



# Compendium of Schemes for the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities

**COMPENDIUM OF SCHEMES**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities was carved out of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 12.05.2012 as Department of Disability Affairs to ensure greater focus on policy matters to effectively address disability issues and to act as a nodal Department for greater coordination among stakeholders, organizations, State Governments and related central ministries. According to the Notification dated 09.12.2014 the Department has been renamed as Department for the Empowerment of persons with Disabilities.

### The Vision and Mission of the Department:

**Vision:** An inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of persons with disabilities to lead productive, safe and dignified lives. .

**Mission:** To empower its target group namely Persons with Disabilities through legislation/policies/programme/schemes for their empowerment and development.

### Empowerment of PwDs:

- Physical rehabilitation: Services like early detection and intervention, counseling and medical rehabilitation. Research and Development for technological advancement for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Increasing accessibility through supply of aids and assistive devices.
- Educational Empowerment.
- Economic empowerment through skill development and financial assistance.
- Social Empowerment
- Development of rehabilitation professionals/personnel.
- Advocacy and awareness generation.

### Disability Defined:

“Person with Disability” means a person suffering from not less than 40% of any disability as certified by a medical authority. The disability being (a) blindness (b) low vision (c) leprosy cured (d) hearing impairment (e) locomotor disability (f) mental retardation (g) mental illness (h) autism, or (i) a combination of any two or more of them. [Section 2, Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation Act, 1995, read with Section 2, of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999]

## OVERVIEW

According to Census 2011, there are 2.68 crore Persons with Disabilities in India (who constitute 2.21 percent of the total population). Out of the total population of Persons with Disabilities, about 1.50 crore are male and 1.18 crore female out of these 0.82 crore live in urban areas and 1.86 Crore live in Rural areas. These include persons with visual, hearing, speech and loco-motor disabilities; mental illness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities and other disabilities.

The National Policy for Person with Disability recognizes that Persons with Disabilities are a valuable human resource for the country and seeks to create an environment that provides them equal opportunities, protection of their rights and full participation in society. The National Policy recognizes the fact that a majority of persons with disabilities can lead a better quality of life if they have equal opportunities and effective access to rehabilitation measures.

## STATUTORY BODIES, INSTITUTES AND ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT

### I Statutory Bodies

#### (i) Rehabilitation Council of India

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), constituted under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992, regulates and monitors the training of professionals and personnel; promotes research in rehabilitation and special education, and maintains the Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR).

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#### (ii) Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 empowers the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) with certain powers of a civil court to look into complaints relating to denial of rights of persons with disabilities and non-implementation of laws, rules etc., made for the welfare and protection of rights of persons with disabilities.

#### (iii) National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities

National Trust was set up in 2000 under the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999. It works through a network of Voluntary Organizations, Associations of Persons with Disabilities and Associations of their Parents. It provides for setting up 3 member Local Level Committees across the country, primarily to appoint Legal Guardians for persons with disabilities, where required. National Trust runs a bouquet of schemes and programmes ranging from Early Intervention for children upto 6 years to Residential Centres for adults with severe disabilities.

### II. National Institutes

#### National Institutes and Regional Centres along with their location

To meet the requirements of specific disabilities, Govt. of India has established 7 National Institutes (NIs) in specific disabilities under the Department. These are engaged in Human Resource Development, providing Rehabilitation Services to the persons with disabilities and Research & Development.

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efforts. Their brief details are as follows:

S. N.	National Institute	Year of establishment	Regional Centre (RCs)/ Regional Chapters, if any	Composite Regional Centre, if any under the National Institute
1	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Dehradun	1979	One RC (Chennai), Two Regional Chapters (Kolkata & Secunderabad)	One [Sundernagar (HP)]
2	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, (AYJNIHH), Mumbai	1983	Four RCs (Kolkata, Secunderabad, Delhi & Bhubaneswar)	Two (Bhopal & Ahmedabad)
3	National Institute for Orthopaedically Handicapped (NIOH), Kolkata	1978	Two RCs (Dehradun & Aizwal)	One (Patna)
4	Swami Vivekanand National Institute for the Rehabilitation Training & Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack	1975	None	One (Guwahati)
5	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for the Physically Handicapped, (PDUIPH), New Delhi	1960	One RC (Secunderabad & Srinagar)	Two (Lucknow & Secunderabad)
6	National Institute Handicapped (NIMH), Secunderabad	1984	Three RCs (Delhi, Kolkata) and a Model Special Education Centre at New Delhi	None
7	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai	2005	None	One (Kozhikode)

### III Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)

#### (a) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC)

The National Handicapped Finance Corporation (NHFDC) was set up on 24th January, 1997 with a view to promote economic development activities and self-employment ventures for the benefit of persons with disabilities. It extend loans to the persons with disabilities for their self-employment ventures and for pursuing professional/technical education; it also assists self-employed individuals with disabilities in marketing their finished goods.

