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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PWD ACT, 1995
REPORT AS ON 31.03.2016

1. **Name of the State/U.T :** *Mizoram*
2. **Population of the State/U.T (indicate the year of Census/Survey) :**
10,97,206 (2011 Census)
3. **Population of persons with Disabilities : 15160 and the population 1.3 %**
4. **Number of Districts and Blocks in the State/UT :**
8 Districts and 26 Blocks
5. **Whether Medical Authorities as per amended PwD Rules have been notified for issuance of Disability Certificates in each District CHC/PHC of the State/UT :**
Yes (O.M No. J. 11011/9/2006-HFWdt: 12th Aug., 2009 and No. J. 11011/9/2012 – HFWdt: 27/01/2014)
6. **Number of Districts where Medical Authority (CHC/PHC) has not been constituted :**
Nil
7. **Total number of Disability Certificates issued in the State/UT :**
9689 nos. (63.91%)
8. **Number of Disability Certificates issued during last Financial Year**
Issued upto 31.3.2015 : 9143
Issued during 1.4.2015 to 31.3.2016 : 371
Total Disability Certificates issued as on 31.3.2016 : 9514
9. **State Coordination & Executive Committees (Section 13 to 24)**
 - A. **State Coordination Committee :**
 - i) Whether State Coordination Committee (SCC) has been constituted and is functional :
Yes
 - ii) If not, the reason thereof & steps taken to expedite the same?
Does not arise
 - iii) Number of SCC meetings held during last financial year with the date of last meeting held and the major outcome of the meeting :

SCC meeting was last held on 22.9.2015.

Major Outcome

(a) 33 (thirty three) public buildings and 45 Government websites were identified for Accessible India Campaign and has been forwarded to the Govt. of India.

(b) Revision of posts identified for persons with disabilities is being done by Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms. The State Government has banned filling up of vacant posts which is the main problem faced in filling up of posts reserved for persons with disabilities. It was resolved that the Government should be requested to lift this ban.

(c) The meeting appreciated that proposal for development of sensory parks for pwds and resolved that the Department may take steps for establishment of such parks in different places of Mizoram.

(d) It was decided that a separate Department of Disability Affairs is not necessary at this stage and that the Office of the State Commissioner can take care of the welfare of the pwds.

(e) It was resolved that the mobile certification/assessment unit should identify children below 5 years of age having hearing impairment who can avail of the Scheme of Cochliar Implants at the time of assessment camps.

(f) NHFDC gave loans through the channelizing Agency viz. Mizoram Rural Bank amounting to Rs. 50.00 lakhs during 2011-2012 for which the Government of Mizoram sanctioned block guarantee. In-spite of the recovery drive jointly conducted by the Department of Social Welfare and the Mizoram Rural Bank, it was reported that the position of recovery of loan is still poor and the State Finance Department could not sanction block guarantee anymore. It therefore, resolved to request the Government to lower the recovery rate from 70% to 50% so that more loans can be sanctioned in the current financial year.

B. State Executive Committee :

i) Whether the State Executive Committee (SEC) has been constituted and is functional :

Yes

iv) If not, the reason thereof & steps taken to expedite the same?

Does not arise

ii) Number of SEC meetings held during last financial year and the date of last meeting held :

2 meetings. Last SEC meeting was last held on 8th July, 2013.

10. Action taken for Prevention and Early Detection of Disabilities (Section 25)

- i) Were any surveys undertaken for detecting causes of occurrence of disabilities? If yes, when and where?
Yes
- ii) Number of districts covered?
8 districts
- iii) Whether all children are being screened for identifying at risk cases?
Yes
- iv) If not, action taken to this effect?
Nil
- v) Measures taken to prevent disabilities:-
- *Measures were taken in coordination with Health Department for Pre-natal, Para-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.*
 - *Awareness programme on prevention and early detection of Disabilities through radio, Television and distribution of Pamphlets are regularly conducted.*
 - *Staff at all PHCs are trained on prevention and early detection of disabilities under School Health Programme of RBSK Scheme.*
- vi) Number of persons benefited in the State/UT (District/Block wise):
7000 children were assessed for identification of 'at risk' cases
(Source :SSA – District/Block wise breakup not known)
- vii) What actions is being taken for creating awareness on health, hygiene, sanitation:
Awareness on health, hygiene, sanitation and Immunization programmes are undertaken regularly in coordination with Health Department starting from the grass root level by Health Workers and Anganwadi Workers.

viii) Whether staffs at Primary Health Centres are trained on prevention and early detection of Disabilities? :

Yes, under RBSK Scheme -School Health Programme.

ix) What measures for pre-natal, para-natal, post-natal care of mother and child are being taken? :

Measures are taken by Health Department for Pre-natal, para-natal and Post-natal care of mother and child.

Measures on prevention and early detections of disability are taken at school level (School health programme) and health centres within the state by Health Department.

Awareness programme on prevention and early detection of Disabilities through radio, Television and distribution of Pamphlets are regularly conducted.

11. Education (Section 25-31)

i) Total number of CwD's upto 18 years of age in the State/UT :

Upto 13 years : 7000 nos. (Till March, 2016) Source: SSA

14-18 years : 899 nos. (2015-2016) Source : RMSA

Special school : 492

Total : 7899 CwDs upto 18 years (Students from Special Schools are also registered under SSA and RMSA. Hence, the total comes to 7899)

ii) Number of CwDs upto 18 years of age studying in schools :

<i>Blind/Low Vision</i>		<i>Locomotor Disabled</i>		<i>Mentally Retarded</i>		<i>Speech and Hearing Impaired</i>		<i>Other Disabilities (Specific)</i>	
<i>In regular school</i>	<i>In special school</i>	<i>In regular school</i>	<i>In special school</i>	<i>In regular school</i>	<i>In special school</i>	<i>In regular school</i>	<i>In special school</i>	<i>In regular school</i>	<i>In special school</i>
Disability breakup is not known. There are 492 Children with Disabilities in Special School and there are 7407 Children with Disabilities in Regular Schools. (Total : 7899 nos.)									

iii) Whether free education for CwDs is available in the State/UT:

Yes, Inclusive Education under SSA and Inclusive Education for the Disabled Student in the State (IEDSS) are implemented by the Government of Mizoram. Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) which was centrally sponsored scheme was also implemented in Mizoram since 1985 which ensures that every child with a Disability has access to free education.

iv) Have instructions been issued not to deny admission to children with disabilities in mainstream schools? If not, the reason thereof?

