained on prevention and early detection of disabilities:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffs at all PHCs are trained on prevention and early detection of disabilities under School Health Programme of RBSK Scheme. This is done when training them regarding Assessment and certification of Disabilities. <p><i>(v) Details of action taken for creating awareness on health, hygiene and sanitation:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness on health, hygiene, sanitation and
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			<p>Immunization programmes are undertaken regularly in coordination with Health Department at schools and other places starting from the grass root level by Doctors, Nurses, Health Workers and Anganwadi Workers. Awareness is also conducted through Radio and Television especially during “Health India” Programme.</p> <p><i>(vi) The details of measures taken for pre-natal, prenatal and post-natal care of mother and child:-</i></p> <p>(a) ANC – General Check-up especially Nutrition and BP check to prevent low birth weight babies and pre eclamptia.</p> <p>(b) INC – Institutional deliveries for safe deliveries is conducted and covered by programmes like JSY & JSSK. After delivery care for 48 hrs is provided to mother and child.</p> <p>(c)PNC - Home visits are conducted within 48 hrs of delivery and second home visit is conducted from 48 hrs to 14 days of delivery whenever early signs of danger appear.</p> <p><i>(vii) Details of the steps taken to educate the public through the pre-schools, schools, primary health centers, village level workers and Angan-wadi workers:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anganwadi& schools at Elementary and Secondary levels are educated by RBSK team who conduct “Health Talk” at every visit. • RCH (RMNCH & A) and RBSK team also give awareness programmes at various platforms regarding prevention of disabilities <p><i>(viii) Details of steps taken to create awareness on the causes of disabilities and the preventive measures to be adopted amongst the masses through television, radio and other mass media:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Family Welfare Department conducts awareness programmes throughout the year through media and also at different places and platforms. • Awareness regarding Health, Hygiene and sanitation is done through Radio and Television especially during “Health India” Programme.
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Section 26-31 : Education

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	26-31	(a) CWDs are given scholarships/Stipend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship/Stipend is given as follows:- Upto Cl-IV : ₹30/-p.m per student. Cl-V to Cl-VII : ₹40/- p.m per student. Cl-VIII to Cl-XII : ₹85/- p.m per student. • Number of disabled children receiving scholarships during 2016-2017 is 959 nos. • Action is being taken by the State Co-ordination Committee to increase the stipend for students with Disabilities as given below:- Upto Cl-IV : From ₹30/- to ₹ 300/- p.m per Student. Cl-V to Cl-VII : From ₹40/- to ₹ 500/- p.m per student. Cl-VIII to Cl-XII : From ₹85/- to ₹1000/- p.m per student.
		(b) Creation of Special Schools for Children with Disabilities (CwDs)	<p>There are 5 Districts where Special schools are run by NGOs:-</p> <p>Aizawl : 3 Lunglei : 1 Kolasib : 1 Saiha : 1 Serchhip : 1</p>
		(d) Reservation of seat for students with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is reservation of 3% seats in all Government Colleges, Colleges with the Status of Deficit Grant-in-Aid, College of Teacher Education, Mizoram Hindi Training College, Mizoram Polytechnic at Lunglei and Women Polytechnic at Aizawl in the State of Mizoram for Persons with Disabilities vide Notification No. A. 33023/2/2003-HTE dt. 7/11/03. • There is also 3% reservation of seats in Eklavya Model Residential School for students with disabilities. • There is also 3% reservation of seats for admission to Indira Gandhi National