**(b) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)**

ALIMCO is a 5.25 (not for profit) mini ratna company under the Department. The Corporation has been manufacturing various types of most cost effective ISI marked assistive devices, on mass scale. Besides, ALIMCO has been distributing these assistive devices for empowering and restoring the dignity of the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to cater for orthopedic impairment, hearing impairment, visual impairment and delayed intellectual development across the length and breadth of the country.

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## SCHEMES OF THE DEPARTMENT

### I Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

#### Objectives

The objectives of the scheme are:

- ◆ To create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- ◆ To encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

#### ACTIVITIES/COMPONENTS ADMISSIBLE FOR GRANT :-

The following model projects are supported under the scheme:-

- (a) Project for Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training -
- (b) Special Schools -
- (c) Project for Cerebral Palsied Children
- (d) Vocational Training Centres
- (e) Sheltered Workshops
- (f) Project for Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Persons
- (g) Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally Ill Persons
- (h) Project relating to Survey, Identification, Awareness and Sensitization
- (i) Home Based Rehabilitation Programme/Home Management Programme
- (j) Project for Community Based Rehabilitation
- (k) Project for Low Vision Centres
- (l) Projects for Human Resource Development
- (m) Seminars/Workshops/Rural Camps
- (n) Environment Friendly and Eco-Promotive Projects for the Handicapped
- (o) Grant for Computer
- (p) Construction of Building
- (q) Project for Legal Literacy, including Legal Counseling, Legal aid and Analysis and Evaluation of Existing Laws



**(r) District Disability Rehabilitation Centres -****QUANTUM OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME :-**

The quantum of support/ grant-in-aid, determined on the basis of the scope and merits of the project proposal, could be upto 90% of the budgeted amount for a project, based on prescribed cost norms. To encourage gradual self-reliance of NGOs, tapering of grant is applied in projects already funded for 7 years in urban areas by 5% every alternate year, so as to reduce the level of funding to 75%.

**How to apply :-**

The following organizations/institutions shall be eligible to apply for assistance under this scheme:

- i. Organisations registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), or any relevant Act of the State/Union Territory; or,
- ii. A public trust registered under the law for the time being in force; or,
- iii. A charitable company licensed under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1958,

Further, the registration should have been in force for at least 2 years at the time of applying for grant under this scheme.

**Eligibility:**

An organization/institution specified in para (i) to (iii) above should have the following characteristics:

- i. It should have a properly constituted managing body with its powers, duties and responsibilities clearly defined and laid down in writing.
  - ii. It should have resources, facilities and experience for undertaking the programme.
  - iii. It should not be run for profit to any individual or a body of individuals.
  - iv. It should not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sex, religion, caste or creed.
  - v. It should ordinarily have existed for a period of two years.
  - vi. Its financial position should be sound.
- The Organisation will first submit its proposal to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) of the concerned State Government (SG).
  - The DSWO will after completion of the requisite formalities, forward the proposal alongwith the Inspection Report (IR) etc. to the concerned SG.
  - The concerned SG will forward the proposal of the Organisation to the Government of India (GoI) on being approved by their respective State Level Multi-Disciplinary Grant-in-Aid Committee.
  - This Department has developed a centralized on-line application software with the assistance of National Informatics Centre (NIC) on the website of the Ministry [www.ngograntsje.gov.in](http://www.ngograntsje.gov.in) All applications by NGOs seeking Grant-in-Aid (GIA) under DDRS are being invited through on-line

process in the website of the Ministry.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR SANCTION AND RELEASE OF FUNDS.**

- The Department periodically holds meeting of the Screening Committee (SC) constituted for considering proposals of the Organisation forwarded by the SG.
- The proposals recommended by the SC which fulfils norms of the Scheme and on having all the mandatory requisite documents etc., are processed for approval and concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division (IFD) for release of Grant-in-Aid (GIA).
- Administrative Approval of the competent authority is obtained/taken for release of GIA for the amount concurred by the Integrated Finance Division (IFD).
- After Administrative approval of the competent authority, sanction is issued and the bill of the same is sent to Pay & Accounts Office of the Department for release of the sanctioned amount in the Bank Account of the Organisation.
- Next GIA is considered only after receipt of Utilisation Certificate of previous GIA sanctioned/released to the Organisation.

## II. Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP)

### Objective and brief of the Scheme

The main objective of the Scheme is to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances to promote physical, social, psychological rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities by reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhance their economic potential. Assistive devices are given to PwDs with an aim to improve their independent functioning, and to arrest the extent of disability and occurrence of secondary disability. The aids and appliances supplied under the Scheme must have due certification.