Yes

v) Number of Govt. schools in which both disabled and non-disabled children are studying :

Under RMSA – 175 nos.

Under SSA – 1525 nos.

vi) Number of special schools in the State/UT :

(a) Govt : *Nil* (b) Govt aided : *Nil* (c) Private : *7 nos.*

vii) Number of special schools set up during the last financial year :

Nil

viii) Number of Hostels set up during the last financial year :

Nil

ix) Number of Districts where atleast one special school is running :

5 districts

Sl. No.	District	Name of Special School	No. of Student
1	Aizawl	1. Gilead Special School	284
		2. Special Blind School	30
2	Lunglei	Onyx Special School for Persons with Disabilities	63
3	Serchhip	Shalom Special School	40
4	Saiha	Mary Hechia Residential Special School	30
5	Kolasib	1. Special School for the Mentally Handicapped	33
		2. Salvation Army Home for the Blind, Kolasib	12

x) Number of Districts where normal schools are equipped with facilities for education of disabled children:

8 districts

xi) Number of Special Schools /normal school with vocational training facility:

Nil

- xii) Number of schools that are architecturally barrier free:
2572
- xiii) Number of schools that are not architecturally barrier free:
89
- xiv) Number of Colleges/professional Institutes/Universities that are architecturally barrier free:
Colleges/Institutions : Pachhunga University College
University : Mizoram University
- xv) Number of Colleges/professional Institutes/Universities that are not architecturally barrier free:
Not yet identified
- xvi) Steps taken to make Schools, Colleges/Institutions and Universities to make barrier free :
Under the scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, Grant-in-Aid was given to Mizoram University, Aizawl during 2012-2013 and State Council of Education and Research Training (SCERT), Aizawl during 2013-2014 for creation of toilets, ramps, railings for wheelchair users.
2356 numbers of schools under SSA and 216 numbers of schools under RMSA have barrier free built environment for Children with Disabilities (CwDs).
- xvii) Whether there is any scheme of scholarship for students with Disabilities? If yes, the amount of scholarship per month:
Yes, Stipend is given to CwDs as follows:-
➤ *Upto Class-IV : ` 30 p.m per student (Stipend)*
➤ *Class-V to Cl-VII : ` 40p.m per student (Stipend)*
➤ *Class-VIII to Cl-XII : ` 85p.m per student (Stipend)*
- xviii) Number of disabled children receiving scholarships :
784 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.
793 beneficiaries during 2014-2015.
784 beneficiaries during 2015-2016.
- xix) Whether provision has been made for conducting part-time classes in respect of CwDs who have completed education upto Class fifth and could not continue their studies in full time basis? Whether special part-

time classes are being conducted for children in age group of 16 years and above?

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

- xx) Whether facilities for non-formal education to children with disabilities are available and whether orientation is being given to the available manpower in the rural areas? Please provide the details thereof:

Children who are not able to attend formal schools regularly due to their profound and severe disabilities are given School Readiness Programme and Home-Based Education depending on their diagnosis and availability of schools.

Yes, orientation training is given to all Resource Teachers and selected teachers from Govt. and Govt. Aided schools where children with special needs are enrolled.

- xxi) Please give details of the provisions for imparting education through open schools or open universities:

N.A.

- xxii) Please give details of the provisions for conducting classes and discussions through interactive electronic or other media:

N.A.

- xxiii) Whether institutions have been established/Institutions assisted for research to develop new assistive devices, teaching aid, special material etc.? If so, number of such institutions in:

(a) Govt.:*Nil*

(b) Govt. Aided :*Nil*

(c) Private :*7 nos.*

- xxiv) Number of teachers training institutions for specialized training in special education:

1 no. State Council of Education and Research Training (SCERT) at Aizawl District.

- xxv) Requirement of disability wise special education teachers in the State/UT and the number available:

Requirement :N.A.

Number available : 26Resource Teachers and 52 Resource Persons

- xxvi) What measures have been taken to meet the required number of special education teachers in each disability:
In all the districts, there is one Resource Teacher in each block, as recommended by MHRD.
- xxvii) Whether facilities for non-formal education to children with disabilities are available? If yes, the number of blocks having this facility:
Yes, 26 blocks.
- xxviii) Whether children with disabilities are being provided free of cost special books and equipment needed for his/her education:
Yes, Braille textbooks for blind students and large print textbooks for low vision students, free textbooks are provided for all children with special needs. Materials and equipment are also provided.
- xxix) Number of such children being provided books, uniforms and other material:
7000 nos.
- xxx) Whether facilities for placement of children with disabilities are being promoted:
Yes, as per the recommendation of the appraisal team in the AWP& B and as per approval of the PAB.
- xxxi) Whether examination system has been modified to eliminate mathematical questions for the benefit of blind/low vision students?
Yes, blind candidates appearing in the High School Leaving Certificate Examination conducted by the Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) are allowed to offer either Commercial Studies or Home Science (Theory Only) in lieu of Mathematics w.e.f 2009 (vide notification No. MBSE/Acad(S)4/2007-08/33 dated 22/02/2008).
- xxxii) Whether curriculum has been restructured to suit the children with disabilities?
Yes
- xxxiii) Whether curriculum of one language option for hearing impaired children has been effected?
No.
- xxxiv) Number of schools that provide free transport facility or financial assistance for the same to the disabled children:
1525

xxxv) Whether provisions have been made appropriate placement of CwDs in the school/class? If yes, give details thereof.