			Open University (IGNOU), Aizawl Regional Centre for B. Ed Course for students with disabilities, Govt. Mizoram Law College and SCERT.
		(e) Provide Barrier free access for CwDs	Schools having barrier free access for children with disabilities :- Under SSA – 1446 and RMSA – 451
		(f) Provide free of Cost books and equipments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbooks and uniforms are given to all children with Special Needs (CWSN) (CwDs) at free of cost. • Blind students are given Braille Textbooks and Visually Impaired children are given Large Print textbooks. • Textbooks have been provided as prescribed by the MBSE as well. • Learning material is also available to CWDs in all the districts. • Number of such children being provided books, uniforms and other material: <i>Under SSA = 3285 & Under RMSA = 1344</i>
		(g) Extra time during examination and provide scribe/writer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As notified by MBSE, extra time of 60 minutes is given to disabled persons during examinations. • CWSN viz. Blind, Locomotor& Spastic children are provided with scribe and writer. • For Blind candidates appearing in High School Leaving Certificate Examination, practical examination shall not be conducted. • In lieu of Mathematics, Blind candidates may offer either Commercial Studies or Home Science (Theory only).
			There are 460 Children with Disabilities in Special School and there are 4629 Children with Disabilities in Regular Schools. (Total : 5089 nos.)
			Number of Govt. schools in which both disabled and non-disabled children are studying:- SSA-1446 nos. & RMSA- 285 nos
			Special Part-time classes are not conducted but Resource Teachers (Special education Teachers) give

			Home-based Education to children with special needs who are able to attend regular classes due to their profound disabilities.
			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.
			In all the districts, there is one Resource Teacher in each block as recommended by MHRD.

Section 32- 41 : Employment

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	32-41	(a) Identification of posts to be reserved for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Government notified identified posts for 3% reservation for Persons with Disabilities in respect of all categories of posts in Group 'A','B','C' and 'D' under Government (Irrespective of Central or State Government) as per physical requirement and functional classification in the Act under Section 33 of the PwD (EOPR & FP) Act, 1995 w.e.f October, 2007. This Notification was revised on 2017 vide Notification No. A. 12027/2/2017-P & AR (GSW) dt: 18th April, 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. • Special drive for filling up the reserved quota out of identified posts has been vigorously pursued and monitored. • Commissioner for PwDs had requested all the Departments to identify backlog vacancies under their respective Department and submit a copy of their report to office of the

			Commissioner for PwDs.
		(b) District Employment Exchanges for Persons with Disabilities	Three (3) Districts Employment Exchanges in Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha are declared as Special Employment Exchanges for Persons with Disabilities since 2005.
		(c) Creation of Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities	There are 3 (Three) Vocational Training Centres run by Social Welfare Department for Persons with Disabilities, viz:- 1) Female Handicapped Training Centre, Aizawl. 2) Male Handicapped Training Centre, Aizawl. 3) Female and Male Handicapped Training Centre, Lunglei.

Section 42- 43 : Affirmative Action

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	43	(b) Notify scheme for preferential allotment of land (c) Setting up business centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferential allotment of house site in the 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. • Training Centres in the trade of Tailoring and Shoe making for both Male & Female Handicapped Persons are run by Social Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram at Aizawl and Lunglei with Hostel Facility respectively for male and female. • Sewing Machines, Treadle Machines and Cobbler Tools are given at free of cost to the disabled trainees after completion of 1(One) year training. • During 2016-2017 there are 31 trainees at Aizawl and 37 trainees at Lunglei.
		(d) Provide Transport allowance and escort allowance.	Children with Special Needs (CWSN)(CWDs) are given transport allowance @ ₹ 100/-p.m per child and escort allowance @ ₹100/-p.m per child in need of escort.
		Free/Concessional Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Government servants having minimum 40% of disability are given Transport allowance at the minimum of ₹1,000/- p.m w.e.f 01/08/10 vide

			<p>Government Notification No. A. 26019/1/09 – FIN (PRU) dt: 06/08/2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free/Concessional Travel for Persons with Disabilities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 vide Government Notification No.D.20014/1/94-TRP dt. 26/2/2001. (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. • Transport allowance at various rates depending on the pay scales of the employees is given to physically handicapped Govt. 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 vide O.M No. A. 26019/1/99-FIN (PRU) dt: 10/06/2004.
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Section 44 - 47 : Non-Discrimination

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	44-46	<p>(a) Easy accessibility</p> <p>(b) Barrier free environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisions have been incorporated in the Aizawl Municipal Council Building Regulations, 2012 for providing barrier free access to Persons with Disabilities in all Government and public buildings. • Notification No. A-60011/6/EC-PWD/150 dt: 02/06/2014 was issued by the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department (PWD) specifying barrier free and accessibility features for Persons with Disabilities to be incorporated in all public building