The Scheme is implemented through the various Implementing Agencies. The following agencies are eligible to implement the Scheme on behalf of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, subject to fulfillment of following terms and conditions:

- i) Societies and their branches, if any, registered separately under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- ii) Registered Charitable Trusts.
- iii) Indian Red Cross Societies and other Autonomous Bodies headed by District Collector/Chief Executive Officer/District Development Officer.
- iv) National/Apex Institutes, CRCs, RCs, DDRCs, National Trust, ALIMCO functioning under administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment/Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- v) National/State Handicapped Development Corporation and Section 25 Companies in the Private Sector.
- vi) Local Bodies – Zilla Parishad, Municipalities, District Autonomous Development Councils and Panchayats etc.
- vii) Hospitals registered as separate entity, as recommended by State/UT/Central Govt.
- viii) Nehru Yuva Kendras.
- ix) Any other organization as considered fit by Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of SJ&E.

### Activities/Components admissible for grant

The Implementing Agencies are given financial assistance for purchase, fabrication and distribution of such standard aids and appliances that are in conformity with objectives of the Scheme. The Scheme shall also include essential medical/surgical correction and intervention, prior to fitment of aids and appliances.

## **Disability-wise list of contemporary aids and assistive devices for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) for financial assistance under the Scheme :**

### **(i) Visually Impaired:**

(i) List of 51 assistive devices showing indicative price, specifications and source of procurement meant for Visually Impaired and (ii) Category-wise Kits for Visually Impaired, showing indicative prices and source of procurement viz. Kit-1: For Primary School Children studying in Class 1 to 5, Kit-2: For Upper Primary School Children studying in Class 6 to 8, Kit-3: For Senior Secondary School students studying in Class 9 and 10, Kit-4: For students studying in Class 11 and 12 which has 2 sub-parts viz. Kit-4 (A) for Blind students and Kit-4 (B) for low vision students, Kit 5: For College Students which has 2 sub-parts i.e. Kit-5 (A) for Blind Students and Kit-5 (B) for low vision students and Kit-6: ADL Kit for Adults. It also contains list of Common Low Vision Devices and list of High-end & Other Common Devices meant for visually impaired.

### **(ii) Leprosy Affected:**

List of devices for Leprosy affected viz. (i) a common Assistive Daily Living (ADL) Kit to be procured and distributed by ALIMCO and (ii) List of 34 individual optional devices as per requirement for distribution by NIRTAR, IPH, NIOH and NGO partners.

### **(iii) Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:**

Kits for financial assistance for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities viz. (a) 4 Kits for Mentally Retarded including viz. (i) Kit-1 (A): Age group 0-3 years: Early intervention group (Code: EI) and Kit-1 (B): TLM Kit for Multiple Disabled in the Age group 0-3 years, (ii) Kit-2: Age group 3 - 6 years: Pre Primary group (Code: PP), (iii) Kit-3: Age group 7-11 years: Primary group (Code: PR) and (iv) Kit-4: Age group 12 -15 & 16 -18 years: Secondary & Pre -Vocational (Code: SEC/PV). To begin with these Kits to be provided in Special Schools across the Country, (b) 3 TLM Kits for children with Multiple Disabilities viz. (i) Kit-1: Age group 3-6 years, (ii) Kit-2: Age group 6-10 years and (iii) Kit-3: Age group 10 years and above and (c) ALIMCO Model Sensory Kit: Multi Sensory Inclusive Education Development (MSIED) Kit for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

### **(iv) Hearing Impaired:**

(a) Guidelines for fitment and procurement of hearing aids/devices and (b) Guidelines for Cochlear Implantation and procurement of Cochlear Implant. Subsequently, Corrigendum No.4-2 (8)/2014/DD-I issued on 13th January, 2015 indicating modifications to OM dated 20.10.2014 in the matter of income criteria, cut-off date of age for Cochlear Implant during 2014-15 and composition of Screening Committee

NOTE: The above mentioned lists are also available in the website of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: [www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in)

### **(v) 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.

#### **(vi) Motorized tricycles and wheelchairs**

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.

#### **Quantum of Assistance available under the Scheme**

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.

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Amount of Assistance</b>
(i) Upto Rs. 15,000/- per month	(i) Full cost of aid/appliance
(ii) Rs.15,001/- to Rs. 20,000/- per month	(ii) 50% of the cost of aid/appliance

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.

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.

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.

#### **How to Apply**

The organizations will submit their application in the prescribed format to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through concerned State Government/UT Administration in respect of new case and through State Government/UT/National Institute under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 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 in the format prescribed under GFR.

### Procedure for sanction of grant/assistance

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities



Implementing Agencies



Beneficiary

Aids and Assistive Devices are distributed by the implementing agencies to eligible beneficiaries through camp activities/Headquarter activities/Special Camps/ADIP-SSA

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

#### Objectives and brief of the Scheme

The Ministry has been implementing the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIPDA) for providing financial assistance for undertaking various activities outlined in the PwD Act. Financial assistance is being given under this scheme for setting up District Disability Rehabilitation Centers (DDRCs), and Composite Rehabilitation Centers (CRCs). Financial assistance is also being provided under the Scheme to State Govt. and institutions/organizations run by the Central and State Governments for various activities for implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act.