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.

xxxvi) Whether the guidelines for conducting written examination guidelines issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment vide OM No. 16-110/2003-DD.III on 26.2.2013 is implemented in institutions coming under the authority of your state? If yes, please provide the status. If not, what are the reasons thereof:

No, guidelines were already issued by the Mizoram Board of School education on MBSE/Acad (HS)36/2003/30 dt. 18.9.2003 (copy enclosed).

xxxvii) Amount of extra time per hour of written examination allowed to students with disabilities in school/university exams and State Selection Board Exams:

Extra time of 1 hour (60 minutes) for each paper is allowed to Disabled students during examination (vide examination Bye Laws issued by MBSE)

xxxviii) Whether the services of scribe/writer to children with blindness/low vision and other children with disabilities are being ensured?

Yes, as notified by Mizoram Board of School Education, extra time is given and scribes are provided for children who are visually or orthopaedically impaired and children suffering from spasticity.

12. Employment (Section 32-41)

i) Has the State adopted list of posts identified for Persons with Disabilities by Government of India from time to time? :

No

ii) Has the State Govt. identified the posts for persons with disabilities in different Groups viz Group 'A', Group 'B', Group 'C' and Group 'D'. Please indicate following details :

	OH	VH	HH	Total
Group 'A'	15	101	24	140
Group 'B'	14	103	74	191
Group 'C'	118	132	170	420
Group 'D'	29	70	23	122
Total	176	406	291	873

- iii) If the posts have not yet been identified, please indicate the time frame and steps taken:
Does not arise
- iv) Whether Special Recruitment Drive is being conducted to fill backlog vacancies? If yes, please provide the time frame fixed. If not, reasons thereof:
Special Recruitment Drive is not conducted because the State Government has imposed a ban on filling up of vacant posts.
- v) Whether procedure for implementation of minimum 3% vacancies under Section 33 of the Act has been prescribed and circulated? If not, reasons and action initiated in this regard.
Yes, O.M No.A 14011/1/97-P&AR (GSW) dated 27/1/98.
- vi) Whether the concerned State Govt. and its Undertakings etc. have been given training on implementation:
No.
- vii) Whether the details of information/ returns are being obtained from the employer in every establishment regarding the occurrence of vacancies for persons with disabilities? Whether any form of furnishing the information/ returns has been prescribed? Whether any time interval has been prescribed for furnishing the information/returns to Special Employment Exchange :
No.
- viii) Number and address of Special Employment Exchanges in the State/UT:
1) District Employment Exchange, Aizawl District, Aizawl-796001,
Ph. No.: 0389-2322266
2) District Employment Exchange, Lunglei District, Lunglei - 796701
Ph. No.: 0372-2324702
3) District Employment Exchange, Saiha District, Saiha - 796911
Ph. No.: 03835-222069
- ix) Number of Districts without Special Employment Exchange:
5 districts
- x) Number of persons with disabilities registered with Special Employment Exchange. Year upto which persons with disabilities have been given placement:
Aizawl :54, Lunglei : 21, and Saiha : 15, Total : 90(2015 - 2016)

Year upto which Persons with Disabilities have been given placement is not available.

- xi) Please provide details of unfilled vacancies in all establishments in Group A, B, C & D posts which have been carried forward due to non-availability of a suitable pwd. Please provide the details of vacancies reserved for pwds in all the establishments which were filled by persons other than pwds:

Not known. Data to be collected.

- xii) Whether all departments are notifying vacancies to Special Employment Exchanges?

Yes

- (xiii) Details of implementation of reservation:

<i>Group</i>	<i>No. of sanctioned posts</i>		<i>No. of total vacancies filled up since 1996</i>		<i>No. of pwds appointed since 1996</i>			<i>Backlog of vacancies</i>			<i>Action plan for clearing backlog</i>
	<i>Identified</i>	<i>Unidentified</i>	<i>In identified posts</i>	<i>In unidentified posts</i>	<i>OH</i>	<i>VH</i>	<i>HH</i>	<i>OH</i>	<i>VH</i>	<i>HH</i>	
A	140	Data not available. DP & AR is in the process of collecting the information from various Departments.									
B	191										
C	420										
D	122										
Total	873										

- (xiv) Whether orders/schemes under Section 38 have been issued/formulated for arrangements regarding:

- (a) Training and welfare of PwDs: *Not yet*
 (b) Relaxation of upper age limit: *Yes*
 (c) Regulating employment: *Yes*
 (d) Health and safety measures and creation of barrier free environment at work place: *Yes*

- (xi) Whether all Government educational institutions and other educational institutions receiving aid from the Government reserved at least 3% seats for persons with disabilities as mandated in Section 39?

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-HTEdt. 7/11/03. There is 3% reservation of seats in Eklavya Model Residential School for students with disabilities, Govt. Mizoram Law College and State Council of Education and Research Training (SCERT). 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.

- (xii) Whether atleast 3% reservation for Persons with disabilities is being ensured in all poverty alleviation schemes, if yes please indicate

<i>Name of the Scheme(s)</i>	<i>Total Beneficiaries</i>	<i>No. of PwDs benefited</i>
N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

- (xiii) What action has been taken by State Govt./UT to make public transport and public places/buildings accessible to PwDs?

New public buses to be purchased shortly by Transport Department will include design accessible for wheel chair users.

- (xiv) Whether any incentives are being provided to employers (public/private) for employing atleast 5% PwDs? Please give details.

No

13. Affirmative Action (Section 42 & 43)

- (i) Indicate the Schemes for providing aids and appliances to persons with disabilities being implemented by State Govt./UT, other than the schemes of Central Government.

Nil

- (ii) Number of persons with disabilities provided with aids and appliances free of cost or with concession during the financial year 2013-2014.

334 nos.

- (iii) Please mention the item for which there are schemes for preferential allotment of land at concessional rates to persons with disabilities and indicate important features:-

	<i>Item</i>	<i>Details</i>
(a)	House	<i>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.</i>
(b)	Setting up business	<i>N.A.</i>

(c)	Setting up of special recreation centres	N.A.
(d)	Establishment of special schools	N.A.
(e)	Establishment of research centres	N.A.
(f)	Establishment of factories with entrepreneurs with disabilities	N.A.