		(c) Ramps in public places	<p>plans framed by Public Works Department which were not covered by Aizawl Municipal Council Building Regulations, 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Accessible India Campaign 37 Government buildings have been selected for construction of ramps, rails and toilets for wheelchair users in which Grant-in-Aid of ₹ 61,562,011.49 has been sanctioned by the Central Government.
			<p>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 (EOPRFP) Act, 1995 within Mizoram.</p>

Section 48-49 : Research and Manpower Development

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	48	(a) Prevention of disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different programmes are being undertaken by Health Department in the State for prevention of disability.
		(b) Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities at the grass root level the State Government has set up 2(two) DDRC (District Disability Rehabilitation Centre) namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Christian Hospital Serkawn, Lunglei District. (2) Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Kolasib District. <p>Mobile Assessment & Certification camps have been regularly conducted with effect from 2009 jointly with Health, SCERT, NIOH, SSA and Social Welfare Department at districts, sub-divisional hqrs., blocks and selected places within the cities and selected villages. As a result, the number of Disability Certificates and ID cards issued has been raised from 10,407 in 2015-2016 to 10,857 in 2016-2017.</p>

Section 50-56 : Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	50	(a) Appointment of competent authority for the purpose of the Act	<p>Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is appointed as competent authority for recognition of institutions for Persons with Disabilities vide Notification No. B. 13016/48/2016-SWD dt: 20th Oct., 2016. There are 8 (Eight) recognized institutions at present namely :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Gilead Special School run by Spastic Society of Mizoram. 2) Special School for the Blind run by Samaritan Association for the Blind. 3) Pangparhuan run by TNT, Zuangtui, Aizawl. 4) Zoram Entu Pawl (ZEP). 5) Special School for Persons with Disabilities Lunglei District. 6) Special School for the Mentally Handicapped run by Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Kolasib. 7) Shalom Special School, Serchhip. 8) Mary Hechia Residential Special School at Saiha run by The Mara T.T Chako & Abraham Charitable Trust, Saiha.

Section 60-64

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	60 (1)	Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities	Full time Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was appointed w.e.f 1 st Oct., 2017 vide Notification No.A.12025/1/2017- SWD dt: 20 th Sept., 2017 against the post of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities created vide Notification No.B.13016/35/2010-SWD dt: 5 th Sept., 2012.
	60 (4)	Government of Mizoram notified creation of 12 (Twelve) posts for the office of the state Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner - 1 post • Asst. Commissioner - 1post (Filled up)

		for Persons with Disabilities and necessary actions have been taken to fill up these posts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research-cum-Prog. Asst. – 1 post (Filled up) • Assistant -1 post (Filled up) • UDC-cum-Cashier – 1post (Filled up) • Sign Language Interpreter - 1 post (Advertisement have been issued. However, there was no candidate applying for the post) • Personal Assistant/Stenographer Grade III - 1 post • LDC-cum-Computer Operator -2posts (Filled up) • IV Grade - 3 posts (Filled up) <p style="text-align: center;">(Total : 12 posts)</p>
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Section 66-68 : Social Security

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	66	(a) Govt. and local authorities to undertake rehabilitation	State Govt. is providing Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for rehabilitation of persons with Disabilities.
	68	(a)Unemployment allowance for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educated Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) who are registered in the Employment Exchanges but not getting employments for more than 2 years are given unemployment allowance by State @ ₹250/- p.m per head. • To provide economic rehabilitation and self-employment to disabled person, the followings are given :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Financial assistance of ₹ 2,450/- per annum for petty business, etc. and ₹ 4,000/- per annum for pig/poultry rearing is given by State Government as Grant-in-Aid. (ii) Sewing machines and cobbler tools are given in kind. • Action is being taken by the State Co-ordination Committee to increase the unemployment allowance from ₹250/- to at least ₹800/-

Section 73 : Miscellaneous

Amendment of the Mizoram PwDs Rules, 1999 is under process. However, instruction in the form of an O.M No. J. 11011/9/2006-HFW dt: 12th Aug., 2009 was issued by State Government specifying the following procedure for issue of Disability Certificate:-

- 1) Any single specialist in the line of disability may issue such certificate.
- 2) Also keeping in mind that any officer is transferable, the issue of such certificate may be permitted to individual specialist of relevant line of disability without specifying name of specialist.
- 3) The existing Medical Board for certifying disabled persons will certify only cases of Multiple disabilities.
- 4) All PHCs, CHCs and District Hospitals, Civil Hospital Aizawl and Lunglei and Presbyterian Hospital Durtlang in Mizoram are designated to issue Disability Certificate vide Notification issued by Government of Mizoram under No. J. 11011/9/2012-HFW dt: 27/01/2014.

