



Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission

ENTITLEMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - GUIDELINES

Contents

Introduction.....	1
Education.....	1
1. Special Certificates to School and College Students	1
2. Government Scheme - SSA	1
3. Government Scheme - IEDC.....	2
4. Scholarship	2
5. Children's Educational Allowance	7
6. Government Scheme - Scheme of Integrated Education for the CWSN	7
Health.....	8
1. Disability Certificate	8
2. Identity Card.....	9
3. Specialized Health Services	10
4. Corrective Surgery.....	11
Livelihoods and Employment	12
1. MSHFDC	12
2. Skill / Vocation Training	13
3. Government / Public Sector Job	16
4. Government Scheme – MGNREGA	20
5. Government Scheme - Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).....	20
Social Security.....	22
1. Bus Pass Concession.....	22
2. Railway Concession	22
3. Concession for Air travel	23
4. Driving Certification	24
5. Personal Assistive Devices	25
6. Income Tax Concessions	27

7. Disability Pension	27
8. Government Scheme – Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension.....	28
9. Government Scheme – Indira Gandhi National Handicap Pension Scheme.....	28
10. Government Scheme – Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Anudan Yojana	29
11. Government Scheme – Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)	30
12. Government Scheme – Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan	31
13. Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)	32
Role of MSRLM team & Support Organizations	36
Annexure	37
Annexure I: Application Proforma for Disability Certificate	37
Annexure II: List of Hearing Aids available at AYJNIHH.....	40

Introduction

An **Entitlement** is a government program guaranteeing access to benefits by members of a specific group and based on established rights or by legislation. MSRLM team with the support of DPGs, VOs, DPOs, local NGOs, community and government functionaries would ensure that all the entitlements as per the legislation are accessible to the persons of disabilities. There are total 28 entitlements for PwDs guaranteed by the Central and State government. However, the pre-requisite to the entitlements are as per the PwD Act, 1995 which specifies that PwDs having 40% and above disability would be entitled for government facilities. To that extent, certification is a must.

From the detailed survey conducted in Ratnagiri (Sangameshwar) and Yavatmal (Pandharkavda), it is noted that only 5.5% of the identified PwDs have received disability certificate. Hence certification of remaining PwDs needs to be completed. Under the verticals of entitlements, certification of PwDs and requisition/provision of assistive device would be undertaken for 1000 PwDs (18.79%) from Yavatmal and 380 (50%) from Ratnagiri would be completed during the year 2014-15.

To determine a course of action in order to streamline the processes set out by the system, guideline is being provided herewith for each of the 28 entitlements for PwD grouped under major sectors Education, Health, Livelihoods and Social Security.

Education

1. Special Certificates to School and College Students

The certificates for different requirements of school and college students are issued by AIIPMR only on the days as mentioned for disability certification at 2.00 p.m.

Eligibility

1. Individual must possess disability certificate
2. Prescribed proforma from the school/college for the certificate
3. Old treatment records

Three passport size good quality photographs showing face with shoulders are also required. For some of the certificates the student may have to visit the institute 2-3 times for detailed assessment in occupational therapy department with reference to speed and dexterity.

2. Government Scheme - SSA

SSA aims to ensure that every Child with Special Needs (CWSN), irrespective of the kind, category and degree of disability, is provided education in an appropriate environment and envisages adoption of zero rejection

policy so that no child is left out of the education system. SSA envisages a specific grant @ Rs.1200/- per CWSN per year to meet “the special learning needs” of CWSN. Convergence has been established with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to provide aids and appliances to CWSN under SSA. Steps are being taken to make all new school buildings and the existing schools barrier free.

3. Government Scheme - IEDC

The Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) scheme started in 1974, provides 100 percent funding to State Governments/UTs and NGOs towards facilities extended to disabled children such as books and stationary, uniforms, transport allowance, escort allowance, reader allowance for blind children, equipments. The Scheme has also component for free school training for disabled children and counseling for their parents. Assistance is also provided for setting up of resource room, survey and assessment of disabled children, purchase and production of instructional material, training and orientation of general teachers to take care of the educational need of the disabled children. The revision of the scheme is under consideration so as to make schools more inclusive and make systemic reforms for bringing and retaining more and more children with disabilities in regular schools.

4. Scholarship

The State Government awards Rs.30/- p.m. as scholarship to those disabled students from Class I to VIII whose family income is less than Rs.4,800/- p.m. A certificate of at least 40% disability required to be eligible for the scholarship.¹

The School Education Department shifted to an automated system for Scholarship Management process of School Children in the year 2012- 13. The eScholarship Management System facilitates online application, automated approval, transparent verification and timely disbursement of scholarships².

IEDSS

The Scheme of Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) has been launched from the year 2009 -10. The aim of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of IEDSS is to enable all students with disabilities, after completing eight years of elementary schooling, to pursue further four years of secondary schooling (classes IX to XII) in an inclusive and enabling environment. Central assistance for all items covered in the IEDSS scheme is on 100 percent basis. The State Governments are only required to make provisions for a scholarship of Rs. 600 per disabled child per annum.³

¹ http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=154&Itemid=106, 19th Sep, 2014

² https://egovstatus.maharashtra.gov.in/feature_826.html, 19th Sep, 2014

³ http://mhrd.gov.in/inclusive_education, 19th Sep, 2014

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

1. **Post Matric Scholarship for students with disabilities:** The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Caste students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.
2. **National Overseas Scholarship for persons with disabilities:** The Scheme provides financial assistance to the finally selected candidates for pursuing Master level courses and Ph.D abroad in following specified fields of study:- a) Engineering; b) Management; c) Pure Sciences; d) Agricultural Science; and e) Medicine.
3. **Scholarship for top class students with disabilities:** Financial assistance is available to Indian students with at least 40% disabilities certified as per definition under Persons with Disabilities Act 1995. It is given for pursuing post-Matric/Post-Secondary technical and professional courses including Ph.D & M.Phil from recognized institutions. However, for students with disabilities of Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, and Profound or Severe Hearing Impaired, the minimum educational qualification will be class VIII pass and scholarship will be awarded to them for pursuing general, technical, vocational or professional courses. Scholarship is awarded to one student for pursuing only one course.

Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Higher Education

Fellowship Schemes of UGC: GoI has launched a Central Sector scheme namely, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) during the financial year 2012-13 to increase opportunities to students with disabilities for pursuing higher education leading to degrees such as M. Phil. & Ph.D. The scheme will take effect from 1.4.2012. The scheme caters the requirements of the students with disabilities for pursuing research degree in universities, research institutions & scientific institutions. This will not only enable them to be eligible for employment to the posts of Lecturers lying vacant in various colleges & universities but will equip them to effectively take advantage of the growing opportunities at the national & international level in the context of the new economic order.

The total number of fellowships to be awarded to the students with disabilities under the scheme is 200 every year. In case of non-availability of adequate number of students with disabilities candidate, the number of fellowship not availed during a year will be carried forward to the next academic session.

Rate of fellowship

The rates of fellowship for JRF and SRF will be at par with the UGC Fellowships. Presently these rates are as follow;

1.	Fellowship in Science Humanities and Social Science (including Arts/Fine Arts)	@ Rs.16,000/- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ Rs.18,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF)
2.	Fellowship in Engineering and Technology	@ Rs.18,000/- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ Rs.20,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF)
3.	Contingency for Humanities and Social Science (including Arts/Fine Arts)	@ Rs.10,000/- p.m. for initial two years @ Rs.20,500/- p.m. for remaining tenure
4.	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs.12,000/- p.m. for initial two years @ Rs.25,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure
5.	Departmental assistance (All subject)	@ Rs.3,000/- p.a. per student to the host institution for providing infrastructure
6.	Escort/Reader assistance (All subject)	@ Rs.2,000/- p.m. in cases of candidates with physical and visual disabilities

Eligibility

1. UGC is the nodal agency for implementing the RGNF scheme for students with disabilities
2. It would be sufficient for a student with disabilities candidate to have passed the Post Graduation Examination for being eligible for the RGN
3. UGC will select the candidates for award of RG

National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities

Applications (in Hindi or English) in the prescribed proforma are invited from students with disabilities for financial assistance for pursuing higher and technical education.

Eligibility

1. Financial assistance will be available to Indian students with at least 40% disabilities certified as per definition under Persons with Disabilities Act 1995.
2. Financial assistance will be given for pursuing post-Matric / Post- Secondary technical and professional courses including Ph.D and M.Phil from recognized institutions. However, for students with disabilities of Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, and Profound or Severe Hearing Impaired, the minimum educational qualification will be class VIII pass and scholarship will be awarded to them for pursuing general, technical, vocational or professional courses.
3. Scholarship will be awarded to one student for pursuing only one course.
4. Financial assistance can be given for computer with editing software for blind / deaf graduate and postgraduate students pursuing professional courses and for support access software for cerebral palsied students.
5. Continuation / renewal of the award for next year will depend on successfully completing the course in the preceding year with minimum 50 (fifty) percent marks.