(iv) The number of persons with disabilities allotted the land under the above schemes:

Nil

14. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47)

- i) Number of buses/vessels accessible to PwDs in the State/UT:
- *Nil. State Government has been requested to take actions to make public transport and public places/buildings accessible to PwD's vide letter No.D.O. No. B. 13016/33/05-SWDDt: 01/07/2009 and dt: 29/07/2009.*
 - *New public buses to be purchased shortly by Transport Department will include design accessible for wheel chair users.*
- ii) Number of Auditory Signals at traffic lights in the State/UT {Section 45(a)}
- Nil*
- iii) Status of accessibility roads and pavements in the state/UT {Section 45(b)}
- Nil*
- iv) Please indicate whether instructions have been issued for causing curbs, cuts and slopes during construction of roads and its implementation is being insured?
- No*
- v) Please indicate whether instructions have been issued for engravement on the surface of the zebra crossing during construction of roads and its implementation is being insured?
- No*
- vi) Please indicate whether the symbols for disability are being used :
- No*

- vii) Please indicate whether warning signals at appropriate places are being installed:
No
- viii) Number of Access Audits conducted so far and during last financial year:
Access Audits were conducted on the following dates:-
11th Sept., 2014 : Secretariat Complex, Aizawl.
30th March, 2015 : Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Aizawl.
- ix) Number of persons trained in Access Audit.
 4 persons, namely:-
 (1) Mr. K. Darthanga (DSWO- Aizawl 'E')
 (2) Dr. John M. Ralte (Health & Family Welfare Department)
 (3) Mrs. Chhingpuii (Secretary, Gilead Special School)
 (4) Mr. Lalnunfela (Chief Engineer, PWD (Building))
- x) Number of buildings/public places audited:
9th October, 2013 : Directorate building, Social Welfare Department, Aizawl.
24th October, 2013 : Office of Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip District.
25th October, 2013 : Office of Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei District.
29th October, 2013 : Office of Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib District.
11th Sept., 2014 : Secretariat Complex, Aizawl.
30th March, 2015 : Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Aizawl.
- xi) Number of buildings/ public places made accessible :
 Number not available. Several departments are in the process of completing their projects.
- xii) Whether training on Accessibility Audit and on creation of barrier free environment is being imparted? If yes, the number of persons trained. Please enclose list of trained persons with the contact details available. If this has not been updated, indicate the action plan to do it :
4 persons, namely:-
(1) Mr. K. Darthanga, DSWO, Aizawl 'E', Chanmari, Aizawl
(2) Dr. John M. Ralte, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dinthar, Aizawl
(3) Mrs. Chhingpuii, Secretary, Gilead Special School, Bawngkawn Brigade, Aizawl
(4) Mr. Lalnunfela, Chief Engineer, PWD (Building), Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl

- xiii) Whether instructions for ensuring barrier free environment have been issued:
Yes
- xiv) Whether Nodal Officers have been appointed in each district for the purpose of ensuring barrier free features in all the constructions:
No, only in Aizawl.
- xv) Please indicate whether the provision of Section 47 is being implemented:
No formal Notification is issued. However, no such case has ever been known to arise.
- xvi) Please provide the details of instructions issued for ensuring compliance of the provisions mentioned in Section 47:
Does not arise.
- xvii) Number of instances of violation of Section 47 in the State and action taken thereon :
No such case has ever been known to arise.

15. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49)

- (i) Whether any research programs under Section 48 & 49 have been sponsored so far? If yes, brief details thereof:
No
- (ii) Funds allocated for Research & manpower Development under Section 48 & 49 :
 - a) Total funds allocated so far :*Nil*
 - b) Funds allocated during 2013-14 :*Nil*
- iii) Number of instances of violation of Section 47 in the State/UT and action taken thereon :
Nil

16. Recognition of institutions for PwDs (Section 50-55)

- (i) Whether competent authority under Section 50 has been appointed? If yes, the designation, address, telephone, e-mail, etc. of such authority:
Yes, Director of Social Welfare Department, Chaltlang, Aizawl, Mizoram. E-mail- vanlaldini@gmail.com. Phone no.: 0389-2343530
- (ii) Number of institutions issued registration in the State/UT as far:
9 Institutions

17. Institutions for Persons with Severe Disabilities (Section 56)

- (i) Whether any institution(s) has/have been established and is/are being maintained for persons with severe disabilities (80% or more disability)? If yes, the number, addresses of such institutions:

Gilead Special School run by Spastic Society of Mizoram at Bawngkawn Brigade, Aizawl, Mizoram. Phone No.: 0389-2350019

18. Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities (Section 60-63 and 65)

- (i) Whether the State Commissioner for PwDs has independent or additional charge? (Please indicate name, full address, telephone, Mobile, fax, e-mail etc.):

Additional charge

Name :P. Lalchhuanga, Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, Social Welfare Department

Address : House No. M/C – 3A, ChaltlangVenglai, Aizawl, Mizoram – 796014.

Telephone : 0389-2349213

Fax : 0389-2348134

E-mail : ocfpwd@gmail.com

- (ii) Details of officers and staff provided to assist State Commissioner alongwith other essential infrastructural facilities:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Designation</i>	<i>No. of Posts</i>	<i>Whether posts is filled up or not</i>
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.	Filled up
6	Sign Language Interpreter	1 no.	Open advertisement was floated. However, there was no candidate/eligible candidate applying for the post.
7	LDC-cum-Computer Operator	2 nos.	Filled up
8	IV th Grade	3 nos.	Filled up
Total :		11 nos.	

