

# **GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM**



## **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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## CHAPTER - 1

### INTRODUCTION

Mizoram constitutes only 0.09% of India's total population and ranks 29<sup>th</sup> in terms of population among all States and UTs of the country. Mizoram with a literacy rate of 91.33% ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country. The area of Mizoram State is 21,081 Sq. Km and there are 8 Districts.

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 was implemented in Mizoram with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 12<sup>th</sup> 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 during 2013-2014 is 8572 nos. and till 2015 is 9548 nos.

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

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Type of Disability</b>	<b>Number</b>
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

(Percentage : 1.3%)      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**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Sec of the Act</b>	<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Progress in Implementation</b>
1	13	Constitution of State Coordination Committee	State Co-ordination Committee was first constituted on 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2003 and reconstituted on the following dates and years:- * 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2007 * 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2010 * 30 <sup>th</sup> July, 2013 * 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015
2	17	Meeting of State Coordination Committee	Meeting of the Committee was last convened on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2015
3	19	Constitution of State Executive Committee	State Executive Committee was first constituted on 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 1999 and reconstituted on the following dates and years:- * 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 2007 * 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2013
4	21	Meeting of State Executive Committee	Meeting of the State Executive Committee was last convened on 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2013.

#### **Section 25-30 : Prevention and Early Detection of Disabilities**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Sec of the Act</b>	<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Progress in Implementation</b>
1	25	Survey and awareness creation.	i) <u>Surveys undertaken for detecting causes of occurrence of disabilities:-</u> 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. ii) <u>Details of steps taken to promote various methods</u>

			<p><u>preventing disabilities:-</u></p> <p>i) 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCH (RMNCH &amp; A) and RBSK team also conduct awareness programmes at various platforms regarding prevention of disabilities.</li> <li>• Measures were taken in coordination with Health Department for Pre-natal and Post-natal care of mother and child.</li> <li>• Immunization programmes are undertaken regularly in coordination with Health Department starting from the grass root level by Health Workers and Anganwadi Workers.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Medical Officers are trained on Assessment cum Certification on disability by NIOH-NERC and Health &amp; Family Welfare Deptt. on 5-6<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2013 and 30-31<sup>st</sup> Jan., 2014. Total no. of Doctors trained is 34 nos.</li> </ul> <p>iii) <u>Whether all children are being screened for the purpose of identifying at risk cases:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p>iv) <u>Whether staff at Primary Health Centres is trained on prevention and early detection of disabilities:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>v) <u>Details of action taken for creating awareness on health, hygiene and sanitation:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness on health, hygiene, sanitation and 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</li> </ul>
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			<p>Anganwadi Workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness regarding Health, Hygiene and sanitation is conducted through Radio and Television especially during DzHealth Indiadz Programme.</li> </ul> <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 &amp; 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"> <li>• Anganwadi &amp; schools at Elementary and Secondary levels are educated by RBSK team who conduct DzHealth Talkdz at every visit.</li> <li>• RCH (RMNCH &amp; A) and RBSK team also give awareness programmes at various platforms regarding prevention of disabilities</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Health &amp; Family Welfare Department conducts awareness programmes throughout the year through media and also at different places and platforms.</li> <li>• Awareness regarding Health, Hygiene and sanitation is done through Radio and Television especially during DzHealth Indiadz Programme.</li> <li>• 9508 children were assessed for Identification of 'at risk' cases by conducting Assessment Camp in all districts in convergence with SSA, Health &amp; Family Welfare Department, SCERT and NERC-NIOH (Source : SSA)</li> </ul>
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### **Section 26-31 : Education**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Sec of the Act</b>	<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Progress in Implementation</b>
1	26-31	(a) CWDs are given scholarships/Stipend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship/Stipend is given as follows:- Upto CI-IV : `30/-p.m per student. CI-V to CI-VII : `40/- p.m per student. CI-VIII to CI-XII : `85/- p.m per student.</li> <li>• The State Co-ordination Committee in its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 resolved to increase the stipend for students with Disabilities to be further considered by the Finance Department vide Memo No. B. 13016/5/2013 – SWD dt. 12/03/2015 as given below:- Upto CI-IV : From `30/- to `300/- p.m per Student. CI-V to CI-VII : From `40/- to 500/-p.m per student. CI-VIII to CI-XII : From `85/- to 1000/- p.m per student.</li> </ul>
		(b) Creation of Special Schools for Children with Disabilities (CwDs)	<p>There are 5 Districts where Special schools are run by NGOs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aizawl : 3</li> <li>• Lunglei : 1</li> <li>• Kolasib : 1</li> <li>• Saiha : 1</li> <li>• Serchhip :1</li> </ul>
		(d) Reservation of seat for students with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• There is also 3% reservation of seats in Eklavya Model Residential School for students with disabilities.</li> <li>• There is also 3% reservation of seats for admission to Indira Gandhi National</li> </ul>