6. The Assistance under this Scheme is not intended for Post-Matric / Post Secondary Technical / Professional courses having duration of less than one year.
7. A scholarship holder under this scheme will not concurrently hold any other scholarship / stipend. If already any other scholarship / stipend awarded, the student is required to exercise his / her option for choosing the scholarship that he / she proposes to avail and inform awarding authority about the same.
8. Monthly family income of the beneficiary should not be more than Rs. 15,000 / - from all sources. Family income includes income of the parent / guardian.

Awards

Upto five hundred awards are been given annually through institutions in which students are pursuing studies / courses. Scholarship will be given to different categories of disabled students as under:

1. Students with orthopedic disability
2. Students with blindness or low vision
3. Students with hearing disability
4. Students with Cerebral palsy, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, Profound or Severe Hearing Impairment

Amount of scholarship will vary among courses and will also depend on availability of hostel / residential facility with the institution. The details are given below:

(Rs. Per month)			
S.No.	Courses of Study	Rate of scholarship hostellers (Rs / month)	Day scholars (Rs / month)
(1)	PhD / M.Phil and post graduate / graduate level courses in Engineering / Indian and other systems of medicine / Agriculture / Veterinary / IT / Biotechnology, Education Management / Architecture, Physiotherapy, Music and other professional courses	1000	700
(2)	Diploma and certificate level professional courses	700	400
(3)	In respect of students with cerebral palsy, mental retardation, multiple disabilities and profound or severe hearing impairment, for pursuing general / professional / technical / vocational courses after class VIII	700	400

The students will also be reimbursed the course fee subject to a ceiling of Rs.10,000 / - per year. Besides students living in the hostel / residential facility provided by the institutions, those students will also be considered as hostellers who live in accommodation hired at least by a group of 3 students living together with common mess arrangement. **Such students will have to furnish a certificate in this regard**

countersigned by the head of the institution and a certificate from the owner of the house in case of own arrangement or accommodation taken on rent.

Applications for the scholarship is required to be submitted in as per the prescribed proforma. Applications for renewal / continuation of award are to be submitted in the prescribed proforma.

Procedure

1. Academic records (attested copy of certificates and Marksheets-matric and above)
2. Family Income Certificate / Proof of annual income, e.g. Salary Slip, last Income tax Assessment order (attested copy)
3. attested copy of Disability Certificate
4. Course fee receipt (if any) with breakup of each item duly paid during the academic session (attested copy)
5. Hostel Certificate or certificate from the house owner in case of accommodation hired by at least by a group of 3 students living together with common mess arrangements (attested copy)

Contact

Applications for the scholarship may be sent to the Director(DD-IV) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001. A Student should submit only one application alongwith all the relevant documents together with recommendations of the Institute concerned.

Applications for the award of scholarship will be countersigned and recommended by the head of the institution in which the applicant is enrolled for study. Details and forms can also be downloaded from the Ministry's website www.socialjustice.nic.in or may be obtained from DD-IV Section, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No.622, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

Scholarship Scheme to Physically Handicapped students

The DOEACC Society has introduced a Scholarship Scheme for Physically Handicapped and other weaker sections of the society who are pursuing O/A/B/C Level of courses of the DOEACC Society as a full time course through an Accredited Institute authorized to conduct the DOEACC Courses. The candidates shall have to clear all the papers in the first attempt and the income of the parents of the students should not be more than Rs. 1 lakh per year from all sources.

The amount of scholarship shall be four times of the examination fee paid per module paper i.e., Rs. 350/- as at present as under:

- 'O' Level - Rs. 5,600/- (in two installments)
- 'A' Level - Rs. 14,000/- (in three installments)

'B' Level - Rs. 21,000/- (in four installments)

'C' Level - Rs. 21,000/- (in three installments)

5. Children's Educational Allowance

As per the office memorandum issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Dept. of Personnel and Training), grant of children educational allowance, reimburse of tuition fee, etc. to Central Govt. employees will be governed by the Central Civil Services orders, 1988.

As per the order, the reimbursement of tuition fee of Rs.50/-p.m. in respect of PwD with locomotor disability and mentally retarded children of the Central Govt. employee is permissible. The disabled children will however, get other assistance under this scheme as per rates prescribed for the normal children.

Contact Persons

1. Office of MSHFDC
2. District Inspector of Schools.
3. District Education Officer.
4. District Social Welfare Officer.
5. Directorate of Education.
6. Superintendent, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped.
7. Principal of School

6. Government Scheme - Scheme of Integrated Education for the CWSN⁴

Under the scheme CWSN are sought to be integrated in normal school system. The children with hearing impairment (mild and moderate impaired only) are provided following allowance and facilities under this scheme:

- i. Books and stationery allowance of Rs.400/- p.a.
- ii. Uniform allowance of Rs.50/- p.a.
- iii. Transport allowance of Rs.50/- per month (if a disabled child admitted under the scheme residing in a hostel of the school within the school premises, no transportation charges would be admissible).

CWSN residing in school hostels within the same institution where they are studying may also be paid boarding and lodging charges as admissible under Govt. rules/schemes. Where there is no State scheme of scholarships to hostellers, the CWSN, whose parents income does not exceed Rs.3000/- per month, may be paid actual boarding and lodging charges subject to maximum of Rs.200/-p.m.

⁴ <http://www.avinih.nic.in/aw/awareness/schemes5.html>, 19th Sep, 2014

Health

1. Disability Certificate

Disability certificate is necessary for different purposes such as availing benefits related to education, employment or various Government scheme applicable for PwDs. Government is updating its functionality and accuracy in every field; on these lines Government expects that the benefits and rights available for disabled should be provisioned to eligible PwDs. For this purpose Maharashtra Government has launched the “Software for Assessment of Disability, Maharashtra (SADM)”, certification system and is expected that malpractices will be eliminated by the use of this system. Five types of disabilities are considered under this application, these are mentioned below:

1. Visual Impairment
2. Hearing Impairment
3. Physical Impairment
4. Mental Retardation
5. Mental Illness

The details regarding this software are available in the website <https://sadm.maharashtra.gov.in/sadm/en/enHome.gov>. In case of pilot districts Ratnagiri and Yavatmal, SADM is operational at the District Hospital and Government Medical College Hospital respectively. In addition to the SADM at the district places, disability certificate is also issued by the All India of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AIPMR), Mumbai.

Eligibility

Any individual who is suffering from some or the other kind of impairment can approach the mentioned hospital and get the check up done. On completion of assessment by the concern doctors, and found eligible, the hospital / college issues the disability certificate to the person.

Procedure

Attend the District Civil Hospital/Medical College along with the following documents:

- 1) Two copies of Identity Card Size Photographs
- 2) Residential Proof (Ration Card/Electricity Bill/Domicile Certificate etc.)
- 3) Purpose of requirement of Certificate.

The Medical Board indicates the period of validity in the certificate, in cases where there is any chance of variation in the degree of disability. Days are fixed for issuing certificates through district hospitals.

All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AIIPMR), Mumbai issues disability certificate online after assessment of the person by the doctors and information feed into the computer. Following documents should be submitted by the person;

1. Address proof

2. Age proof
3. Five passport size good quality photographs showing face with shoulders
4. All the old relevant treatment record along with investigation reports- blood tests reports, X-rays, MRI etc should be available at the time of application and
5. Pay a fee of Rs 16/-.

The applicants are screened by one of the doctors and if found suitable for issuing a disability certificate his personal information is collected and entered in the proforma in the computer. After that the person is referred for required assessment in physiotherapy, occupational and/or speech therapy departments or advised further investigations or consultations, if required. Once these assessments completed, the person is given date for assessment by the board and issuing of the Certificate.

Permanent disability certificates once issued need not be renewed unless and until there is some new disabling condition affecting the person. Temporary certificates are reviewed only after the time given by the board for re-assessment.

If a certificate is lost, duplicate certificate is issued only on production of proof of Police complaint. A photocopy of the lost certificate is desirable along with proof of identity, age and address.

2. Identity Card

A parent of the person with disability, or that person himself, will approach to the District Hospital providing all necessary documents and reports as following:⁵

- Copy of the Disability Certificate.
- Two (2) personal photos.
- Copy of I.D. of the person with disability.
- Copy of the residence.
- Disabled Welfare Department/ District hospital should issue the disability card to the person at the same time, after the signing authority has signed it.

Advantages of having ID card⁶

- Assistance for prosthetic aids and appliances to disabled
- Scholarship to the disabled students
- Free travels in state transport buses for disabled, issue of free bus pass
- Provision for loans for self employment
- Programme for assistance for higher education to disabled
- Grant of Incentive for Marriage between Disabled and normal persons.