Funds are released to the implementing organizations/institutions directly. Financial assistance will be provided by way of Grant-in-Aid to the following agencies:

- i) States Governments/Union Territories.
- ii) Autonomous Organizations set up by Central/State Governments including Central/State Universities.
- iii) National Institutes/ CRCs/DDRCs/RCs/Outreach Centres under MSJ&E.
- iv) Statutory Organizations of Central/State Govts/UTs.
- v) Organizations/Institutions set up by Central and State Governments.
- vi) Central/State recognized Sports bodies & Federations.
- (ii) Activities/components admissible for grant

The following type of activities are covered under the Scheme:-

- i) To provide barrier free environment for the persons with disabilities which include access to built environment in schools, colleges, academic and training institutions, offices and public buildings, recreational areas, health centres/hospitals etc. This would include provision for ramps, rails, lifts, adaptation of toilets for wheelchair users, brail signages and auditory signals, tactile flooring, causing curb cuts and slopes to be made in pavement for the easy access of wheelchair users, engraving on the surface of zebra crossing for the blind or for persons with low vision, engraving on the edges of railway platforms for the blind or for low vision and devising appropriate symbols of disability.
- ii) To make Government websites at the Centre/State and District levels accessible to PwDs as per guidelines issued by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances ( D/o AR&PG), Government of India,“ <http://darpn.nic.in>”.
- iii) To promote accessibility of libraries, both physical and digital and other knowledge centres.
- iv) Identification and Survey/issuance of Universal ID of PwDs and to assist State Government to organize camps for issuance of disability certificates.
- v) To support Composite Rehabilitation Centres (CRCs)/ Regional Centres/Out reach Centres and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) and also to set up new CRCs and DDRCs as and when required.

- vi) To set up/support resource centres facilitating dissemination of information, awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes on disability issues, counseling and providing support services.
- vii) Supporting activities relating to pre-school training for children with disabilities, counseling for the parents, training for care givers, teachers training programme and activities relating to early detection camps for children of age 0-5 years and early intervention.
- viii) To establish early diagnostic and intervention centres at District Headquarters/other places having Government Medical Colleges, with a view to help visually impaired, physically impaired, hearing impaired, mentally impaired infants and young children to acquire necessary skills to get prepared for regular schooling.
- ix) To promote research and development activities in the field of disability rehabilitation including to undertake surveys, investigation and research concerning cause of occurrence of disabilities.
- x) Skill Development and vocational training Programme and other programmes for PwDs for ensuring employment of PwDs, including establishing centres for creating economic models appropriate for PwDs.
- xi) Grant to the State Governments/UTs for the Offices of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for strengthening infrastructure facilities.
- xii) Construction of special recreation centres for PwDs where the appropriate Governments/local authorities have their own land.
- xiii) Support for sporting events for Persons with Disabilities at National/State level to ensure optimal physical rehabilitation of PwDs.
- xiv) Financial assistance for any other activity specified in the PwD Act for which financial assistance is not being provided/covered by the existing Schemes of the Department.

### Quantum of assistance available under the Scheme

- (i) For proposals of the State Governments with regard to construction of ramps/lifts, etc. the cost estimates for creation of barrier-free environment in the Government buildings are considered on the basis of preliminary cost estimate verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of CPWD/PWD and on the basis of instructions issued by the Ministry and subject to availability of funds.
- (ii) For proposals of State Govts/UTs and Central University, Institutions etc for making accessible website for PwDs, the maximum ceiling is Rs.20.00 lakh per website.
- (iii) The cost ceiling for setting up Early Diagnostic and intervention Centres for hearing impaired infants and young children, the ceiling for release of non-recurring grant per District is Rs.18.00 lakh as per following details:
  - i. Equipments - Rs.12.00 lakh
  - ii. Sound treated room for hearing impaired - Rs. 4.00 lakh



- iii. Furniture and other misc. items - Rs. 2.00 lakh
- (iv) For Skill Development Training Programmes, apart from the cost for imparting skill development training to PwDs, there is a limit of Stipend @ Rs. 1,000/- per beneficiary.
- (v) The maximum ceiling for strengthening the office of the State Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities is Rs. 15.00 lakh.

### How to apply

The Central Government /State Government/UTs Administration/National Institute/Any other Agency authorized by this Ministry should send its recommendation to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Autonomous organizations including Central/State Universities and Organizations set up supported by Central/State Government should send their proposals through the Central/State Government concerned. Proposals of sports body/ federation should have approval/no objection of the Ministry/Department of Central/State Government/UTs concerned.