			<p>Open University (IGNOU), Aizawl Regional Centre for B. Ed Course for students with disabilities, Govt. Mizoram Law College and SCERT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of disabled students admitted in colleges and IGNOU within the state during 2014-15 is 72 nos.</li> </ul>
		(e) Provide Barrier free access for CwDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 2356 schools having barrier free access for children with disabilities.</li> </ul>
		(f) Provide free of Cost books and equipments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbooks and uniforms are given to all children with Special Needs (CWSN) (CwDs) at free of cost.</li> <li>• Blind students are given Braille Textbooks and Visually Impaired children are given Large Print textbooks.</li> <li>• Textbooks have been provided as prescribed by the MBSE as well.</li> <li>• Learning material is also available to CWDs in all the districts.</li> </ul>
		(g) Extra time during examination and provide scribe/writer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As notified by MBSE, extra time of 60 minutes is given to disabled persons during examinations.</li> <li>• CWSN viz. Blind, Locomotor &amp; Spastic children are provided with scribe and writer.</li> <li>• For Blind candidates appearing in High School Leaving Certificate Examination, practical examination shall not be conducted.</li> <li>• In lieu of Mathematics, Blind candidates may offer either Commercial Studies or Home Science (Theory only).</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While there are 195 CwDs in Special Schools, there are 7,973 children with Disabilities studying in regular schools.</li> </ul>



## Section 32- 41 : Employment

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1	32-41	(a) Identification of posts to be reserved for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 &amp; FP) Act, 1995 w.e.f October, 2007 as shown below :-</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>OH</th> <th>VH</th> <th>HH</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Group A</td> <td>15</td> <td>101</td> <td>24</td> <td>140</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group B</td> <td>14</td> <td>103</td> <td>74</td> <td>191</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group C</td> <td>118</td> <td>132</td> <td>170</td> <td>420</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group D</td> <td>29</td> <td>70</td> <td>23</td> <td>122</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>176</td> <td>406</td> <td>291</td> <td>873</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of Disabled persons employed in the State is given below :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group A - 5</li> <li>Group B - 9</li> <li>Group C - 14</li> <li>Group D - 17</li> <li>Total : 45 nos.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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 &amp; AR (GSW) dt: 21/2/13.</li> <li>Special drive for filling up the reserved quota out of identified posts has been vigorously pursued and monitored.</li> <li>Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Mizoram had already requested the Govt. of Mizoram to review identification of posts for 3% reservation of posts for Persons with Disabilities for necessary actions by the appropriate authorities as mentioned below:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		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
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		<p>Social Welfare Department vide letter No. 31014/2/2013 dt: 12/08/13;</p> <p>(b) Commissioner/Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram, Social Welfare Department and Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram, DP &amp; AR (GSW) vide letter No. A. 21020/1/2013-Commr/PwD (SWD)/301 dt: 05/09/2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. 22 Departments have so far responded to our letter and necessary actions are being taken for filling up backlog vacancies reserved for PwDs.</li> <li>• Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Mizoram had requested certain Department officials to meet her in person to discuss about backlog vacancies against 3% reservation for PwDs to ensure identification of Backlog vacancy for Persons with Disabilities.</li> <li>• The State Co-ordination Committee in its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 resolved to take action for revision of 3% reservation of posts for Persons with Disabilities vide Memo No. B. 13016/5/2013 – SWD dt. 12/03/2015.</li> </ul>
	(b) District Employment Exchanges for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three (3) Districts Employment Exchanges in Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha are declared as Special Employment Exchanges for Persons with Disabilities since 2005.</li> </ul>
	(c) Creation of Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 (Three) Vocational Training Centres run by Social Welfare Department for Persons with Disabilities, viz:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Female Handicapped Training Centre, Aizawl.</li> <li>2) Male Handicapped Training Centre, Aizawl.</li> <li>3) Female and Male Handicapped Training Centre, Lunglei.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