⁵ http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=322&Itemid=57, 22nd Sep, 2014

⁶ http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=322&Itemid=57, 22nd Sep, 2014

- Grant of Fuel subsidy to disabled person who own motorized vehicle.
- Payment of unemployment allowance to educated disabled persons
- Financial assistance to totally disabled persons
- Award of scholarships to disabled students
- Incentive for eye donors
- Reimbursement of maintenance cost of tricycles
- Supply of sarees and dhoties to disabled persons
- State award for the welfare of the handicapped
- Supply of prosthetic appliances to disabled persons
- Supply of cooling glasses, Braille watches and walking sticks
- Annual tour for disabled persons
- International day for the disabled
- Group insurance for disabled government employees
- Group insurance for disabled other than government employees
- The scheme for financial assistance towards funeral expenses of the disabled
- Supply of invalid carriages (motorized tri-cycles) to the persons with disabilities
- Supply of musical / sports items to ph welfare associations group insurance for disabled

Government Initiative – Universal ID cards to persons with disabilities⁷

Government is looking into the process of issuing universal identity cards to persons with disabilities for which a survey would be conducted, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot today said. "We will speed up the process and make their identity cards. A survey would also be conducted," he told newsmen on the sidelines of a review meeting on functioning of seven national institutions serving persons with disabilities.

Gehlot noted that if the criteria of more than 40% is applied, then there are 7.5 crore disabled people in the country. "As per norms, if a person has more than 40% disability, he is disabled..... But those with less disability should also be consider as disabled," he added. "Those with less than 40% disability should also come under definition of disability for being accorded disabled status... We are working in that direction," the Minister said.

3. Specialized Health Services

Specialized health care facilities including continuous supply of drugs for PwDs with psychiatric disorder. The district psychiatric unit of the civil hospital maintain patient-wise details who require such treatment. The family members or NGOs working in the field of mental health should assist the individual to help access these services.

⁷ www.dnaindia.com Wednesday, 13 August 2014 - 7:48pm IST | Agency: PTI, 23rd Sep, 2014

4. Corrective Surgery

Children with Special Needs (CWSN) having problem in Muscles, Joint deformities & contractures Tongue tie & cleft Palate, Squint are referred for surgery from block level camp. As per line of treatment corrective surgeries are done under Sarva Shika Abhiyan (SSA).

Scheme of Financial Assistance for Corrective Surgery And Rehabilitation of Polio Affected Children

The NGO may be paid upto a maximum of Rs. 2000/- per case for aids & appliances only once and upto a maximum of additional Rs. 2000/- per case for food, stay, transportation, physiotherapy, etc. of the patient. This amount of Rs. 4000/- per case is required to be accounted for by the NGO separately in the prescribed proforma.

Eligibility

1. He / She should be an Indian citizen and resident of Delhi
2. He / She should be in the age group of 3-18 years

Livelihoods and Employment

1. MSHFDC

Maharashtra State Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (MSHFDC) established by Government of Maharashtra on 27th Mar. 2002. The main objective of MSHFDC is to provide financial assistance for self employment to the PwDs in Maharashtra and bring them in main stream society. Maharashtra is the first State to establish an independent corporation for the overall development of PwDs. Effective implementation of schemes of NSHFDC in the State is the major work done by MSHFDC. In addition, State schemes specific to PwDs are also designed and implemented by the corporation.

State Schemes⁸

1. Individual Direct Loan Scheme

Maximum Amount of Loan – Rs. 20,000/-

Rate of Interest – 2% per year per Rs. 100/-

Repayment period – 3 years (monthly/quarterly)

Income Limit – Upto Rs. 1 lakh

Age limit – 18 to 55 years

2. Fixed loan scheme (for small and medium scale business)

Project limit – upto Rs. 5 lakhs

Annual Rate of Interest – 5% upto Rs. 50,000/- and 6% above Rs. 50,000/- (1% concession for female applicant)

Repayment period – 5 years upto Rs. 50,000/- and 7 years for Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 5 lakhs

Central Schemes / NSHFDC

1. Vehicle loan scheme for travel business
2. Mahila Samruddhi Yojana
3. Sukshma Patpuravtha Yojana
4. Educational Loan Scheme
5. Yuva Swavalamban Yojana
6. Self Employment scheme for PwDs with mental illness / cerebral palsy / autism
7. Financial Assistance scheme for Parents Association of PwDs with mentally retardation
8. Krushi Sanjeevan / Horticulture Yojana for disabled farmers
9. ADIP scheme
10. District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre

⁸ <http://mshfdc.com/index.php/2013-03-08-09-46-09>, 9th Oct, 2014

Eligibility

1. PwDs should have at least 40% disability
2. PwD should be resident of Maharashtra from at least 15 years
3. PwD should belong to the age group 18 to 60 years
4. PwD should not be a defaulter of any bank / corporation / financial organization
5. PwD should have knowledge and experience of the chosen business.
6. Terms and conditions for the loan would be as set by MSHFDC

Documents required

1. Completely filled in prescribed application form
2. Certificate of 15 years of residence in Maharashtra / Domicile Certificate
3. Age certificate, School Leaving Certificate (Certificates for Age proof)
4. Disability Certificate
5. Income Certificate (For rural area Talathi)
6. Experience Certificate
7. Copy of Voter ID
8. Passport size and full size photographs (to paste on the application form)
9. Caste Certificate
10. Available space/area proof (own / rented / rent receipt, specific rent period contract papers etc)
11. Non-defaulter of financial organization/bank certificate (on Rs. 100/- stamp paper)
12. Driving license (your name or first relative's name), Driving license possessor's certificate for repayment of loan amount. (applicable to vehicle loan only)
13. Business project report and rate sheet
14. Loan for farming: Proof that the land belongs to the applicant (7/12 and 8A)
15. Certificate of availability of veterinary services (for business related to animal husbandry only)
16. Guarantor's papers for loan more than Rs. 3 lakhs (salary receipt, identity card)
17. Groundwater Survey report (for well pipeline projects)
18. Guardian certificate for PwDs with Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, together photograph of Parents / guardians with PwDs

2. Skill / Vocation Training

ERNET⁹

ERNET India is an autonomous scientific society under the administrative control of Dept. of Information Technology, Government of India having one of the largest nationwide terrestrial and satellite network with

⁹ CCPD Annual Report 2006-2007 and http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=237&Itemid=126, 22nd Sep, 2014

15 points of presence located at the premier academic and research institutions in major cities of the country. Focus of ERNET India is not limited to just providing connectivity, but to meet the entire needs of the academic and research institutions by providing consultancy, project management, training and other value added services such as web hosting, e-mail services, video conferencing, domain registration, CUG services.

ERNET India is serving more than 1300 institutions in various sectors, namely, health, agriculture, higher education, schools and science & technology. ERNET was also identified by Govt. of India as the nodal network for India and was connected through high-speed link to the pan-European Education and Research Network (GEANT) during 2006 to 2010.

Vocational Centers for Skill Creation for the Children with Disabilities in the area of Information Technology: **ERNET** has set up 20 vocational centers in schools – 10 in State of Tamil Nadu and 10 in NCR Delhi Region. These are for Differently-able children to build high degrees of self-reliance, self-esteem and confidence and acquire life-long learning skills (learning to learn) in an environment that allows them to transfer this learning to real-life situations. The vocational training centers are to enhance computer skills of disabled children, personality development and provide job-oriented training for employment in IT and IT enabled service industry.

Specialized agencies have been hired for providing the basic training as well as job-oriented training in association with the industry. An arrangement has been made with IT/ITES and BPO companies to provide BPO and ITES related training to the children with disabilities to enable these children to get employment. These centers have been equipped with computer peripherals which are specially designed for student with disabilities like blind and deaf to provide job-oriented training to disabled children – blind, low vision and deaf and dumb. These equipments include Talking Software, Screen Magnification, Talking Typing Teacher and Braille Embosser, OCT and Scanner, CCTV Print Magnifier device with TV for blind, and Asserative Listening Device and Hearing Amplification device for deaf. The infrastructure at schools is connected to LAN and internet to explore the World Wide Web.

Prime Minister National Council Skill Development Programme

The coverage of the National Policy on skill development includes the following;

1. Institution-based skill development including it is/ITCs vocational school/technical schools/ Polytechnics / Professional collages etc.
2. Learning initiatives of sectoral skill development organized by different Ministries / Departments.
3. Formal and informal apprenticeships and other types of training by enterprises
4. Training for self-employment / entrepreneurial development
5. Adult learning, retraining of retired or retiring employees and lifelong learning
6. Non-formal training including training by civil society organizations

7. E-learning, Web based learning and distance learning

Contact Person

1. Principal, Industrial Training Institute
2. Superintendent, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped
3. Directorate of Employment and Training
4. Director, Directorate of Technical Education and Training.
5. Vocational Training Institute specifically meant for the disabled persons.
6. Industrial Promotion Officer, Block Development Agency of your area.
7. Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency of your district.
8. Manager (Cottage Industries), District Industries Centre of your district.
9. Head of Government Training Institute of your area.