➤ *Vehicle for the Commissioner for PwDs, Mizoram has been purchased.*

➤ *Other essential infrastructural facilities have been made available for the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities with one time grant sanctioned by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs vide Ministry's sanctioning order No. 16-33/2013-DD-III dt: 04/02/2014.*

(iii) Grant-in-Aid disbursed by State Govt./UT to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during last financial year:

Nil

(iv) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last three financial years:

Year 2013 number of Inspections 4

Year 2014 number of Inspections 1

Year 2015 number of Inspections 1

(v) Summary of initiatives taken by the State/UT for successful implementation of the PwD Act so far and major achievement:

I. Proposal for creation of posts.

Proposal for creation of 8 (eight) posts for the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was submitted to the Government of Mizoram vide our letter No. A. 11013/2/2012-Commr/PwD (SWD)/100 dt: 27/09/2013. However, approval for creation and filling up of one post of Driver and two posts of Grade IV only is being under consideration of Government.

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

(i) 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. 69 Departments have responded to our letter and necessary actions are being taken till date. Total no. of disabled persons employed in the State under Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' is 45 nos.

(ii) Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities had also sent a request to the Additional Chief Secretary, Social Welfare Department to take immediate action at Government level for filling up of vacant posts for PwDs against 3% reservation of identified posts in a time bound manner with special recruitment drives vide letter No. A. 21020/1/2013-Commr/PwD (SWD)/274 dt: 04.11.2013.

(iii) District Employment Officers Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha Districts were requested to sponsor eligible disabled candidates while furnishing list of candidates for filling up of the vacant posts so that disabled persons can be employed against their rightful 3% reservation of post vide our letter No. A. 21020/1/2013 – Commr/PwD (SWD)/270 dt: 24/10/13.

(iv) 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.

(v) Commissioner for PwDs had requested all the Departments to identify backlog vacancies under their Department and submit a copy of their report to office of the Commissioner for PwDs. 22 Departments have responded to our letter and necessary actions are being taken till date.

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

Aizawl Development Authority issued building bye-laws which includes the following requirements:-

- (1) **Ramp Entrance to Public Buildings:** Every public building shall have at least one ramp entrance/exit accessible to handicapped persons and it shall be indicated by proper signage.
 - (2) Such entrance/exit shall have a minimum width of 1 metre and a maximum gradient of 1:12. The length of ramp should not exceed 9metres. Handrail of the height of 0.90 metre on both sides of the ramp maybe provided. Provision for ramp may be provided to connect each floor of the public building.
 - (3) **Staircase:** If a staircase can be provided for the physically handicapped persons, the requirements shall be as follows:
 - (a) The maximum width shall be 1.350 metres.
 - (b) The maximum height of rise shall be 0.15 metre.
 - (c) The minimum width of tread shall be 0.275 metre.
 - (d) The maximum number of steps on each flight of staircase shall be 10.
 - (4) **Lift:** Lift capable of accommodating standard wheelchair shall be provided in any Public building having G + 3 floors and more.
 - (5) **Toilet:** In public buildings where toilets are required to be provided, if the required number of toilet is one, that shall be of European-type. If the required number is more than one in a floor, at least one shall be European-type. The European-type toilets shall be indicated by proper signage.
- **Access Audit** : Access Auditors were appointed vide Gazette Notification No.B.13016/5/2000-SWDdt 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. 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:-

9 th October, 2013	:	Directorate building, Social Welfare Department, Aizawl.
24 th October, 2013	:	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip District.

25 th October, 2013	:	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei District.
29 th October, 2013	:	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib District.
11 th Sept., 2014	:	Secretariat Complex, Aizawl.
30 th March, 2015	:	Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Aizawl.

IV. Study Centre, SCERT Mizoram which is recognized by R.C.I for B.Ed – SEDE (Hearing Impaired) Course under NEHU conducted a course for teachers (Pre-service and In service). As a result there are numbers of teachers who passed the course and numbers of teachers who are inspired by the course. However, those who completed B.Ed-SEDE (H.I) course are not actually recognised as B.Ed (General Education) which is the problem faced for job hunting. Considering the hindrances faced by the qualified B.Ed-SEDE (hearing impaired), Office of the Commissioner for Person with Disabilities Mizoram had submitted a proposal to the Social Welfare Department under the Government of Mizoram to further take up the proposal for acceptance of B.Ed- SEDE (hearing impaired) as an equivalent degree with B.Ed (General Education) vide No.B.13016/1/2013-Commr/PwD (SWD) dt: 4.7.2013.

V. Disabled Loan :

- (i) PwDs were given loans through the channelizing Agency viz. Mizoram Rural Bank (MRB) under the ‘Scheme for loan to Handicapped persons’ extended by the NHFDC (National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation)
- (ii) Commissioner for PwDs requested the Government to further extend Block Guarantee for the loan to PwDs as per notional allocation by the NHFDC for the year 2013-2014 vide letter No. B. 13015/1/2013-Commr/PwD (SWD) dt: 08/05/13.

VI. Issue of Disability Certificate :

Government had been requested to issue necessary instructions for simplification and streamlining of the procedure for issue of Disability Certificate vide our letter No. B. 11013/1/2012-Commr/PwD(SWD) dt: 07/05/2013. Consequently, Notification designating Medical authorities in the PHCs/CHCs and Hospitals in Mizoram to issue Disability Certificates was issued by Govt. of Mizoram vide No. J. 11011/9/2012 – HFWdt: 27/01/2014.