### Procedure for sanction of Grant/Assistance

- (i) The flow of funds to the States/UTs is as follows:

**Deptt. of Empowerment to PwDs**



**Social Welfare Deptt. of the State**

- (ii) The flow of funds to organizations/Institutions is as follows:

**Deptt. of Empowerment to PwDs**



**Implementing Agencies**

## IV. DISTRICT DISABILITY REHABILITATION CENTRES (DDRCs)

### Brief and Objectives of DDRCs

In order to facilitate creation of infrastructure and capacity building at district level for awareness generation, rehabilitation, training and guidance of rehabilitation professionals, the Department is supporting setting up District Disability Rehabilitation Centres in all the unserved districts of the country for providing comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities. A total number of 310 districts have been identified and approved for setting up of DDRC. Out of these, DDRCs have been set up in 248 districts so far.

The DDRCs are provided with financial, infrastructural, administrative and technical support by the Central and State Governments, so that they are in a position to provide rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities in the concerned districts. The broad objectives of the DDRCs are as follows:

- Survey and identification of Persons with Disabilities through camp approach;
- Awareness generation for encouraging and enhancing prevention of disabilities;
- Early intervention;
- Assessment of need of assistive devices, provision/fitment of assistive devices and follow up/repair of assistive devices;
- Therapeutic Services e.g. Physio-therapy, Occupation Therapy, Speech Therapy etc.;
- Facilitation of issue of Disability Certificates, bus passes and other concessions and facilities for Persons with Disabilities;
- Referral and arrangements for surgical correction through Government and Charitable Institutes;
- Arrangement of loans for self-employment from banks and other financial institutions including State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) of NHFDC;
- Counseling of disabled, their parents and family members;
- Promotion of barrier free environment;
- Provision of supportive and complementary services for promoting education, vocational training and employment of Persons with Disabilities through:
  - o Imparting orientation training to teachers, community and families;
  - o Training to Persons with Disabilities for early motivation and early stimulation for education, vocational training and employment;
  - o Identifying suitable vocations for Persons with Disabilities, keeping in view local resources and designing and providing vocational training and identifying suitable jobs, so

as to make them economically independent and

- o Providing referral services for existing educational, training and vocational institutions.

The Scheme is a joint venture of the Central Government and the States. The DDRCs are funded through the 'Schemes for Implementation of the PwD Act, 1995 for an initial period of three years (five years in case of North Eastern Region, J&K, A&N Islands, Puducherry, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli) and thereafter the funding is made through the Scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) on tapering basis.

The State Governments are expected to play a pro-active role in the effective functioning of the DDRCs. In order to ensure greater involvement of the Local Administration, the State Governments may suitably supplement the honorarium and other requirements of the DDRCs for undertaking various activities in an effective manner.

The State Governments may authorize District Collectors in their capacity as Chairperson of DMT, to make modifications for effective functioning of DDRCs, considering the ground realities within the broad stipulations under the Scheme. The State Governments may also authorize the District Collectors to make interim advances out of the local funds, placed at their disposal, to tide over the difficulties, caused owing to delays in release of central funds.

#### Activities/Components admissible for grants

#### Admissible grant in aid

Grant-in-aid is provided to each DDRC for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities. The grant consists of recurring and non-recurring components provided the District Administration/Implementing Agency arranges rent free accommodation for running the DDRC in the District. The break-up of recurring and non-recurring expenditure in respect of DDRC under the scheme is as follows:

*(in Rupees lakhs)*

Designation	General States per annum	For special areas (NER, J&K, & UTs) -20% increase
Total Honararium	8.10	9.72
Office Expenses/contingencies	2.10	2.10
Equipments (for 1 <sup>st</sup> year only)	7.00	7.00
Total for 1 <sup>st</sup> year	17.20	18.82
Total for 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	10.20	11.82
Total for 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	10.20	11.82
Total exp.	37.60	42.46

In North-Eastern states, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Daman & Diu and Jammu & Kashmir, 20% additional expenditure (i.e., upto Rs, 42.46 lakhs) is permissible. Subsequently, funding is done under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS). In accordance with the provision of tapering in the DDRS, grants-in-aid, as per the prescribed cost norms, are granted upto 90% of the budgeted amount and for the DDRCs in the urban area only, tapering of grants-in-aid is effected after seven years of funding @ 5% every alternate year subject to the condition that no further tapering shall be done beyond 75%.