Vocational Rehabilitation Centers (VRCs) In Maharashtra

1. VRC for Handicapped,
ATI Campus, V. N. Purav Marg,
Sion, Mumbai-400 022.
Ph: 022-24052707, **Fax:** 25221560
E-mail: vrcmumbai@hub.nic.in
2. National Job Development Centre
Sion Trombay Road, Chembur, Mumbai – 71
Telephone: 5585267/5519413
3. Power Loom course for Hearing Impaired
Rotary Deaf School P.O. Tilawani 416 115
Ichalkarnji, Maharashtra.
4. Screen Printing course for Hearing Impaired
Rotary Club of Barshi
Solapur, Dist. Maharashtra
5. Spinning & Weaving course for Hearing Impaired
Shriram Education Society
Khamgaon, Maharashtra.
6. Motor Winding, Powder Coating Painting & Sheet Metal Fabrication Motor Cycle & Moped Repairing course for Hearing Impaired

Sharp Systems Sutarwadi,
Pune, Maharashtra

7. Motor Cycle & Moped Repairing course for Hearing Impaired
Ankur Institute for rural Development
71, Panzara Soccity, At & Post Kusumba,
Tal. & Dist. Dhule

3. Government / Public Sector Job

Employment Exchanges

The Employment Service has been continued making efforts to cater to the special needs of job-seekers persons with disabilities. Thirty Eight Special Cells have been set up in the normal Employment Exchanges for promoting employment of handicapped persons by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. These are in addition to the Special Cells/Units opened for the handicapped applicants at the Employment Exchanges by various State Governments.

Special Employment Exchanges for Physically Handicapped

Although, Employment Exchanges under the National Employment Service are generally responsible for the placement of Physically Handicapped, Special Employment Exchanges were also set up for their selective placement. These Special Employment Exchanges attempt at securing for the disabled the most satisfying form of employment suitable to their residual physical and mental potentialities. 43 Special Employment Exchanges (as on December 2005) are functioning in the country.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Working Group on Employment Service and the Task Force on the reorganization of Special Employment Exchanges, it was decided to set up Special Cells in the Employment Exchanges for promoting employment of the handicapped.

Thirty eight special cells for the physically handicapped with a Special Placement Officer attached to the normal Employment Exchanges are funded by the Central Government have so far been set up by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. These are in addition to the Special Cells/Units opened for the handicapped applicants at the Employment Exchanges by various State Governments.

The Govt. of India has reserved 3% vacancies against identified posts in Group 'C' and Group 'D' for the disabled. The categories of PwDs benefited by this scheme are the blind, deaf and the locomotor on 1% reservation for each category in the Central Govt. services, Public Sector Banks and Govt. Undertakings.¹⁰

If in any year the vacancy reserved for the disabled categories are not filled, reservation are required to be carried over for a period upto three recruitment years.

The PwDs are entitled to relaxation in upper age limit upto 10 years for appointment to clerical and subordinate posts.

They are also exempted from payment of application and examination fee prescribed for recruitment of clerical and sub staff cadres in public sector banks and financial institutions.

The PwDs are not to be denied promotion on medical grounds if they are otherwise fit for promotion and can discharge the duties satisfactorily.

It has been decided vide Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Dept. of Personnel and Training) O.M.No.14017/41/90 Estt (RR) dt.10/5/90 that in the case of holders of Group "C" or Group "D" post who have been recruited on regional basis and who are disabled, may be given posting, as far as possible, subject to administrative constraints, near their native places within the region. Requests from PwD employee for transfer to or near their native places may also be given preferences.

The Government of Maharashtra has decided that one percent vacancy of each for the blind, the deaf and the locomotor PwDs in Class III and Class IV services of Government and comparable posts in the Public Sector Undertakings and local bodies to be filled in by Directorate of Recruitment in any office should be reserved for being filled in by these persons.¹¹

O/I – Social Welfare, Cultural Affairs, Sports and Tourism Department.

Educational Institution: 2% seats are reserved for PwDs for extension programme like short term courses in the following:

- Mental Retardation
- Awareness programme (pertaining to all disabilities and rehabilitation)
- Learning disability
- 1% seat is reserved for PwDs for admission in technical Institutions.

The upper age limit is relaxed up to 45 years for PwDs for applying in Government jobs.

¹⁰ <http://www.avinihh.nic.in/aw/awareness/schemes5.html>, 22nd Sep, 2014

¹¹ http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=154&Itemid=106, 23rd Sep, 2014

Unemployed graduates are sent to work with Government officers and given Rs.100/- for 15 days. They have to work for 4 hours per day. Government employees get 5% of the basic or Rs.100 p.m. max. as conveyance allowance for attending office.

Procedure

Special Employment Exchanges for the PwDs is set up in all State Capitals and Special cells for the disabled is set up in district head quarters through which circulation of vacancies for the disabled in Group "C" and "D" posts of state/central Govt. is made. PwD who register for employment with special employment Exchange/special cell will be intimated of the vacancy and sponsored for interview/selection etc. Where there are no special employment exchanges for the disabled, the special cells for the disabled are established in the Employment Exchanges. PwDs can avail the benefit through registering at these centers. Also there are Vocational Rehabilitation Centres established in 17 places throughout the country who also registers such cases for employment. Hence all the PwDs shall register their names with such centers for employment.

Contact Person

1. Superintendent, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre.
2. Employment Officer of Special Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped of your state.
3. Employment Officer In-charge, Placement cell of Handicapped, District Employment Exchange of your district.
4. Placement Officers of leading voluntary organizations working for employment of disabled persons.
5. Refer advertisements of Staff Selection Commission, Union Public Service Commission, - Banking Service Recruitment Board, Post and Telegraph department, State Public Service Commission and collectorate advertisements in which number of vacancies are being advertised as reserved for the disabled persons.
6. Director, Directorate of employment.

Incentives to Employers in the Private Sector for providing Regular Employment to Persons with Disabilities

Under the Scheme, the Government will make payment of the employer's contribution to the Employees Provident Fund and Employees State Insurance for the first three years, as an incentive, in return of employment of persons with disabilities with monthly wage up to Rs 25000/- per month.

Eligibility

1. Employees with disabilities covered under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999.
2. In the private sector all over India on enrolment of the employees in Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and the Employees State Insurance (ESI), under the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 respectively. In the State of Jammu

and Kashmir, the employees would be registered in EPF under the J&K Employee Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1961.

3. Appointed on or after 1.4.2008.
4. The employers would submit a copy of the disability certificate, issued to the disabled employee by the Competent Authority under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Rules, 1996, first time when such benefit under EPF and ESI is claimed.
5. The Government will directly provide employer's contribution for the schemes covered under the Employees Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948. This will be done in respect of employees for a maximum period of three years.

Special Employment Exchanges

1. The Special Employment Officer
Special Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped
Mercantile Chambers, 3rd floor, Graham Road,
Ballard Estate
Mumbai – 400 001
2. The Employment Officer
Special Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped
Nagpur
3. The Employment Officer
Special Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped
Pune, Maharashtra
4. The Employment Officer
Special Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped
Thane, Maharashtra

Special Cells

Nasik, Sholapur, Kolhapur

Websites for Job placement

<http://www.jobsfordeaf.nic.in>

4. Government Scheme – MGNREGA

A rural PwD applies for work, work suitable to his/her ability and qualifications will have to be given. This may also be in the form of services that are identified as integral to the programme. Provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 will be kept in view and implemented.

5. Government Scheme - Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)

The guidelines mentions inclusion of PwDs as follows, Categories of beneficiaries under PMEGP - General Category and Special including SC / ST / OBC / Minorities/Women, Ex-servicemen, Physically handicapped, NER, Hill and Border areas etc. The Institutions/Production Co-operative Societies/Trusts specifically registered as such and SC/ ST/ OBC/ Women/ Physically Handicapped/ Ex-Servicemen and Minority Institutions with necessary provisions in the bye-laws to that effect are eligible for Margin Money (subsidy) for the special categories.