VII. 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 was conducted by this office in 2012, September 2013 and 3rd March, 2015 to monitor utilization of Grant-in-Aid sanctioned and released by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

VIII. 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. The present position of Websites accessible to Citizens/Persons with disabilities as on 30.10.2014 is as below:-

Sl.No	Domain	Department
1	Mizoram.gov.in	Government of Mizoram
2	tourism.mizoram.gov.in	Tourism Department
3	agriculture.mizoram.gov.in	Agriculture Department
4	ahvety.mizoram.gov.in	AH &Vety Department
5	prisons.mizoram.gov.in	Prisons Department
6	police.mizoram.gov.in	Police Department
7	landrevenue.mizoram.gov.in	Revenue Department
8	dict.mizoram.gov.in	Information &Communication Technology
9	ifsl.mizoram.gov.in	Institutional Finance & State Lottery
10	dipr.mizoram.gov.in	Information & Public Relations
11	metrology.mizoram.gov.in	Legal metrology
12	dpar.mizoram.gov.in	DP & AR
13	rd.mizoram.gov.in	Rural Development
14	drdaserchhip.mizoram.gov.in	District Rural Development Authority (DRDA) Serchhip
15	schooleducation.mizoram.gov.in	School Education Department
16	forensics.mizoram.gov.in	Forensics Science & Laboratory
17	forest.mizoram.gov.in	Forest Department
18	gmhss.mizoram.gov.in	Gandhi Memorial Higher Secondary School, Champhai
19	gstic.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Saitual College
20	home.mizoram.gov.in	Home Department
21	horticulture.mizoram.gov.in	Horticulture Department
22	industries.mizoram.gov.in	Industries Department
23	mpsc.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram Public Service Commission (MPSC)
24	mifco.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram Food and Allied Industries Corporation Ltd. (MIFCO)
25	scert.mizoram.gov.in	State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT)

26	Socialwelfare.mizoram.gov.in	Social Welfare Department
27	nrega.mizoram.gov.in	NREGA
28	edistrict.mizoram.gov.in	e-District Mizoram, Under ICT Department
29	tender.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. of Mizoram Tender
30	awddphed.mizoram.gov.in	Aizawl Water Distribution Div., PHE
31	gawc.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Aizawl West College
32	hbc.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Hrangbana College
33	khawbung.mizoram.gov.in	Khawbung RD Block
34	msegs.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram State eGovernance Society, ICT Department
35	ati.mizoram.gov.in	Administrative Training Institute
36	nlup.mizoram.gov.in	New Land Use Policy (NLUP)
37	jerc.mizoram.gov.in	Jt. Electricity Regulatory Commission
38	tradeandcommerce.mizoram.gov.in	Trade and Commerce
39	coop.mizoram.gov.in	Cooperation
40	ladc.mizoram.gov.in	Lai Autonomous District Council
41	let.mizoram.gov.in	Labour, Employment & Industrial Training
42	fcsc.mizoram.gov.in	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
43	fisheries.mizoram.gov.in	Fisheries
44	amc.mizoram.gov.in	Aizawl Municipal Council (AMC)
45	lad.mizoram.gov.in	Local Administration Department (LAD)
46	mic.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram Information Commission
47	sidc.mizoram.gov.in	State Load Dispatch Centre, P&E
48	excise.mizoram.gov.in	Excise & Narcotics Department
49	zenics.mizoram.gov.in	Zoram Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (ZENICS)
50	health.mizoram.gov.in	Health & Family Welfare
52	madc.mizoram.gov.in	Mara Autonomous District Council
53	sainikwr.mizoram.gov.in	Sainik Welfare & Resettlement
54	nielitaizawl.mizoram.gov.in	National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Aizawl Centre

55	swan.mizoram.gov.in	State Wide Area Network, Under ICT Department
56	dmr.mizoram.gov.in	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation
57	sys.mizoram.gov.in	Sports & Youth Services
58	mizokvib.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram KVI Board
59	gad.mizoram.gov.in	Government Administration Department
60	landj.mizoram.gov.in	Law & Judicial
61	dgmr.mizoram.gov.in	Geology & Mineral Resources
62	transport.mizoram.gov.in	Transport Department
63	dclawngtlai.mizoram.gov.in	District Commissioner, Lawngtlai
64	phed.mizoram.gov.in	Public Health Engineer (PHE)
65	womenpolytechnic.mizoram.gov.in	Women Polytechnic
66	ssdg.mizoram.gov.in	State Service Delivery Gateway, Under ICT Department
67	acb.mizoram.gov.in	Anti Corruption Bureau
68	workerswelfareboard.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram Workers Welfare Board
69	dhte.mizoram.gov.in	Higher & Technical Education
70	vigilance.mizoram.gov.in	Vigilance Department
71	irrigation.mizoram.gov.in	Irrigation Department
72	mizoslsa.mizoram.gov.in	State Legal Service Authority
73	rajbhavan.mizoram.gov.in	Raj Bhavan
74	vairengte.mizoram.gov.in	Vairengte Sub-Division
75	printingstationery.mizoram.gov.in	Printing & Stationery
76	pad.mizoram.gov.in	Parliamentary Affairs
77	lawngtlaicollege.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Lawngtlai College
78	sericulture.mizoram.gov.in	Sericulture
79	skills.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram Skills Development Society
80	rmsa.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram RMSA
81	soil.mizoram.gov.in	Soil & Water Conservation
82	zeda.mizoram.gov.in	Zoram Energy Development Agency (ZEDA)
83	johnsoncollege.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Johnson College
84	mamco.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram Agriculture Marketing Corporation Ltd. (MAMCO)
85	cctns.mizoram.gov.in	Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems, (Home Deptt.)