The prescribed manpower and the admissible honorarium for each post is given below:-

S. No.	Post	Maximum Honorarium per month (in Rs)	Qualification
1	Clinical Psychologist/ Psychologist	8200	M.Phil in clinical Psychology/MA in Psychology preferably with 2 years experience in the field of disability rehabilitation
2	Sr. Physiotherapist / Occupational therapist	8200	Post Graduate in related field with 5 years experience
3	Orthopaedically Handicapped Sr. Prosthetist/Orthotist	8200	Degree in Prosthetic and Orthotic preferably from National Institute with 5 yrs experience or a diploma in Prosthetic & Orthotic with 6 years experience.
4	Prosthetist Orthotist technician	5800	ITI trained with 2/3 years experience
5	Sr. speech therapist/ Audiologist	8200	Post graduate in related field/B.Sc (Speech & Hearing)
6	Hearing Assistant/Junior Speech Therapist	5800	Diploma in Speech & Hearing with knowledge of hearing aids repair/ear mould making
7	Mobility Instructor	5800	Matriculation + Certificate/Diploma in Mobility
8	Multipurpose rehabilitation worker	5800	10+2 with diploma in CBR/MRW course or one year diploma course in early childhood special education with two years of experience
9	Accountant cum clerk cum Storekeeper	5800	B.Com/SAS with 2 years experience
10	Attendant cum Peon cum Messenger	3800	VIII class Pass

**Note:-**

- i) Honoraria to the Rehabilitation professionals of DDRCs located in North-Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Daman & Diu and Jammu & Kashmir shall be entitled to 20% more than the honoraria prescribed in respect of the DDRCs of the rest of the country.
- ii) These Districts are proposed to be set up in unserved districts where it may be difficult to find staff with matching qualification initially. Hence, in case qualified rehabilitation professionals are not available for a while, until such professionals become available, DMT may recruit persons having lower qualification and proportionately reduce its honorarium. However, non technical persons should not be appointed against technical manpower. Payment could be more in case technically sound persons are available.

**How to apply**

For setting up of DDRCs in the identified and approved districts and to receive first year grant under the Scheme for Implementations of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) State Government is required to submit a proposal with the following documents: -

- (i) Copy of the order constituting the District Management Team (DMT) headed by District Magistrate(DM)/District Collector(DC) of the concerned District and comprising of officials from Social Welfare, Health, Panchayati Raj, Women and Welfare Department and any other expert which the DM/DC feels to associate.
- (ii) The name of the implementing agency identified/recommended by the DMT which may be preferably be the District Red Cross Society or Autonomous Body of the State or in its absence, a reputed NGO engaged in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.
- (iii) Authorization letter of the Bank for the joint account opened in the name of the DDRC (consisting of one representative of the DMT and another authorized by the Implementing Agency)
- (iv) Copy of Registration Certificate under Society Act/Trust Act/Companies Act (Section 25) of the implementing agency.
- (v) Registration Certificate under PwD Act, 1995.
- (vi) Copies of Annual Reports and audited accounts of the Implementing Agency (duly ink signed and carrying the seal of the Chartered Accountant and counter signed by the authorized signatory) in respect of previous two years
- (vii) Copy of the Inspection Report
- (viii) Utilization Certificate of past releases of grant made to DDRC

**Procedure for sanction of grant to DDRC**

On receipt of proposal complete with prescribed documents, the same is processed and submitted for obtaining financial concurrence from the Integrated Finance Wing. On their concurrence, administrative

approval of the competent authority is obtained and the sanction order is issued and bill prepared and submitted to the Pay and Accounts Office for transfer of the sanctioned amount to the joint account of the DDRC.

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**(V) Other Schemes****SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES****(i) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities****Objectives and Brief of the scheme:**

Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) Scheme was launched during the financial year 2012-13 to increase opportunities to students with disabilities for pursuing higher education leading to degrees such as M.Phil. and Ph.D. in any University recognised by University Grants Commission(UGC).

- Under the scheme, 200 Fellowships (Junior Research Fellows, JRF) per year are granted to students with disabilities. In case of non-availability of adequate number of students with disabilities, the number of fellowships not availed during a year will be carried forward to the next academic session.
- In case, the number of candidates exceeds the number of available awards, the UGC selects the candidates based on the percentage of marks obtained by the candidates in their Post-Graduation examination.

**Quantum of Fellowship:**

- (i) The rates of fellowship for JRF and SRF will be at par with the UGC Fellowships. Presently these rates are as follows:

1	Fellowship in Engineering and Technology, Science Humanities and Social Science <b>(including Arts/Fine Arts)</b>	@ Rs. 25,000/- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ Rs. 28,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF)
2	Contingency for Humanities and Social Science <b>(including Arts/Fine Arts)</b>	@ Rs. 10,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 20,500/- p.a. for remaining tenure
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure
4	Departmental assistance (All subjects)	@ Rs. 3,000/- p.a. per student to the host institute for providing infrastructure
5	Escort/Reader assistance (All subjects)	@ Rs. 2,000/- p.m. in cases of candidates with physical and visual disabilities

- (ii) The House Rent Allowance (HRA) will be on the UGC pattern and will be payable to those students who are not provided with hostel accommodation. In case hostel accommodation offered by the university/institution is refused, the student will forfeit his claim of HRA. The other facilities such as medical facilities, leave including maternity leave will be governed as per the guidelines of the UGC in case of their fellowship programme.