Levels of funding under PMEGP

Categories of beneficiaries under PMEGP	Beneficiary's contribution (of project cost)	Rate of Subsidy (of project cost)	
Area (location of project/unit)		Urban	Rural
General Category	10%	15%	25%
Special (including SC / ST / OBC / Minorities/Women, Exservicemen, Physically handicapped, NER, Hill and Border areas etc.	05%	25%	35%

Eligibility

- Any individual, above 18 years of age
- There will be no income ceiling for assistance for setting up projects under PMEGP.
- For setting up of project costing above Rs.10 lakh in the manufacturing sector and above Rs. 5 lakh in the business /service sector, the beneficiaries should possess at least VIII standard pass educational qualification.
- Assistance under the Scheme is available only for new projects sanctioned specifically under the PMEGP.
- Self Help Groups (including those belonging to BPL provided that they have not availed benefits under any other Scheme) are also eligible for assistance under PMEGP.
- Institutions registered under Societies Registration Act,1860;
- Production Co-operative Societies, and
- Charitable Trusts.
- Existing Units (under PMRY, REGP or any other scheme of Government of India or State Government) and the units that have already availed Government Subsidy under any other scheme of Government of India or State Government are not eligible.

- A certified copy of the caste/community certificate or relevant document issued by the competent authority in the case of other special categories, is required to be produced by the beneficiary to the concerned branch of the Banks along with the Margin Money (subsidy) Claim.
- A certified copy of the bye-laws of the institutions is required to be appended to the Margin Money (subsidy) Claim, wherever necessary.
- Project cost will include Capital Expenditure and one cycle of Working Capital. Projects without Capital Expenditure are not eligible for financing under the Scheme. Projects costing more than Rs.5 lakh, which do not require working capital, need clearance from the Regional Office or Controller of the Bank's Branch and the claims are required to be submitted with such certified copy of approval from Regional Office or Controller, as the case may be.
- Cost of the land should not be included in the Project cost. Cost of the ready built as well as long lease or rental Workshed/ Workshop can be included in the project cost subject to restricting such cost of ready built as well as long lease or rental workshed/workshop to be included in the project cost calculated for a maximum period of 3 years only.
- PMEGP is applicable to all new viable micro enterprises, including Village Industries projects except activities indicated in the negative list of Village Industries. Existing/old units are not eligible.

Social Security

1. Bus Pass Concession

Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) is giving 75% concession in bus fares to blind, deaf and locomotor persons on production of Identity Card issued by the Social Welfare Officer which is signed and stamped by the Depot Manager of MSRTC Bus Depot. The 50% concession is given to the escort of the disabled persons who cannot travel alone and which should also be clearly mentioned in the Identity Card issued by the Social Welfare Officer.

Eligibility

PwD should possess an identity card issued by Social Welfare Officer

Procedure

PwD should show his/her identity card to the concern authority

2. Railway Concession

The person seeking the certificate needs to produce the original disability certificate from the institute along with old railway concession certificate if the case is for renewal. A person once refused RC will not be entertained for re-evaluation for the same disability. The certificate is issued as per the Indian railway's guidelines (available on Indian railways website). There is no charge for issuing of RC.

Railways allow disabled persons to travel at concession fares up to 75 % in the First and Second classes. Escorts accompanying blind, orthopedically and mental retardation persons are also eligible to 75% concession in the basic fare. Percentage of concession for persons with disabilities is between 50-75 %.

A railway concession certificate, available from Indian Railways offices or their website, needs to be filled out, signed and stamped by a Government Surgeon.

Railway concession certificates are issued at the District Civil Hospitals and other notified agencies on the basis of disability certificate, age proof and residence proof (alongwith passport size photographs showing disability clearly).¹²

Sr. No.	Category of Persons	Percentage Element of Concession
1.	Locomotor / Paraplegic persons alongwith an escort (cannot travel without escort) traveling for any purpose.	-- 75% in 2nd class, SL, 1st class, 3AC, AC chair car -- 50% in 1AC and 2 AC
2.	Blind persons traveling alone or with an escort for any purpose.	-- 25% in 3AC & AC Chair Car of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains

¹² <http://www.opangutkarsh.com/htm/disabledtravelconcession.htm>, 22nd Sep, 2014

3.	Mentally retarded persons traveling with an escort for any purpose.	-- 50% in MST & QST -- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
4.	Persons with Hearing & Speech impairment (both afflictions together in the same person) traveling alone or with an escort for any purpose.	-- 50% in 2nd class, SL, 1st class -- 50% in MST & QST -- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession

Eligibility

Individual must have disability certificate showing 40% and above

Procedure

1. The candidate should obtain the copy of prescribed concession certificate.
2. The concession certificate should be filled up by Govt. Doctor
3. Two zerox copies of the concession certificate be submitted to the station master at the time of purchasing tickets.
4. The original certificate be kept with the candidate. The same be produced on demand during purchasing of tickets and journey.

3. Concession for Air travel¹³

The Indian Airlines Corporation allows 50% concessional fare to Blind persons on single journey or single fare for round trip journey on all domestic flights. To avail this facility, the blind persons have to produce a photocopy of the Medical Certificate, issued by the competent authority, stating that he/she has permanently lost total vision in both eyes. The original should also be kept himself/herself for verification at the time of purchasing the concessional tickets. Medical Certificate must carry the registration number of the Registered Medical Practitioner of the State to which he/she belongs.

The 50% concession admissible to blind people cannot be combined with any other concessional fare allowed by Indian Airlines Corporation.

The Air Hostess or the Steward will look after the blind passengers not accompanied by escorts in flights, the Public Relation Officer or the Traffic Officer-in-Charge at the airport. Advance notice of the travel must be sent by the station of embarkation.

¹³ CCPD Annual Report 2006-2007 and http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=238&Itemid=125, 22nd Sep, 2014

Locomotor Disability: Locomotor Disabled persons (80% and above) are allowed the following concession in Indian Airlines:

- 50% of Normal Economy Class INR Fare or Point-to-Point Fare. Full Inland Air Travel Tax and Passenger Service Fee is applicable.
- 50% of INR Fare applicable to foreigners resident in India for travel on Domestic sectors. Full Inland Air Travel Tax and Passenger Service Fee is applicable.

Allowing “Guide Dog” accompanying Blind Passengers

Indian Airlines allows “Guide Dogs” accompanying Blind Passengers to travel with the Blind Passengers in the cabin on domestic flights and such Guide Dogs will be provided Free Transportation by Indian Airlines, subject to following conditions:

1. The Guide Dog will not be allowed to occupy a Passenger Seat.
2. A moisture absorbent mat to be placed under the Guide Dog.
3. Other passengers do not object to the presence of the Guide Dog in the Passenger Cabin.
4. The Guide Dog is properly muzzled and harnessed.

4. Driving Certification

AIIPMR issues this certificate. The person requiring the driving fitness certificate needs to fix an appointment with the occupational therapy department and complete the required formalities.

Procedure

1. Only persons with Locomotor Disability are assessed for this purpose with prior appointment.
2. Driving Assessments are conducted on every Tuesday.
3. Appointments are given and assessments are done in department of Occupational Therapy, Room No. 110 on the 1st Floor.
4. Documents required are:
 - i) 4 passport size photographs 1.5” x 2” in which the affected part is clearly visible (computerized photographs are not acceptable)
 - ii) Proof of residence (Ration Card, Election Card, Recent Electricity or Telephone Bill)
 - iii) Rs.50/- as procedure fees.
 - iv) Medical Reports if any, relating to the disability.
 - v) R.T.O referral letter for PWD, residing outside Mumbai city limits.
 - vi) Certificate is issued to persons residing in Maharashtra only.
5. After Clinical Assessment a driving test on road may be given if necessary with prior intimation to the patient. Patient should arrange for his own vehicle for the test.
6. If performance is not up to the mark, with scope for improvement, a learning certificate may be issued temporarily.

7. If found fit to drive,(with or without modifications) the certificate will be issued approximately one week after the assessment.

5. Personal Assistive Devices

PwDs whose income is upto Rs.1,500/- p.m. are entitled to 100% grant on aids and appliances, for those whose income is between Rs.1,501/- to Rs.2,000/- are entitled 50% assistance. The maximum limit of assistance for aids and appliances is Rs.3,000/-. PwDs are also eligible for Rs.150/- as conveyance allowance and Rs.10/- for lodging and boarding per day upto maximum of Rs.100/- for attending rehabilitation camps for aids and appliances.¹⁴

Wheelchairs, hearing aids, crutches, Braille devices and other aids and appliances can be accessed through NGOs, the Red Cross, National Medical Institutes, the SSA, or through a Government scheme called ADIP. ALIMCO is a manufacturer of prosthetics that works in partnership with the Government. Financial help in purchasing appliances is also available from the State Government depending on the level of family income. Customs/Duty exemptions exist for the import of certain aids and appliances to India both by individuals and institutions – a disability certificate is required at the time of importation by the Collector of Customs.