**Section 42- 43 : Affirmative Action**

Sl. No	Sec of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
1	43	<p>(b) Notify scheme for preferential allotment of land</p> <p>(c) Setting up business centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Training Centres in the trade of Tailoring and Shoe making for both Male &amp; Female Handicapped Persons are run by Social Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram at Aizawl and Lunglei with Hostel Facility respectively for male and female.</li> <li>• Sewing Machines, Treadle Machines and Cobbler Tools are given at free of cost to the disabled trainees after completion of 1(One) year training.</li> <li>• During 2013-2014 there are 76 trainees at Aizawl and Lunglei.</li> <li>• During 2014-2015 there are 79 trainees at Aizawl and Lunglei.</li> </ul>
		(d) Provide Transport allowance and escort allowance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• There are 3 recipients during 2014-15. However, there are no students applying during this year i.e 2015.</li> </ul>
		Free/Concessional Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 Government Notification No. A. 26019/1/09 – FIN (PRU) dt: 06/08/2010.</li> <li>• Free/Concessional Travel for Persons with Disabilities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<p>Government servants in their families vide Government Notification No.D.20014/1/94-TRP dt. 26/2/2001.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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#### **Section 44 - 47 : Non-Discrimination**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Sec of the Act</b>	<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Progress in Implementation</b>
1	44-46	<p>(a) Easy accessibility</p> <p>(b) Barrier free environment</p> <p>(c) Ramps in public places</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 plans framed by Public Works Department which were not covered by Aizawl Municipal Council Building Regulations, 2012.</li> <li>• The buildings where ramps, railings and toilets for wheelchair users being provided under SIPDA are as follows:-</li> </ul>

			<p><b>*2013-14</b></p> <p>(1) Lengpui Airport, Mamit District.  (2) State Council of Education and Research Training (SCERT), Aizawl.  (3) Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl  (4) Vanapa Hall, Aizawl (<i>Construction of toilet and Ramps</i>).  (5) New Secretariat Building, Aizawl  (6) Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kolasib District.  (7) District Hospital, Aizawl District.  (8) Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mamit District.  (9) District Hospital, Serchhip District.  (10) District Hospital, Champhai District.  (11) District Hospital, Lunglei District.  (12) District Hospital, Lawngtlai District.  (13) District Hospital, Saiha District.</p> <p><b>*2014-15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Welfare Department will take up necessary steps in order to construct ramps/railings and disabled friendly toilets at public bill payment counters such as BSNL/Telecom, P &amp; E, PWD etc.</li> <li>• Installation of a Lift in the State Guest House at Chaltlang, Aizawl is proposed for which verification has been conducted. DPR/Concept paper is being prepared by the State Public Works Department.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

### **Section 48-49 : Research and Manpower Development**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Sec of the Act</b>	<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Progress in Implementation</b>
1	48	(a) Prevention of disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different programmes are being undertaken by Health Department in the State for prevention of disability.</li> </ul>
		(b) Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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:</li> </ul>

			<p>(1) Christian Hospital Serkawn, Lunglei District.</p> <p>(2) Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Kolasib District.</p> <p>Mobile Assessment &amp; 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 8572 in 2013-14 to 9548 in 2014-15.</p>
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### **Section 50-56 : Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Sec of the Act</b>	<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Progress in Implementation</b>
1	50	(a) Appointment of competent authority for the purpose of the Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, Social Welfare Department is appointed as competent authority for recognition of institutions for Persons with Disabilities as per section 52 of the Mizoram Persons with Disabilities Rules 1999. There are 9 (nine) recognized institutions at present namely :-               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Special Gilead School run by Spastic Society of Mizoram</li> <li>2) Special Home run by ZoramEntu Pawl.</li> <li>3) Special School for the Blind run by Samaritan Association for the Blind.</li> <li>4) Pangparhuan run by TNT, Zungtui, Aizawl.</li> <li>5) Moriah Blind School run by Moriah Association for the Blind.</li> <li>6) Shalom Special School run by Serchhip Spastic Society.</li> <li>7) Onyx Special School run by MHIP Sub-Hqrs, Lunglei.</li> <li>8) Special School for the Mentally Handicapped run by Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Kolasib.</li> <li>9) Mary Hechia Residential Special School at Saiha run by The Mara T.T Chako &amp; Abraham Charitable Trust, Saiha.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