Chapter – 3

SCHEMES & PROGRAMMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (STATE & CENTRAL SCHEMES)

I. STATE SCHEMES :

1. Disability Pension (State Scheme)

- (i) The Scheme was introduced in 1996-1997 and ₹100/- p.m per head and was given to handicapped persons who are totally blind and bedridden. The amount of pension was increased to ₹250/- p.m per head w.e.f. 2007-2008.
- (ii) There are 200 beneficiaries during 2016-2017.
- (iii) Action is being taken by the State Co-ordination Committee to increase Disability Pension from ₹250/- to ₹800/- p.m.

2. Handicapped student Stipend/Scholarships (State Scheme)

- (i) Under this Scheme, handicapped students/CwDs who are enrolled in the Institutions are given Stipend/Scholarships as shown below:-

Upto Class-IV	:	₹ 30/-p.m. per student
Class V to Class VII	:	₹ 40/-p.m. per student
Class VIII to Class XII	:	₹ 85/-p.m. per student
- (ii) There are 959 beneficiaries during 2016-2017.
- (iii) Action is being taken by the State Co-ordination Committee to increase the stipend for students with Disabilities as given below:-

Upto Cl-IV	:	From ₹ 30/- to ₹ 300/- p.m per Student.
Cl-V to Cl-VII	:	From ₹ 40/- to ₹ 500/- p.m per student.
Cl-VIII to Cl-XII	:	From ₹ 85/- to ₹1000/- p.m per student.

3. Education (under State Scheme)

- (i) Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) under centrally sponsored Scheme is implemented in Mizoram under School Education Department since 1985 to ensure that every child with a disability has access to free education in an appropriate environment till he attains the age of eighteen years.
- (ii) The Scheme also endeavors to promote the integration of students with disabilities in the normal schools and is implemented in all the 8 districts of Mizoram.

- (iii) Government of Mizoram is also implementing Inclusive Education (IE) under SSA as well as Inclusive Education for the Disabled Students in the State (IEDSS) for students with disabilities so as to ensure that all facilities as mandated under PwDs Act are provided to all students with disabilities at Elementary and Secondary stages as per their needs.
- (iv) At present 4,629 disabled children are enrolled in Regular Schools and 460 Children with Special Needs /CwDs are enrolled in Special Schools.
- (v) Textbooks and uniforms are given to all children with Special Needs (CWSN) (CwDs) at free of cost.
- (vi) Blind students are given Braille Textbooks and children with low vision are given Large Print textbooks. Textbooks have been provided as prescribed by the MBSE. Learning material is also available to CwDs in all the 8 (eight) districts of Mizoram.
- (vii) Extra time of 60 minutes for each paper is given to CWSN (CwDs) during examinations.
- (viii) CWSN viz. Blind, Locomotor & Spastic children are provided with scribe and writer.
- (ix) For Blind candidates appearing in High School Leaving Certificate Examination, practical examination shall not be conducted.
- (x) In lieu of Mathematics, Blind candidates may offer either Commercial Studies or Home Science (Theory only).
- (xi) There are 1,897 schools having barrier free access for children with disabilities and 1001 schools which are not architecturally barrier free
- (xii) There is reservation of 3% seats in all Government Colleges, Colleges with the Status of Deficit Grant-in-Aid, College of Teacher Education, Mizoram Hindi Training College, Mizoram Polytechnic at Lunglei and Women Polytechnic at Aizawl in the State of Mizoram for Persons with Disabilities vide Notification No. A. 33023/2/2003-HTE dt. 7/11/03.
- (xiii) There is also 3% reservation of seats in Eklavya Model Residential School for students with disabilities.
- (xiv) There is also 3% reservation of seats for admission to Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Aizawl Regional Centre for B. Ed Course for students with disabilities, Govt. Mizoram Law College and SCERT.
- (xv) There are 5 Districts where Special schools are run by NGOs :-
 - 1) Aizawl - 2
 - 2) Lunglei - 1

- 3) Serchhip - 1
- 4) Kolasib - 1
- 5) Saiha - 1

(xvi) Children with Special Needs (CWSN) (CwDs) are given transport allowance @ ₹100/-p.m per child and escort allowance @ ₹100/-p.m per child in need of escort.