1. District SSA can direct you to local providers
2. ADIP Scheme implemented by State Social Justice & Empowerment department, GoM
3. NGOs: Indian Red Cross Society, Lions Club
4. IEDC Scheme (if in operation in your district)
5. National Association for the Blind (or District Blindness Control Society)
6. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped
7. All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
8. ALIMCO regional branch
9. The Spastics Society of India
10. National Job Development Center

¹⁴ http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=154&Itemid=106, 23rd Sep, 2014

Goods exempted from Customs and Excise Duty¹⁵

1.	Braille Writers and Braille Writing Instruments	Exempted from customs duty and excise duty
2.	Handwriting equipment, Braille frames, Slates, Writing Guides, Script Writing Guides, Styli, Braille Erasers	
3.	Cans, Electronic aids like the Sonic Guide	
4.	Optical, Environmental Sensors	
5.	Arithmetic aids like the Taylor Frame (arithmetic and algebra types), Cubarythm, Speaking or Braille calculator	
6.	Geometrical aids like combined Graph and Mathematical Demonstration Board, Braille Protractors, Scales, Compasses and Spar Wheels	
7.	Electronic measuring equipment, such as calipers, micrometers, comparators, gauges, gauge blocks levels, Rules, Rulers and Yardsticks	
8.	Drafting, Drawing aids, tactile displays	
9.	Specially adapted clocks and watches	
10.	Orthopaedic appliances falling under heading No. 90.21 of the First Schedule	
11.	Wheel chairs falling under heading No. 87.13 of the First Schedule	
12.	Artificial electronic larynx and spares thereof	
13.	Talking books (in the form of cassettes, discs or other sound reproductions) and large-print books, Braille embossers, talking calculators, talking thermometers	
14.	Equipment for the mechanical or the computerized production of braille and recorded material such as Braille computer terminals and displays, electronic Braille, transfer and pressing machine and stereo typing machines	Exempted from customs duty and excise duty
15.	Braille paper for the production of Braille books	
16.	All tangible appliances including articles, instruments, apparatus, specially designed for use by the blind	
17.	Aids for improving mobility of the blind such as electronic orientation and obstacles detection appliances and white canes	
18.	Technical aids for education, rehabilitation, vocational training and employment of the blind such as braille typewriters, Braille watches, teaching and learning aids, games and other instruments and vocational aids specifically adapted for use of the blind	
19.	Assistive listening devices, audiometers	
20.	External catheters, special jelly cushions to prevent bed sores, stair lift, urine collection bags	
21.	Instruments and implants for severely physically handicapped patients and joints replacement and spinal instruments and implants including bone cement.	
22.	Braille printer or braille embosser or braille display, specially designed for computer systems	Exempted from customs duty
23.	Audio cassettes, if recorded with material from books, newspaper or magazines, for the blind	Exempted from customs duty and additional customs duty
24.	All tangible appliances for the blind	
25.	Hearing aids and other audio-visual aids for the education of the deaf	
26.	Vocational aids for the blind and the deaf	
27.	Articles including instruments, apparatus, appliances, machinery and spares or	

¹⁵ CCPD Annual Report 2006-2007 and http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=236&Itemid=127, 24th Sep, 2014

	component parts or accessories thereof required for the purpose of giving training or imparting instructions to the blind and the deaf	
28.	Phonographs and cassettes players for playing talking books, magnetic tapes and cassettes for the production of talking books, electronic reading machines, television enlargers and optical aids	Exempted from customs duty and excise duty
29.	Crutches	
30.	Wheel chair and parts thereof	
31.	Walking frames	
32.	Tricycles	
33.	Braillers	
34.	Artificial limbs	
35.	Orthopaedic appliances including crutches, surgical belts and trusses, splints and other fracture appliances, artificial parts of the body, other appliances which are worn or carried or implanted in the body, to compensate for a defect or disability	Exempted from excise duty
36.	Braille watches and Braille one-day alarm clocks	Exempted from customs duty

List of Hearing Aids annexed available at AYJNIHH is enclosed as Annexure – II

6. Income Tax Concessions¹⁶

Under Section 80 DD of Income-Tax Act deduction of Rs. 50,000/- is available to a resident individual/Hindu Undivided Family where any expenditure has been incurred for the medical treatment of a dependant being person with disability. In case of severe disability, enhanced deduction of Rs. 75,000/- is available.

Under Section 80U of Income-Tax Act, deduction of Rs. 50,000/- is available to resident individual being a person with disability. In case of severe disability, enhanced deduction of Rs. 75,000/- is available.

7. Disability Pension

Ministry of Defence, GoI

A person who is released or retired from service on account of a disease or injury which is attributable to or aggravated by military service, is entitled to disability pension if the disability assessed by the Medical Board is 20% or more. On invalidment from service on account of causes attributable to or aggravated by military service, the extent of disability or functional incapacity is determined at 50% if the disability is less than 50%, 75% if it is between 50 and 75% and 100% if it is between 76 and 100%. This is an improvement introduced with effect from January 1, 1996 on the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission.

Disability pension consists of two elements viz., the service element and disability element. Service element is

¹⁶ http://punarbhava.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=236&Itemid=127, 25th Sep, 2014

related to the length of service rendered by the individual at the time of invalidment and the disability element is paid in the form of compensation for the disablement and depends on the degree of disablement. The rate of disability element of the disability pension for 100% disability is Rs.2600/- p.m. for Commissioned Officers, Rs.1900/- p.m. for Junior Commissioned Officers and Rs.1550/- p.m. for other ranks. For individuals who are retained in service despite disability and retire/are discharged on attaining the age of retirement or on completion of tenure, the same rates are applicable with effect from January 1, 1996.

War Injury Pension

Considering the supreme sacrifice made by the Armed Forces personnel during war or war like situation or action against extremists, anti-social elements etc, war injury pension is granted to the personnel who sustain injury or disability during such operations. Service element is equal to retiring/ service pension to which he/she would have been entitled to on the basis of his/her pay on the date of invalidment but counting service upto the date on which he/she would have retired in that rank in the normal course including weightage as admissible. War injury element is payable equal to reckonable emoluments last drawn for 100% disablement. However, in no case, the aggregate of service element and war injury element will exceed last pay drawn.

In case a person is found to have a disability which is sustained during war or war like situations and the disability is assessed at 20% or more for life but the individual is retained in service despite such disability and opts for lump sum compensation, he shall be paid the lump sum compensation in lieu of war injury element. The rate for calculation of lump sum compensation in lieu of war injury element for 100% disability for life will be Rs.5200/- p.m. for Commissioned Officers, Rs.3800/-p.m. for Junior Commissioned Officers and Rs.3100/-p.m. for Other Ranks.

8. Government Scheme – Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension

Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). Under IGNDPS, central assistance of Rs. 300 p.m. per beneficiary is provided to persons with severe or multiple disabilities in the age group of 18-79 years and belonging to a household living below poverty line (BPL) as per criteria prescribed by Government of India.

9. Government Scheme – Indira Gandhi National Handicap Pension Scheme

To provide monthly pension to disabled persons. Pension amount of Rs.200/- per month + Rs.400 /- per month from Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Anudan Yojana

Maharashtra government declared that the destitute, persons with disabilities and widows would receive their monthly pension/allowance through internet banking on the first of every month.¹⁷

Eligibility

1. PwDs of age group of 18 to 65 years.
2. Persons belonging to Below Poverty Line family.
3. Persons should be the resident of state for 15 years

Procedure

1. Certificate of Residence
2. Certificate of Age
3. Proof of Below Poverty Line family
4. Certificate of Disability as per Central Government norms.

Contact Person

Tahsildar (Sanjay Gandhi Yojana) of the respective taluka

10. Government Scheme – Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Anudan Yojana

To provide financial assistance to destitute persons, blind, disabled, orphan children, persons suffering from major illnesses, divorced women, abandoned women, women freed from prostitution, outraged women, Transgender, etc.

Each Beneficiary will get Rs.600/- per month and family with more than one beneficiary will get Rs.900/- per month. Benefit will be given to beneficiary till his/her children become 25 years old or he /she gets employed, whichever occurs first. If beneficiary has only daughters, the benefit will be continued even they become 25 years old or get married.

Eligibility

2. Destitute persons, blind, disabled, orphan children, persons suffering from major illnesses, divorced women, abandoned women, women freed from prostitution, outraged women, Transgender, etc.
3. Below age of 65 years
4. Annual family income upto Rs. 21,000/-

Procedure

1. Certificate of Residence
2. Certificate of Age

¹⁷ Allowance for widows, handicapped through direct transfer, PTI Jul 4, 2013, 07:56PM IST, 23rd Sep, 2014

3. Certificate of Income / Proof of Below Poverty Line family
4. Certificate of Incapacity/Disease – issued by the Civil Surgeon and Medical Superintendent of the Government Hospital

Contact Person

Tahsildar (Sanjay Gandhi Yojana) of the respective taluka

11. Government Scheme – Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)

The objective of the scheme is to provide dwelling units to the people below poverty line. The guidelines provide for allotting house in the name of female member of household or in the joint names of husband and wife. 3% of the funds are reserved for the benefit of persons with disabilities below the poverty line in rural areas.