**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 <sup>st</sup> November, 2012 vide Notification No.A.41020/22/2012-P&AR (GSW) dt:31 <sup>st</sup> Oct.,2012 against the post of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities created vide Notification No.B.13016/35/2010-SWD dt:5 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2012.
	60 (4)	Government of Mizoram notified creation of 12 (Twelve) posts for the office of the state Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and necessary actions have been taken to fill up these posts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner - 1 post (Filled up)</li> <li>• Asst. Commissioner - 1post (Filled up)</li> <li>• Assistant - 1 post (Filled up)</li> <li>• Research-cum-Prog Asst. – 1 post (Filled up)</li> <li>• UDC-cum-Cashier – 1post (Filled up)</li> <li>• Sign Language Interpreter - 1 post (Advertisement have been issued. However, there was no candidate applying for the post)</li> <li>• Personal Assistant/Stenographer Grade III - 1 post (Filled up)</li> <li>• LDC-cum-Computer Operator -2posts (Filled up)</li> <li>• IV Grade - 3 posts (Filled up)</li> </ul> <p>(Total : 12 posts)</p>

**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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Govt. is providing Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for rehabilitation of persons with Disabilities.</li> </ul>
	68	(a)Unemployment allowance for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide economic rehabilitation and self-employment to disabled person, the followings are given :-</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) Sewing machines and cobbler tools are given in kind.</li> </ul>
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### **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: 12<sup>th</sup> 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)**

- The Scheme was introduced in 1996-1997 and `100/- p.m per head 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.
- There are 200 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.
- There are 200 beneficiaries during 2014-2015.

##### **(2) Handicapped student Stipend/Scholarships (State Scheme)**

- 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
- There are 788 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.
- There are 793 beneficiaries during 2014-2015.

##### **(3) Education (under State Scheme)**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- At present 7,973 disabled children are enrolled in Regular Schools and 195 Children with Special Needs /CwDs are enrolled in Special Schools.
- Textbooks and uniforms are given to all children with Special Needs (CWSN) (CwDs) at free of cost.
- 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.
- Extra time of 60 minutes for each paper is given to CWSN (CwDs) 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 2,356 schools having barrier free access for children with disabilities.
- 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.
- Number of disabled students admitted in colleges and IGNOU within the state during 2014-15 is 72 nos.
- There are 5 Districts where Special schools are run by NGOs :-
  - 1) Aizawl - 3
  - 2) Lunglei - 1
  - 3) Serchhip - 1
  - 4) Kolasib - 1
  - 5) Saiha - 1

- 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.
- There are 3 recipients during 2014-15. However, there are no students applying during this year i.e 2015.

**(4) Disabled Educated Unemployment Allowance (State Scheme)**

- 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.
- There are 25 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.
- Fund for the year 2014-2015 has not been released by the Government of Mizoram since there is no fund in the budget.

**(5) Employment (State Scheme)**

- State Government notified identified posts for 3% reservation for Persons with Disabilities in respect of all categories of posts in Group  $\check{A}\check{B}\check{C}$  and  $\check{D}$  under Government (Irrespective of Central or State Government) as per physical requirement and functional classification in the Act under Section 33 of the PwDs (EOPR & FP) Act, 1995 w.e.f October, 2007 as shown below :-

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

- Total number of Disabled persons employed in the State under Group  $\check{A}\check{B}\check{C}$  and  $\check{D}$  is 45 nos.
- 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.
- 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)**

- 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.
- Sewing Machines, Treadle Machines and Cobbler Tools are given at free of cost to the trainees after completion of 1(One) year training.
- During 2013-2014 there are 76 trainees.
- During 2013-2014 there are 79 trainees.

**(7) Economic Rehabilitation (State Scheme)**

- To provide economic rehabilitation and self-employment to disabled person, the followings are given as Grant-in-Aid :-
  - (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.
- There are 113 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.
- Fund for the year 2014-2015 is not received.

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

- 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. :-
  - (i) Presbyterian Hospital, Durtlang, Aizawl.
  - (ii) Spastic Society of Mizoram.
  - (iii) Indian Red Cross Society, Mizoram Branch.
- 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.