86	schooledu.secretariat.mizoram.gov.in	School Education Secretariat
87	cmshealth.mizoram.gov.in	Central Medical Store, Health Department
88	planning.mizoram.gov.in	Planning & Programme Implementation Department
89	miceschool.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram Institute of Comprehensive Education
90	csc.mizoram.gov.in	Zoram Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (ZENICS)
91	mizoculture.mizoram.gov.in	Art & Culture
92	fcscachamphai.mizoram.gov.in	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Champhai
93	dcchamphai.mizoram.gov.in	Deputy Commissioner, Champhai
94	dcklb.mizoram.gov.in	Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib
95	tobaccocontrol.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram State Tobacco Control Society
96	bdoeld.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, East Lungdar
97	bdocpi.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Champhai
98	thingdawlbd.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Thingdawl
99	bdokhawzawl.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Khawzawl
100	bdoserchhip.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Serchhip
101	bdoreiek.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Reiek
102	bdobilkhawthlir.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Reiek
103	chawngterd.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Chawngte
104	rddarlawn.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Darlawn
105	rdlawngtlai.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Lawngtlai
106	mlc.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Mizoram Law College
107	nlupmis.mizoram.gov.in	New Land Use Policy (NLUP) Implementing Board
108	itiaizawl.mizoram.gov.in	Industrial Training Institute (ITI) , Aizawl
109	bdotlangnuam.mizoram.gov.in	BDO, Tlangnuam
110	e-plan.mizoram.gov.in	Planning & Programme Implementation Department
111	tuipangblock.mizoram.gov.in	Tuipang RD Block
112	bdothingsul.mizoram.gov.in	Thingsulthliah RD Block
113	phailengrdblock.mizoram.gov.in	West Phaileng RD Block
114	mamitcollege.mizoram.gov.in	Mamit College
115	mcon.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram College of Nursing, Falkawn, Aizawl
116	inventory.mizoram.gov.in	Department of ICT
117	ganc.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Aizawl North College
118	sportscouncil.mizoram.gov.in	Mizoram State Sports Council
119	landrecords.mizoram.gov.in	NLRMP under Land Revenue & Settlement

		Deptt.
120	pwds.mizoram.gov.in	Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
121	zidco.mizoram.gov.in	Zoram Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (ZIDCO)
122	govtkolasibcollege.mizoram.gov.in	Govt. Kolasib College
123	landrevenueaizawl.mizoram.gov.in	Land Revenue & Settlement, Aizawl District
124	cmonline.mizoram.gov.in	Chief Minister Online maintain by Mizoram State e-Governance Society (MSeGS)
125	shec.mizoram.gov.in	State Higher Education Council, Mizoram
126	pwdarchitect.mizoram.gov.in	Public Works Department (PWD)

IX. 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 vide letter No. B. 13016/1/2013-Commr/PwD (SWD) dt: 01/05/2013.

X. Complaint received

Total no. of complaints received and suo-motu cases taken up since inception of Office of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities till 31.03.2015 is 12 nos. and till 31.03.2016 is 15 nos.

Highlights of some of the important cases on complaints

2013-2014

1. Complaint was received from Ms. Lalrempuii (hearing impaired) on 23/08/2013. She was engaged as sweeper on Muster Roll basis vide Order No. D.11011/2/2008 – ADA (E)/21 dt: 18th September, 2008 under Aizawl Development Authority and was later transferred to the Call Centre operated by ZIDCO Ltd. The Call centre was later closed down, as a result Ms. Lalrempuii's job was automatically terminated. Therefore, this office requested the Managing Director, ZIDCO Ltd. to give explanation as to why she was not retained in her job since it was the Call Centre that was closed down, whereas ZIDCO Ltd. is still functioning till date. In response to this, the Deputy Manager, ZIDCO Ltd. clarified that the period of engagement of Ms. Lalrempuii being on Muster Roll (Unskilled) basis was only 89 days from date of joining the post. Therefore, since nothing else could be done the case was closed.

2. On receipt of a complaint from blind person viz Mr. K. Lalhmingsanga on 28/02/2014 who wants to pursue B.Ed Course under IGNOU, Aizawl Centre, both the complainant and the Regional Director, IGNOU, Aizawl Centre were called to appear personally before the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in her office. After hearing both the parties and on scrutiny of the documents like Disability Certificates in respect of three disabled

candidates who were selected for admission to B.Ed Course under the Centre, it was found that the Disability Certificates produced by the selected candidates were not in conformity with the prescribed percentage of disability under the PwD Act. Hence, the Regional Director of IGNOU, Aizawl Centre was instructed to cancel the admission and considered the cases of the bonafide disabled candidates including the complainant which was agreed and complied by the Regional Director vide his letter No.IG/RTI/RC-19-2007- 08/528 dt: 31/03/2014.

3. The following complaints were received from Mrs. Vanramchhuangi, Director, Human Rights and Law Network, Aizawl, Mizoram dt: 21/05/2014 :-

(1) Regarding Notification No. J. 11011/9/2012-HFWdt: 27/01/2014 issued by Government of Mizoram, Health & Family Welfare Department - On receipt of the complaint, the Secretary of Health & Family Welfare Department was requested to examine the specific issue raised by the complainant and clarify the actual positions regarding the disabilities for which all PHCs, CHCs and Districts Hospitals in Mizoram are designated to issue disability Certificate only for obvious/clear-cut disabilities within their respective jurisdiction vide this office letter No. C. 13016/1/20130Commr/PwD (SWD)/Pt.I/74 dt: 03/11/2014.

(2) Regarding Poverty Alleviation Programme - On receipt of the complaint, the Secretary, UD& PA and Vice Chairman, NLUP Implementing Board were requested to make necessary reservation for PwDs in Poverty Alleviation Schemes/Programmes such as MGNREGS, IAY, NLUP, etc. implemented by the Govt. of Mizoram as mandated by Section 40 of the PwD Act, 1995.

2014-2015

1. Complaint was received from General Secretary, Mizo Students Union on 21/05/2014 regarding 'Special Demand for the most urgent requirement of PwDs in Recruitment and its concern under the State Govt. of Mizoram'. The General Secretary has requested this office to give order to the concerned Department of Mizoram State Government to change the current Gazette in accordance with the latest Gazette of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. Therefore, letter was sent to the Secretary, DP & AR (GSW) to examine the issue and take necessary action vide this office letter No. C. 13016/1/2013-Commr/PwD(SWD)/Pt-I/83 dt: 03/11/2014.

2. On receipt of complaint from Mr. K. Lalhmingsanga regarding 'Complaint about rejection of Job application' received on 20/05/2014, the complainant stated that he was denied to apply for the post of Assistant under DP & AR Department. However, after detail examination, it was found that the post of Assistant Grade is not reserved for person suffering from blindness perhaps due to the nature of works carried by the post. In spite of this, the Secretary, DP & AR (GSW), Govt. of Mizoram was requested to re-consider the application of Mr. K. Lalhmingsanga in the light of the provision of Section 33 of the PwD Act, 1995 and also to immediately revise identification of posts for 3% reservation of posts for PwDs as already requested earlier.