The financial assistance provided for new construction in the form of full grant is Rs.70,000/- per unit for plain areas & Rs.75,000/- for hilly/difficult areas. Further, an IAY beneficiary can avail top-up loan upto Rs 20,000/- under the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI Scheme) from any Nationalized Bank at an interest rate of 4% per annum.

The assistance for up-gradation of unserviceable kutcha house to pucca/semi pucca house is Rs.15,000/- Upto 20% of the total funds can be utilized for upgradation of existing kutcha houses and toward subsidy for construction of houses under credit-cum-subsidy scheme.

Allotment of the IAY house shall be jointly in the name of husband and wife except in the case of a widow/unmarried /separated person. The State may also choose to allot it solely in the name of the woman. In the case of beneficiaries selected under the quota for persons with disabilities, the allotment should be only to such persons.

The construction should be carried out by the beneficiary himself/herself. No contractor should be involved in the construction of houses under IAY. The house should also not be constructed by any Government department/agency.

But construction may be entrusted to reputed agencies in the case of very old beneficiaries above sixty years of age and persons with disabilities who may not be able to stand the strain of supervisory construction and who request for such support in writing.

Also services of reputed NGOs, / Charitable Organizations, Youth clubs of standing, Nation Service Scheme (NSS) Units of Schools and Colleges may be utilized to provide necessary support services to the beneficiaries

especially for adopting suitable materials and building technologies, managing construction and in monitoring. States may accredit such agencies based on transparent criteria and fix reasonable service charges.

Eligibility

In order to achieve economies in construction and provide a bouquet of basic minimum needs to poor families and ease of extension and monitoring, IAY should be implemented following the habitation approach, as far as possible. All habitations of the following categories may be covered on priority to achieve saturation:-

1. PTGs
2. Beneficiary families of the Forest Rights Act

Other habitations may be identified by the State Government for coverage using locally relevant, transparent socio-economic criteria. However, to cover eligible beneficiaries of certain categories who may be living scattered within a Village Panchayat, the individual household approach can be used: While following this approach, first priority should be given to families of manual scavengers, including those rehabilitated and rehabilitated bonded labourers. Thereafter the priority to be adhered to is as follows:-

1. Women in difficult circumstances, including widows, those divorced or deserted, women victims of atrocities and those whose husbands are missing for at least three years, and, women headed families.
2. Mentally challenged persons (with at least 40% disability)
3. Physically challenged persons (with at least 40% disability)
4. Transgender persons
5. Widows and next-of-kin of members of defence/paramilitary/police forces killed in action (even if not BPL);

12. Government Scheme – Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan

Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) previously called Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is a Community-led total sanitation program initiated by Government of India in 1999. It is a demand-driven and people-centered sanitation program.

Construction of Individual Household Latrines component of NBA - A duly completed household sanitary latrine shall comprise of a Toilet Unit including a super structure. The programme is aimed to cover all the rural families. Incentive as provided under the scheme may be extended to all Below Poverty Line (BPL) Households and Above Poverty Line Households (APL) restricted to SCs/STs, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homestead, physically handicapped and women headed households. The construction of household toilets should be undertaken by the household itself and on completion and use of the toilet; the cash incentive can be given to the household in recognition of its achievement.

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

The Scheme will be implemented through the Implementing Agencies. The Agencies will be given financial assistance for purchase, fabrication and distribution of such standard aids and appliances that are in conformity with objectives of the Scheme. The Implementing Agencies will take care of/ make suitable arrangements for fitting and post-fitting care of the aids and appliances distributed under the Scheme. The Implementing Agencies will give wide publicity of the distribution of such aid and appliances to PwDs. Further, before the camp they will inform the District Collector, BDO, a local public representative, State Government and the Department of Disability Affairs at least one week in advance about the date and the location of the camp. After the camps, they shall provide a list of beneficiaries and the details of aids and assistive devices with the cost incurred to the State Government and the Department of Disability Affairs. The list of beneficiaries shall be prominently displayed in the website of the Implementing Agency.

The Scheme shall also include essential medical/surgical correction and intervention, prior to fitment of aids and appliances, as per the following norms:

- (i) From Rs.500/- to Rs.1,000/- for hearing and speech impaired.
- (ii) From Rs.1000/- to Rs.2,000/- for visually disabled.
- (iii) From Rs.3000/- to Rs.5,000/- for orthopedically disabled

Assistance

1. For aids and appliances costing upto Rs. 10,000/-.

Aids/appliances which do not cost more than Rs. 10,000/- are covered under the Scheme for single disability. However, in the case of SwDs, students beyond IX class, the limit would be raised to Rs.12,000/- In the case of multiple disabilities, the limit will apply to individual items separately in case more than one aid/appliance is required.

2. For providing modern assistive devices for all categories of PwDs both physical and mental and multiple disability impaired groups, e.g. Daisy Book players and other Talking Devices, Net Book Laptop and Digital Magnifiers for visual impairment and Behind the Ear (hearing aid) for hearing impairment, the items will be decided by an Expert Committee constituted in the Department of Disability Affairs with the approval of Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.

The extent of financial support would be limited to Rs. 10,000 for each disability and Rs. 12,000 for students with disabilities in respect of devices costing upto Rs. 20,000. Further, all expensive items costing above Rs. 20,000, except cochlear implant, eligible for assistance under the scheme, subject to income ceiling, would be listed out. Government of India shall bear 50% of cost of these items thus

listed by the Committee and the remainder shall be contributed by either the State Govt. or the NGO or any other agency or by the beneficiary concerned subject to prior approval of Ministry on case to case basis; limited to 20% of the Budget under the Scheme.

3. Cochlear implant

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will recognize an Institute of national stature from each zone to recommend children eligible under the Scheme for cochlear implant, with a ceiling of Rs.6.00 lakh per unit to be borne by the Government. Ministry will also identify and recognize the Institutes in the zones wherein the surgery will be undertaken. Ministry will identify suitable agencies for providing cochlear implant (500 children per year) under the Scheme. Income ceiling for the beneficiaries will be same as for other aids/appliances.

Note: - Beneficiaries will be linked with Aadhar number or Ration Card or Voter Idcard from 2014-15 and with Aadhar number from 2015-16.

The amount of assistance will be as follows:-

Total Income and Amount of Assistance

(i) Upto Rs. 15,000/- per month - Full cost of aid/appliance

(ii) Rs.15,001/- to Rs. 20,000/- per month - 50% of the cost of aid/appliance

Travelling cost would be admissible separately to the PwD and one escort limited to bus fare or railway, subject to a limit of Rs. 250/- each person, irrespective of number of visits to the centre. The beneficiary should attend the Rehabilitation Centre nearest to his/her place of residence except in the North- Eastern Region where he may be allowed travel cost for travelling outside the Region till such facilities become available within the North Eastern Region.

Further, boarding and lodging expenses at the rate of Rs. 100/- per day for maximum duration of 15 days would be admissible, only for those patients whose total income is upto Rs.15, 000/- per month and the same will be allowed to attendant/escort. Boarding and lodging expenses will be admissible for the following:-

i) Locomotors:

a) Corrective/reconstructive surgery

b) Cases requiring stay for fitment of artificial limb/caliper

ii) **Hearing:** Cases requiring stay for ear mould fabrication/fitment

iii) **Visual:** Cataract surgery

Implementing agencies will, as far as possible, avail the facilities of boarding and lodging available in the Dharamshalas attached to Hospitals.

Types of Aids /Appliances

The following aids and appliances may be allowed for each type of disability. However, any other item as notified from time to time by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the purpose will also be allowed.

1. LOCOMOTOR DISABLED

- a) All prosthetic and orthotic devices, mobility aids, surgical foot wears, MCR chappals, all types of devices for ADL (activity of daily living) as recommended by expert committee from time to time.
- b) Motorized tricycles and wheelchairs for severely disabled and for Quadriplegic (SCI), Muscular Dystrophy, Stroke, Cerebral Palsy, Hemiplegia and any other person with similar conditions, where either three/four limbs or one half of the body are severely impaired. Extent of subsidy would be Rs.25,000/-. This will be provided to the persons of age of 18 years and above, once in ten years.

2. VISUALLY DISABLED INCLUDING DEAF BLIND AND WITH OTHER DISABILITIES.

- i. Accessible Mobile Phone to visually impaired students of the age 18 years and above only, once in five years and to provide Laptop, Braille Note Taker and Brailier to school going disabled students (10th and above), once in 10 years.
- ii. Learning equipments.
- iii. Braille writing equipments.
- iv. Communication equipments, Braille attachments for telephone for deaf blind persons.
- v. Low vision aids.
- vi. Special mobility aids for visually disabled people with muscular dystrophy or cerebral palsy like adapted walkers as recommended by expert committee from time to time.