**(9) Schemes for Loan under National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC)**

- To promote economic development activities and self-employment ventures for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Government of Mizoram agreed grant of Block Guarantee for availing

loan amounting to `50 lakhs from National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) with effect from 2009-2010 and nominated Mizoram Rural Bank as the State Channelizing Agency.

- Notional allocation of another `50 lakhs for the year 2013-14 was confirmed by NHFDC in which the target of Beneficiaries was 91 nos.

## II. CENTRAL SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY MIZORAM STATE:

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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)

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

- (i) Christian Hospital, Serkawn, Lunglei.
- (ii) Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Kolasib (for Kolasib and Mamit Districts).

**(3) Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)**

- Main Objectives of the Scheme are as follows:-
  - Programmes for pre-school and early intervention.
  - Special Education.
  - Vocational training and placement.
  - Community based rehabilitation.
  - Manpower development.
  - Psycho-social rehabilitation of persons with mental illness.
  - Rehabilitation of leprosy-cured persons, etc.
- 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.
- Under this Scheme, NGOs regularly receive Grant-in-Aid on yearly basis.

**(4) National Trust**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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)**

- SIPDA was implemented in Mizoram in the year 2010.
- 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.

## CHAPTER - 4

### UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-2014 & 2014-2015

Sl. No	SCHEMES	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES	FUNDS ALLOCATED	EXPENDITUR E
1	2	5	6	7
1.	Scholarships/Stipend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 788 beneficiaries during 2013-2014</li> <li>• There are 793 beneficiaries during 2014-2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013-2014</u> `3,95,580/-</li> <li>• <u>2014-2015</u> `4,04,640/-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013-2014</u> `3,95,580/-</li> <li>• <u>2014-2015</u> `4,04,640/-</li> </ul>
2	Assistance for Educational support Material	<p>1) Transport allowance @ `100/- p.m per child. 2) Escort allowance @ `100/- p.m per child in need of escort. There are 3 recipients during 2014-15. However, there are no students applying during this year.</p>	<p>Fund for 2013-14 and 2014-15 is not received. Hence, no. of beneficiary is not available.</p>	Nil
3	Self Employment (Loan, Grants, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide economic rehabilitation and self-employment to disabled person, the followings are given :- (i) Financial assistance of `2450/- per annum for petty business, etc. and `4000/- 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013- 2014</u> `4,47,200/-</li> <li>• <u>2014- 2015</u> Nil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013- 2014</u> `4,47,200/-</li> <li>• <u>2014- 2015</u> Nil</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 113 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.</li> <li>• Fund for the year 2014-2015 is not received.</li> </ul>		
4	Unemployment Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educated Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) who are registered in the Employment Exchanges but not getting employments for more than 2 years are given stipend by state @ `250/- p.m per head.</li> <li>• There are 25 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.</li> <li>• Fund for the year 2014-2015 has not been released by the Govt. of Mizoram since there is no fund in the budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013- 2014</u> `75,000/-</li> <li>• <u>2014- 2015</u> Nil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013- 2014</u> `75,000/-</li> <li>• <u>2014- 2015</u> Nil</li> </ul>
5	Disability Pension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Pension @ ` 250/- p.m per head is given by state Government to handicapped persons who are totally blind and bedridden.</li> <li>• There are 200 beneficiaries during 2013-2014.</li> <li>• There are 200 beneficiaries during 2014-2015.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013- 2014</u> `6,00,000/-</li> <li>• <u>2014- 2015</u> `6,00,000/-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2013- 2014</u> `6,00,000/-</li> <li>• <u>2014- 2015</u> `6,00,000/-</li> </ul>
9	Human Resource Development (E.g. Training Institutes, etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Centres in the trade of Tailoring and Shoe making for both male &amp; female</li> </ul>	N.A	N.A



		<p>handicapped persons are run by the Government of Mizoram at Aizawl and Lunglei with Hostel facility respectively for male and female.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewing machine, Treadle machines and cobbler tools are given free of cost to the trainees after completion of 1 (one) year training.</li> <li>• 76 trainees during 2013-2014</li> <li>• 79 trainees during 2014-2015</li> </ul>		
10	Free/Concessional Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Government servants having minimum 40% of disability are given Transport allowance at the minimum of Rs. 1,000/- p.m.w.e.f 01/08/10 vide Government Notification No. A. 26019/1/09 – FIN (PRU) dt: 06/08/2010.</li> <li>• Free/Concessional Travel for Persons with Disabilities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>		