3. Complaint was received from Mr. Nicky Chhakchhuak regarding 'Access Barrier Free at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium'. The complainant requested this office to take necessary action for creation of Barrier Free Environment at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Aizawl. In this regard,

inspection was carried out by Access Audit team along with the Commissioner for PwDs on 30/03/2015. Since the project i.e Rajiv Gandhi Stadium is still under construction, it is ascertained that provisions for making Barrier Free Access and Disabled friendly toilets for PwDs are included in the construction project.

4. Complaint was received from Ms. Lalruatkimi, Aizawl regarding Seats Reservation for PwDs on 24/02/2015. The complainant stated that there is no notification of seats reservation for PwD for the post she had applied under the Govt. of Mizoram. In this regard, this office requested Ms. Lalruatkimi to produce her Disability Certificate. Yet, no reply is received till date. Therefore, no actions could be taken.

5. Complaint was received from Mr. Jacob L. Pachuau regarding 'Application for Granting Permanent Govt. job through Special/Compassionate ground' on 24/04/2015. However, it was observed that the Disability Certificate produced by him showed the percentage of his disability as 30% and as such, he is not eligible to claim appointment against 3% reservation of post for PwDs as per the provision of PwD Act, 1995. Hence, no action could be taken by this office for his appointment to any suitable post in Government service as prayed for.

XI. 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 vide letter No. B. 11013/1/2012 – Commr/PwD (SWD)/91 dt: 13/11/2013. This includes the followings:-

- (i) Appropriate arrangements for PwDs including wheel chair users during General Election to Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 2013 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 vide our letter No. H. 11020/1/2014-Commr/PwD/11 dt: 23/01/2014 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.

XII. Reservation of seats for students with Disabilities.

Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities had written letter to all Colleges in Mizoram to furnish the list of admissions given to Persons with Disabilities under 3% reservation of seats for various courses for the new academic session (2014-15) under their college/Institution. 18 Colleges have responded to our letter and necessary actions are being taken till date. Number of disabled students admitted in colleges and IGNOU within the State of Mizoram during 2014-15 is 72 nos.

- (vi) Cases handled under Section 62 of the Act during last financial year:
- (a) Number of complaints filed by the complainants before State Commissioner:
6 nos.
 - (b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suomotu):
6 nos.
 - (c) Total number of cases:
6 nos.
 - (d) Number of cases disposed off with directions and positive outcome:
3 no.
 - (e) Number of cases where compliance of directions have been received:
3 no.
 - (f) Number of cases pending:
3 nos.
- (vii) Details of preparation of Annual Reports of last three financial years and its laying before the State Legislature :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Status of Preparation</i>	<i>Laying it before State Legislature</i>
2012 – 2013	Completed	Yes
2013 – 2014	Under process	No
2014 – 2015	Under process	No

19. Social Security and other scheme (Section 66-68)

Schemes for Persons with Disabilities

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Schemes</i>	<i>Funds Allocated</i>	<i>No. of Beneficiaries</i>
1	Scholarships/Stipend: Education	` 4,01,880.00	784
2	Assistance: Educational Support Materials	Nil	Nil
3	Economic Rehabilitation	` 3,25,000.00	76
4	Marriage Incentive	Nil	Nil
5	Disability Pension	` 6,00,000/-	200
6	Unemployment Allowance	` 75,000/-	25
7	Insurance for Employees with Disabilities	Nil	Nil
8	Aids and Appliances	N.A	334
9	Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisation	N.A	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	N il
14	Any other scheme	Nil	Nil

14. Miscellaneous

- (i) Whether Rules have been notified for carrying out the provisions of the PwD Act? If yes, please enclose a copy. If not, please indicate the time by which rules will be notified.

Yes, copy enclosed.

- (ii) Please indicate whether Medical Authorities have been notified in :
- | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| All PHCs | : | Yes |
| All CHCs | : | Yes |
| All District Hospitals | : | Yes |
| All Civil Hospitals | : | Yes |
| All Medical Colleges/ Institutions | : | Does not arise |
- (iii) Whether state has framed a state policy for persons with disabilities? If yes, please provide a copy of the same. If not, what is the current status of it?
- Yes, draft Mizoram State Policy for Persons with Disabilities has been framed but not yet finalized till date (Copy of draft Mizoram State policy is enclosed)*
- (iv) Whether building bye-laws has been amended? If not, what are the reasons thereof?
- Yes, Aizawl Development Authority issued building bye-laws which includes the following requirements:-*
- (1) **Ramp Entrance to Public Buildings:** *Every public building shall have at least one ramp entrance/exit accessible to handicapped persons and it shall be indicated by proper signage.*
- (2) *Such entrance/exit shall have a minimum width of 1 metre and a maximum gradient of 1:12. The length of ramp should not exceed 9metres. Handrail of the height of 0.90 metre on both sides of the ramp may be provided. Provision for ramp may be provided to connect each floor of the public building.*
- (3) **Staircase:** *If a staircase can be provided for the physically handicapped persons, the requirements shall be as follows:*
- (a) *The maximum width shall be 1.350 metres.*
- (b) *The maximum height of rise shall be 0.15 metre.*
- (c) *The minimum width of tread shall be 0.275 metre.*
- (d) *The maximum number of steps on each flight of staircase shall be 10.*
- (4) **Lift:** *Lift capable of accommodating standard wheelchair shall be provided in any Public building having G + 3 floors and more.*
- (5) **Toilet:** *In public buildings where toilets are required to be provided, if the required number of toilet is one, that shall be of European-type. If the required number is more than one in a floor, at least one shall be European-type. The European-type toilets shall be indicated by proper signage.*
- (v) Whether free/concessional bus passes are allowed to persons with disabilities (Please indicate the number of beneficiaries in each category during the last financial year):
- Yes*

(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 town buses in Aizawl and Lunglei town on production of I.D Card issued by Social Welfare Department.

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