3. HEARING DISABLED

- i. Various types of hearing aids, including BTE etc.
- ii. Educational kits.
- iii. Assistive and Alarm devices.

4. MENTALLY DISABLED

Any suitable device /kit/learning material as advised by expert committee from time to time

5. MULTIPLE DISABILITY, INCLUDING LEPROSY CURED WHEREVER REQUIRED

Any suitable device as advised by expert committee from time to time.

Eligibility

A person with disabilities fulfilling following conditions would be eligible for assistance under ADIP Scheme.

- i. An Indian citizen of any age.
- ii. Holds a 40% Disablement Certificate.
- iii. Has monthly income from all sources not exceeding Rs. 20,000/- per month.
- iv. In case of dependents, the income of parents/guardians should not exceed Rs. 20,000/- per month.

- v. Who have not received assistance during the last 3 years for the same purpose from any source. However, for children below 12 years of age, this limit would be one year.

Note:- Income certificate of beneficiaries staying in orphanages and half-way homes etc. may be accepted on certification of District Collector or Head of the organization concerned. Such beneficiaries will be provided aids and appliances under this Scheme by ALIMCO.

Procedure

The organizations will submit their application in the prescribed format to the Department of Disability Affairs through concerned State Government/UT Administration in respect of new case and through State Government/UT/National Institute under Department of Disability Affairs for ongoing cases.

The application should be accompanied with following documents/information (duly attested).

- a. A copy of Registration Certificate u/s 51/52 of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation Act (PwD Act), 1995.
- b. A copy of Registration Certificate under Societies Registration Act, 1860 and their branches, if any, separately or Charitable Trust Act.
- c. Names and details of the Members of Management Committee of the Organization
- d. A copy of Rules, Aims and Objectives of the Organization.
- e. A copy of Certified Audited Accounts and Annual Report for the previous year (showing that the organization is financially sound).
- f. The Implementing Agencies already receiving grant-in-aid under the Scheme should also furnish the list of beneficiaries assisted from the grant-in-aid released to them in the previous year, as per proforma given in Annexure-IV in CD in Excel programme and summary of beneficiaries covered in hard copy not exceeding two pages.
- g. Utilization Certificate as per the proforma may be given.
- h. The Implementing Agencies shall provide one year free maintenance of the aids and assistive devices supplied by them.
- i. The organization will provide reservation to SC/ST/OBC and disabled persons in accordance with instructions issued by Govt. of India from time to time if its employees are more than 20 persons on a regular basis.
- j. Implementing agency should also maintain a website and upload details of grants received, utilized and list of beneficiaries alongwith photo and Ration Card Number/voter ID Number/ Adhar Card Number, as the case may be.

Role of MSRLM team & Support Organizations

MSRLM team with the support of DPGs and local NGOs would facilitate the travel of identified PwDs from their residence to the concern venue for certification. For all other entitlements provide necessary information to the individual and facilitate their access these with the respective departments as it may be relevant.

Annexure

Annexure I: Application Proforma for Disability Certificate

A. Proforma Details

Government of Maharashtra	
Software for Assessment of Disability, Maharashtra (SADM)	
Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Public Health Department, Directorate of Medical Education and Research	
Fields with * marks are mandatory fields	
Disability and Functional need Assessment Proforma for * Visual Impairment : <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Impairment: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Impairment: <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Retardation: <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness: <input type="checkbox"/>	Part-A (Enter Personal Details)
(Note : Person Identification Number and Form Number will be generated after submitting the form) Date of Assessment: <input type="text" value="21/11/12"/> Name of the Hospital: * <input type="text" value="District Hospital, Thane"/>	

Select the Type of Impairment for which the applicant needs assessment.

B. Individual Details

1. Individual Details	
Aadhar Number:	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Fetch Details"/>
Surname: *	<input type="text"/>
Name: *	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: *	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): *	<input type="text"/>
Age: (in Years):	<input type="text"/>
Gender: *	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Transgender
Education: *	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>
Employment:	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>
Marital Status: *	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>
Caste:	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>
Religion:	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>
Ration Card Number:	<input type="text"/>
Ration Card Type:	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>
Identification Marks: *	<input type="text"/>
Consanguineous Marriage of Parents: *	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Period since when disabled:	<input type="radio"/> From Birth <input type="radio"/> From Date
Did you ever apply for issue of a disability	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

C. Family Details

2. Family Details:

Father/Mother/Husband/Guardian's Name: *

Relation With: *

SELECT

D. Address Details
3. Address

House Address1: *

House Address2:

District: *

SELECT

Phone/Mobile Number: *

Taluka: *

SELECT

Pincode: *

Village/Town: *

SELECT

Email Address:

4. Proof of Address *

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ration card
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voter Identity Card
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Driving License
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Passbook
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	PAN Card
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone, Electricity, Water and any other utility bill indicating the address of the applicant
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	A certificate of residence issued by a Panchayat, municipality, cantonment board
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	In case of an inmate of a residential institution for persons with disabilities, destitute, mentally ill, etc., a certificate of residence from the head of such institution

Next


Reset

Cancel

[Home](#) | [Contact](#)

Copyright © 2012 Maharashtra Government

E. Take Photo




Government of Maharashtra

Software for Assessment of Disability, Maharashtra (SADM)

Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Public Health Department, Directorate of Medical Education and Research

Applied for: Visual Impairment

Name of the Hospital:



Take Photo

Reset Photo

(Note : Person Identification Number and Form Number will be generated after submitting the form)

Date of Assessment:	21/11/12
Aadhar Number:	N/A
Surname:	Mr
Name:	Rahil
Middle Name:	Khan
Date of Birth(dd/mm/yyyy):	31/10/1982
Age:(in Years):	30
Gender:	M
Education:	Below Primary
Employment:	Government
Marital Status:	Never Married

Caste:	ST
Religion:	Buddhism
Ration Card Number:	23232
Ration Card Type:	Yellow
Proof of Residence:	Ration card
Identification Marks:	Mole on Neck
Consanguineous Marriage of Parents:	Yes
Period since when disabled:	
Did you ever apply for issue of a disability certificate in the past?	

Mother's Name	Noori Khan
House Address1: 224, bsk 2nd stage	House Address2: kormangala
District: Latur	Phone/Mobile Number: 997876456899
Taluka: Latur	Pincode: 789790
Village/Town: Wanjarkheda	Email Address: niyh@hmv.com

Confirm

Cancel

Home | Forms | Site Map

Copyright © 2012 Maharashtra Government

Completed Registration Form Screen: Token Generation

Applied for: Visual Impairment		
Name of the Hospital: J.J.Hospital,Byculla Mumbai		
Form Number:	26	
Person Identification Number:	VI49900000026	
Date of Assessment:	22/11/2012	
Home Forms Site Map		
Copyright © 2012 Maharashtra Government		

Annexure II: List of Hearing Aids available at AYJNIHH

1. Pocket Model - Worn in a pocket or harness at chest level. It consists of the body of the hearing aid containing the microphone, amplifier and controls. A cord transmits the electrical output to a receiver, which converts this signal into sound. The receiver is attached to a mould, which holds it in place.
2. Behind the Ear (BTE) - The body of the instrument is worn behind the ear. It 'hooks' over the pinna. It is attached via plastic tubing to an earmould, which holds it in place in the ear.
3. In the Ear (ITE): The complete hearing aid is in the ear or ear canal. The hearing aid is housed in a hard plastic shell which is often custom made by taking an ear impression.
4. Spectacle Type: The hearing aid components are incorporated within a spectacle frame. It is useful for persons who require glasses along with hearing aids.
5. Bone Conduction (BC) hearing aid: This is used when the ear canal is blocked or in cases where conventional amplification as described above cannot be given. A BC vibrator is placed on the mastoid bone behind the ear. It converts the amplified electrical signal into vibrations. BC vibrator can be used with body level, BTE or spectacle hearing aids. Hearing aids should always be used with custom-made ear moulds. Ear moulds are devices, which couple the hearing aids to the ear. Ear moulds can be of hard or soft material.
6. ITE (Non programmable)
7. In the Canal (ITC)(Non programmable)
8. Completely – In the canal (ITC)(Non programmable)
9. Batteries
 - i. Pen torch cell (for body level aids)
 - ii. Button Cell
 - iii. 675 High power (mercury)
 - iv. 675 High power (Zn O2-Varta)
 - v. 312
 - vi. 13

10. Assistive Listening Devices

- i Sound Enhancement Technology
- ii Television Enhancement Technology
- iii Telecommunication Technology
- iv Signal/Alerting Technology

11. Solar Battery Charger