**Eligibility for fellowship:**

- (i) Any student with disabilities who has been admitted to M.Phil/Ph.D. degree in a university or academic institution.
- (ii) After two years, if the progress in the research work of the awardee is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended for a further period of three years as Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). The research work will be assessed by a three member committee set up by the University. The total period of award of JRF and SRF shall not exceed a period of five years.

**Duration**

Name of the Course	Maximum Duration	Admissibility of JRF and SRF	
		JRF	SRF
M.Phil.	2 years	2 years	NIL
Ph.D.	5 years	2 years	Remaining 3 years
M.Phil.+ Ph.D.	5 years	2 years	Remaining 3 years

**How to Apply:**

Advertisement to call for applications is released in the newspapers and web-site. The candidates are to apply on-line through the web-site of University Grants Commission [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in). Selection of candidates is done by the University Grants Commission. Documents required: Disability Certificate, Proof of age, Proof of educational qualification and any other documents as required in the scheme.

**Procedure for sanction of funds:**

Based on the list of selected candidates received from the UGC, the required fund is transferred to the Canara Bank who is designated for disbursement of fellowship to the selected candidates. The selected candidates shall submit the requisite documents duly verified by their Head of the Institute to any of the designated branches of the Canara Bank. The Canara Bank (Govt. Business Branch) shall release the amount due and admissible to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries after doing necessary verification.

**Fund Flow Mechanism:**

DEPWD → Canara Bank → Beneficiaries



## (ii) Pre-Matric Scholarship and Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

### Objectives and brief of the scheme:

- To provide financial assistance to the students with disabilities for studying in the pre-matric level (class IX and X) and post-matric level (Classes XI, XII and upto graduate degree/diploma level).
- The financial assistance includes scholarship, book grant, escort/reader allowance, etc.
- Number of scholarships to be granted every year is 46,000 for pre-matric level and 16,650 for post-matric level.
- Selection of the beneficiaries under these two scholarship schemes is done on the basis of merit after the recommendation of the State Governments/Union Territory Administration.
- These schemes will be implemented on-line, through a web-portal "National e-Scholarship Portal" being developed by DEITY from 2015-16.
- During the current financial year the schemes are being implemented through State Governments.

### Value of Scholarships

#### (a) Pre-matric Scholarship:

The value of Pre-matric scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:

- (i) Scholarship and other grant;

Items	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Rate of Scholarship (in Rs. Per month) payable for 10 months in an academic year.	350	600
Book and adhoc grant (Rs. Per annum)	750	1,000

## (ii) Allowances

Allowances	Amount (in Rs.)
a) Monthly Reader Allowance for Blind students	160
b) Monthly Transport Allowance, if such students do not reside in the hostel which is within the premises of the Educational Institution.	160
c) Monthly Escort Allowance for Severely Disabled (i.e. with 80% or higher disability) Day Scholars/Students With low extremity disability	160
d) Monthly Helper Allowance admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopaedically handicapped student residing in the hostel of an Educational Institution who may need the assistance of a helper.	160
e) Monthly Coaching Allowance to Mentally Retarded and Mentally ill Students	240

**(b) Post-Matric Scholarship:**

The value of Post-matric scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:-

**(i) Maintenance allowance**

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
<b>Group I</b> Bachelor's Degree courses in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications.	1200	550
<b>Group II</b> Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like Rehabilitation, Diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2).	820	530
<b>Group III</b> All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II eg. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.	570	300

<b>Group IV</b> All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.	380	230
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**(ii) Additional allowance for students with disabilities**

In addition, the scheme provides for study tour charges, books allowance, book banks, typing and printing charges, Reader allowance, Escort allowance, coaching allowance and special allowance etc. depending on disabilities of the students.

**(iii) Reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees,**

Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

**How to Apply:**

**For the year 2014-15:** The scheme is being implemented through the State Governments / UT Administration. Hence, the candidates need to send their applications to the respective State Governments/UT Administration in accordance with the procedure prescribed by them. The selection of beneficiaries shall be done by the State Governments/ UT Administration and list of selected candidates forwarded to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

From the year 2015-16 onwards: The scheme will be implemented through the National e-Scholarship Portal being developed by Department of Electronics & Information Technology. The candidates will apply on-line through the said portal.

**Procedure of Application and Selection**

- a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will announce the details of the scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers and through the websites and other media outfits. Applications will be called for through an on-line scholarship management program to be developed for this purpose.
- b) The applicants should submit their application through the on-line system within the last date prescribed for receipt of applications. All requisite documents like photograph, proof of age, disability certificate, income certificate of the parent, etc. duly filled in the prescribed format will be required to be uploaded in the on-line system.
- c) The candidates after filling up the application on-line shall submit a print out of the application to the School/Institute in which he/she is studying. The School/Institute shall forward the application to the Education Department of the State Govt. concerned after doing the necessary verification of the facts contained in the application like age, date of birth, PWD certificate, recognition of the course, fees received etc. The State Education Deptt. shall carry out necessary prudence check including recognition of the Institute concerned and forward the application with

their recommendation to the Deptt. of Disability Affairs.