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2012 and 12 (twelve) posts were created as approved by the meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2010 as mentioned below:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Designation</b>	<b>No. of Post</b>	<b>Whether post is filled up or not</b>
1	Commissioner	1 no.	Filled up
2	Assistant Commissioner	1 no.	Filled up
3	Assistant	1 no.	Filled up
4	Research-cum-Programme Assistant	1 no.	Filled up
5	UDC-cum-Cashier	1 no.	Filled up
6	Stenographer - III	1 no.	Filled up
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 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3 nos.	Filled up
<b>Total :</b>		<b>12 nos.</b>	

## CHAPTER - 6

### ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014 AND 2014-2015

#### **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 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D 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 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.
- **Access Audit:** 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. 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<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 : Directorate building, Social Welfare Department, Aizawl.

24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013	:	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip District.
25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013	:	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei District.
29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013	:	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib District.
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2014	:	Secretariat Complex, Aizawl.
30 <sup>th</sup> 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 RuralBank (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 – HFW dt: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 respond 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:-

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Domain</b>	<b>Department</b>
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	<a href="http://schooleducation.mizoram.gov.in">schooleducation.mizoram.gov.in</a>	School Education Department
16	<a href="http://forensics.mizoram.gov.in">forensics.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Forensics Science & Laboratory
17	<a href="http://forest.mizoram.gov.in">forest.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Forest Department
18	<a href="http://gmhss.mizoram.gov.in">gmhss.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Gandhi Memorial Higher Secondary School, Champhai
19	<a href="http://gstic.mizoram.gov.in">gstic.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Govt. Saitual College
20	<a href="http://home.mizoram.gov.in">home.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Home Department
21	<a href="http://horticulture.mizoram.gov.in">horticulture.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Horticulture Department
22	<a href="http://industries.mizoram.gov.in">industries.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Industries Department
23	<a href="http://mpsc.mizoram.gov.in">mpsc.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Mizoram Public Service Commission (MPSC)
24	<a href="http://mifco.mizoram.gov.in">mifco.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Mizoram Food and Allied Industries Corporation Ltd. (MIFCO)
25	<a href="http://scert.mizoram.gov.in">scert.mizoram.gov.in</a>	State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT)
26	<a href="http://socialwelfare.mizoram.gov.in">socialwelfare.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Social Welfare Department
27	<a href="http://nrega.mizoram.gov.in">nrega.mizoram.gov.in</a>	NREGA
28	<a href="http://edistrict.mizoram.gov.in">edistrict.mizoram.gov.in</a>	e-District Mizoram, Under ICT Department
29	<a href="http://tender.mizoram.gov.in">tender.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Govt. of Mizoram Tender
30	<a href="http://awddphed.mizoram.gov.in">awddphed.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Aizawl Water Distribution Div., PHE
31	<a href="http://gawc.mizoram.gov.in">gawc.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Govt. Aizawl West College
32	<a href="http://hbc.mizoram.gov.in">hbc.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Govt. Hrangbana College
33	<a href="http://khawbung.mizoram.gov.in">khawbung.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Khawbung RD Block
34	<a href="http://msegs.mizoram.gov.in">msegs.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Mizoram State eGovernance Society, ICT Department
35	<a href="http://ati.mizoram.gov.in">ati.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Administrative Training Institute
36	<a href="http://nlup.mizoram.gov.in">nlup.mizoram.gov.in</a>	New Land Use Policy (NLUP)
37	<a href="http://jerc.mizoram.gov.in">jerc.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Jt. Electricity Regulatory Commission
38	<a href="http://tradeandcommerce.mizoram.gov.in">tradeandcommerce.mizoram.gov.in</a>	Trade and Commerce
39	<a href="http://coop.mizoram.gov.in">coop.mizoram.gov.in</a>	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	dgm.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	rldlawngtlai.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	tuijangblock.mizoram.gov.in	Tuijang 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 31.03.2014 is 3 nos. and till 31.03.2015 is 6 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: 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Lalhmingsangaon 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-HFW dt: 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. Lalhminganga 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. Lalhminganga 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 votes 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.

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***E-mail : [ocfpwd@gmail.com](mailto:ocfpwd@gmail.com)***

**II- LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS WORKING IN DISABILITY  
SECTOR IN MIZORAM**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name &amp; Address of the NGOs</b>	<b>Name of contact person</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
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