4. Disabled Educated Unemployment Allowance (State Scheme)

- (i) Educated Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) who are registered in the Employment Exchanges but not getting employments for more than 2 years are given unemployment allowance by State @ ₹250/-p.m per head.
- (ii) There are 25 beneficiaries during 2016-2017.

5. Employment (State Scheme)

- (i) State Government revised identified posts for 3% reservation for Persons with Disabilities which was notified vide Notification No. A. 12027/2/2017 – P & AR (GSW) dt: 18th April, 2017.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Three (3) District Employment Exchanges at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha are declared as Special Employment Exchanges for Persons with Disabilities since 2005.

6. Handicapped Training Centres (State Scheme)

- (i) Vocational Training Centres in the trade of Tailoring and Shoe making for both Male & Female Handicapped Persons are run by Social Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram at Aizawl and Lunglei with Hostel Facility for male and female respectively.
- (ii) Sewing Machines, Treadle Machines and Cobbler Tools are given at free of cost to the trainees after completion of 1(One) year training.
- (iii) During 2016-2017 there are 31 trainees at Aizawl and 37 at Lunglei.

7. Economic Rehabilitation (State Scheme)

- (i) To provide economic rehabilitation and self-employment to disabled person, the followings are given as Grant-in-Aid :-
 - (a) Financial assistance of ₹2,450/- per annum for petty business, etc. and ₹4,000/- per annum for pig/poultry rearing is given by State Government as Grant-in-Aid.

- (b) Sewing machines and cobbler tools are given in kind.
- (c) There are 76 beneficiaries during 2016-2017.

8. National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD)

- (i) This programme under Central Sector Scheme was launched during 1999-2000. The basic objective is to provide comprehensive rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities. Government of India provided fund for this programme upto 2001-2002 only. However, the State Government had continued the programme from its own resources with effect from 2004-2005 till date and appointed three NGOs to function as Referral Centres, viz. :-
 - (a) Presbyterian Hospital, Durtlang, Aizawl.
 - (b) Spastic Society of Mizoram.
 - (c) Indian Red Cross Society, Mizoram Branch.
- (ii) Distribution of Aids and Appliances, rehabilitation, treatment, Outreach programmes, training, etc have been taken up by these Referral Centres as per operational modalities prepared for these Centres.

II. CENTRAL SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY MIZORAM STATE:

1. Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids & Appliances (ADIP Scheme)

- (i) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India provides Grant-in-Aid under the 'Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids & Appliances (ADIP)' Scheme, with the objectives of assisting needy persons to promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and to enhance their economic potential.
- (ii) Under this scheme, the State Government has catered Aids & Appliances which were provided by the ALIMCO/NIOH (A Government of India undertaking) to all the Districts of Mizoram to be distributed to the needy and poor disabled persons at free of cost through the Implementing Agencies and NGOs.
- (iii) To cover more Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in identifying and distribution of Aids & Appliances, Spastic Society of Mizoram is nominated to associate with the ALIMCO/NIOH.

2. District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC)

- (i) Main Objectives of the Scheme are as follows:-
 - (a) Awareness generation.
 - (b) Survey, Identification, early intervention and counseling.
 - (c) Assessment of need for assistive devices, provisional/fitment of assistive devices and their follow up/repair.
 - (d) Therapeutics Services e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc.
 - (e) Referral and arrangement for surgical correction through Government and Charitable institutions.
 - (f) Facilitation of issue of Disability Certificates and bus passes, sanction of bank loan etc. for PwDs.
 - (g) Promotion of barrier-free environment.
 - (h) Supportive and complimentary services to promote education, vocational training and employment for PwDs.
- (ii) For rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) at the grass root level, the State Government has set up 2 (two) DDRC namely:-
 - (a) Christian Hospital, Serkawn, Lunglei.
 - (b) Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Kolasib (for Kolasib and Mamit Districts).

3. Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

- (i) Main Objectives of the Scheme are as follows:-
 - (a) Programmes for pre-school and early intervention.
 - (b) Special Education.
 - (c) Vocational training and placement.
 - (d) Community based rehabilitation.
 - (e) Manpower development.
 - (f) Psycho-social rehabilitation of persons with mental illness.
 - (g) Rehabilitation of leprosy-cured persons, etc.
- (ii) Projects/Schemes proposed by the NGOs working for rehabilitation of the disabled are inspected by Social Welfare Department and recommended to the State Level Committee. Selected projects/Schemes are then forwarded to the concerned Ministry of Central Government to receive Grant-in-Aid.
- (iii) Under this Scheme, NGOs regularly receive Grant-in-Aid on yearly basis.

4. National Trust

- (i) The objective of the National Trust is for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability to promote measures for the care and protection of Persons with Disabilities in the event of death of their parents or guardian etc.
- (ii) The Spastic Society of Mizoram is the State Nodal Agency and is a Voluntary Organization working for the different disabilities under

the National Trust and the Society is affiliated to the National Trust, New Delhi, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

- (iii) Local Level Committee is constituted in all the 8 (eight) Districts of Mizoram and Legal Guardianship is the main issue dealt by the Local Level Committee.

5. Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) Act, 1995, SIPDA

- (i) SIPDA was implemented in Mizoram in the year 2010.
- (ii) As the Scheme is implemented to provide barrier free environment in important buildings etc., fund amounting to ₹ 76,29,000/- was allocated in 2013-2014 and ₹ 78,79,000/- was proposed in 2014-2015 for construction of ramps, rails and adapted toilets in Government buildings and public places. Fund has already been disbursed and construction is under process.

Chapter - 4

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-2017

Sl. No	SCHEMES	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES	FUNDS ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURE
1	2	5	6	7
1.	Scholarships/Stipend	There are 959 beneficiaries during 2016-2017	4,76,660.00	4,76,660.00
2	Unemployment Allowance	There are 25 beneficiaries during 2016-2017	75,000	75,000
3	Economic Rehabilitation	There are 76 beneficiaries during 2016-2017	3,25,000.00	3,25,000.00
4	Disability Pension	There are 200 beneficiaries during 2016-2017.	6 lakh	6 lakh
5	Human Resource Development (E.g. Training Institutes, etc)	<p>2. Training Centres in the trade of Tailoring and Shoe making for both male & female handicapped persons are run by the Government of Mizoram at Aizawl and Lunglei with Hostel facility respectively for male and female.</p> <p>3. Sewing machine, Treadle machines and cobbler tools are given free of cost to the trainees after completion of 1 (one) year training.</p>	N.A	N.A
6	Free/Concessional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Government servants having minimum 40% of disability are given Transport allowance at the minimum 		

Travel	<p>of Rs. 1,000/- p.mw.e.f 01/08/10 vide Government Notification No. A. 26019/1/09 - FIN (PRU) dt: 06/08/2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free/Concessional Travel for Persons with Disabilities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 vide Government Notification No.D.20014/1/94-TRP dt. 26/2/2001. (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. • Transport allowance at various rates depending on the pay scales of the employees is given to physically handicapped Govt. 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 vide O.M No. A. 26019/1/99-FIN (PRU) dt: 10/06/2004. • 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).
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Chapter – 5

LIST OF STAFF FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was established w.e.f 1st June, 2012 and 12 (twelve) posts were created as approved by the meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 20th Dec, 2010 as mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Designation	No. of Post	Whether post is filled up or not
1	Commissioner	1 no.	Filled up
2	Assistant Commissioner	1 no.	Filled up
3	Assistant	1 no.	Filled up
4	UDC-cum-Cashier	1 no.	Filled up
5	Research-cum-Programme Assistant	1 no.	Filled up
6	Stenographer - III	1 no.	-
7	Sign Language Interpreter	1 no.	Open advertisement was floated. However, there was no candidate/eligible candidate applying for the post.
8	LDC-cum-Computer Operator	2 nos.	Filled up
9	IV th Grade	3 nos.	Filled up
Total :		12 nos.	

Chapter - 6

ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

1. 3% Reservation of Post for Persons with Disabilities:

Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities had written letter to all the Departments 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. 33 Departments have responded to our letter and necessary actions are being taken till date.

2. 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.

3. 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 in the following offices/public places w.e.f 2013 till date.

3. 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 w.e.f 2012 to monitor utilization of Grant-in-Aid sanctioned and released by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

4. 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.

5. Preferential allotment of land:

As the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act, 1995 under rule no. 43 has guaranteed disabled person to access land and property for their own, Notification No. R.52012/1/97-REV dt: 6.11.2000 was issued by Government of Mizoram in pursuance of the Act.

The Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has therefore requested Revenue Department to collect report on number of house sites allotted to disabled persons as per Notification No. R. 52012/1/97 – REV dt: 06/11/2000 from 8 (eight) districts of Mizoram.

6. Poverty Allievation Schemes: (PwD Act, 2016 : 5% Reservation):

Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities had written letter to Secretary, UD & PA and Vice Chairman, NLUP implementing Board to make necessary reservation for PwDs in poverty Allievation Schemes/Programmes implemented by the Govt. of Mizoram (3/11/2014).

7. Complaint received:

Total no. of grievances, complaints received and suo-motu cases taken up since inception of the Office of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is as follows:-

2012 = Nil, 2013 = 1, 2014 = 4, 2015 = 3, 2016 = 11, 2017 = 12
(Total: 31 nos.)

8. Election

Commissioner for PwDs had requested the Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram and Chief Electoral Officer for making appropriate arrangements for making electoral process accessible for citizens with Disabilities in the General Election to Mizoram Legislative Assembly. This includes the followings:-

- (i) Appropriate arrangements for PwDs including wheel chair users during General Election to Mizoram Legislative Assembly so that they are able to access the Polling Booths and cast their votes.
- (ii) All the EVMs should have Braille markings and a list of contesting candidates should be made available at every Polling Booth in Braille as well as in large print.

- (iii) The website of Election Commission of India and Chief Electoral Officer of Mizoram should be made accessible to PwDs including citizens with visual disabilities.

Another letter was written to the Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram and the Chief Electoral Officer which includes the followings:-

- (i) Ramp facility: A ramp should be provided at the Polling Stations to facilitate the physically challenged voters, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (ii) Physically Challenged electors shall be given priority for entering the Polling Stations without having to wait in the queue for other electors and all necessary assistance as may be required should be provided to them at the Polling Stations, while duly ensuring the secrecy of their cotes in accordance with Election Commission of India guidelines
- (iii) As regards Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) having Braille markings and list of contesting candidates, post 2006 models of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) have the facilities.

**I- 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	The Moriah Association for the Blind (Moriah Blind School), Luangmual West, Aizawl Mizoram - 796001	Dr. H. Lallenmawia Chairman	0389-2330168/ 2332154/943614188
4	ThutakNunpuitu Team (TNT) Zuangtui, MuannaVeng, Aizawl, Mizoram - 796017	Mrs. K. Lalvenhimi Home incharge	0389-2354075/ 9402113024
5	ZoramEntu Pawl (ZEP) Tlangnuam, Damveng, Aizawl, Mizoram - 796015	Fr. Lawrence F. Kennedy	0389-2301266/ 9436352996
6	Special School for Persons with Disabilities, Chanmari, Lunglei District, Mizoram - 796701	Mrs. Grace Zorampari Principal	0372-2324583/ 8014126155
7	Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Project Road, Kolasib District, Mizoram -796018	Mr. Lalthantluanga Sailo Secretary Mr. C. Lianzuala Principal	9774088925 9436372568
8	Shalom Spastic Society (Shalom Special School), New Serchhip, Serchhip District, Mizoram-796181	Mr. H. Vanlalhruaia Chairman	9089283958
9	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
10	Deaf School of Mizoram, Vaivakawn, Aizawl.	Mr. Lianduna President	9436152824