- d) Final selection will be done by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities based on the recommendations of the State Education Department considering, inter alia, the no. of slots available to that particular State. The no. of slots available to any State is decided on the basis of percentage of population of PWDs of that State in comparison to the total PWD population of India.
- e) In case a candidate is a permanent resident of one State but studying in another State, his application will be considered under the slot of his home State and his application needs the recommendation of the Education Department of the State of which he is a permanent resident.
- f) **Merit Criteria for Selection :** The following factors will be taken into consideration:
- (i) Fulfillment of eligibility conditions as given in the scheme.
  - (ii) Recommendation of the State Education Department.
  - (iii) No. of slots available to the State.
  - (iv) Merit of the candidate in terms of percentage of marks obtained in the qualifying examination.
  - (v) In case of a tie in percentage of marks, the percentage of disability will be considered i.e. the candidate with higher percentage of disability will get preference. In case there is still a tie, the age will be considered i.e. the older candidate will get preference.

**Note:** *For the year 2014-15, the scheme will be implemented through the Governments of States/Union Territories who will call for applications as per the modes convenient to them and make selection of candidates subject to the maximum number of slots available to each State/UT. Selection of candidates shall be done in accordance with the above-mentioned broad parameters. After selection is done, the list of selected candidates shall be sent to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.*

### Procedure for sanction of funds:

**For the year 2014-15:** Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall release funds to the State Governments/ UT Administration based on their notional allocation and the number of selected candidates forwarded by them. The scholarship amount will be remitted to the beneficiaries by the State Governments/UT Administration.

**From the year 2015-16 onwards:** The scholarship amount will be released direct to the beneficiaries through the on-line web-portal "National e-Scholarship Portal" being developed by Department of Electronics & Information Technology.

### Fund Flow Mechanism:

For the year 2014-15:

DEPWD → State Govt.s/UTs → Beneficiaries

**For the year 2015-16 onwards -**

DEPWD → Beneficiaries

### (iii) National Overseas Scholarship for students with Disabilities

#### Objectives

The scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities has been launched with the objectives of providing financial assistance to the students with disabilities for pursuing studies abroad at the level of Masters' Degree and Ph.D. Twenty (20) scholarships are to be awarded every year out of which six are reserved for women candidates. The scholarship amount includes Maintenance Allowance, Contingency Allowance, Tuition Fees, and Cost of Air Passage etc. The said scheme has been launched in the year 2014-15. Parental income ceiling is Rs.6.00 lakh per month.

In addition to the above, there is a provision of "Passage Grants" to two Students with Disabilities every year. Only those Students with Disabilities who are in receipt of a merit scholarship for Post Graduate Studies, Research or Training abroad (excluding attending seminars, workshops, conferences), from a foreign government/ organization or under any other scheme, where the cost of passage is not provided, shall be eligible. The Passage Grant includes to-and-fro air-fare from home-station to the Institute abroad by economy class through Air India.

#### Minimum Qualification:

**For Ph.D.** - First class or 55%(fifty five per cent) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Master's Degree. **For Masters' Degree:** - 55%(fifty five per cent) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelor's Degree.

**AGE:** Below 35 (Thirty Five) years, as on first day of the month of the advertisement of the scheme.

**Income Ceiling:** Rs.6.00 Lakh per annum.

**Maximum Two Children in a family:** Not more than two disabled children of the same parents/guardians will be eligible.

#### Quantum of Financial Assistance:

SL No.	Type of Allowance	Amount
1.	Annual Maintenance Allowance	For UK- GBP 9,900/-
		For Other Countries - USD \$ 15,400/-
2.	Annual Contingency Allowance	For UK- GBP 1,100/-
		For Other Countries- USD \$ 1,500/-
3.	Incidental Journey Allowance	Other Countries- USD \$ 20/-
4.	Equipment Allowance	Rs.1500/-
5.	Tuition Fees, Cost of Air Passage, Local Travel, Poll Tax, Visa Fees, Medical Insurance Premium	Actual expenses shall be reimbursed

**Duration of Award** – (a) For Ph.D. -- 4 yrs, (b) For Masters Degree -- 3 yrs,

**How to Apply:**

**For the year 2014-15:** The scheme is being implemented by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through off-line process as there is no portal available. Applications have been invited by publishing advertisements in the newspapers and website of the Department. The applications received by the Department are being examined and the process of selection is under way.

**From the year 2015-16 onwards:** The scheme will be implemented through the National e-Scholarship Portal being developed by Department of Electronics & Information Technology. The candidates will apply on-line through the said portal.

**Procedure for sanction of funds:**

**For the year 2014-15:** Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall remit the scholarship amount direct to the bank accounts of the selected candidates through SWIFT.

**From the year 2015-16 onwards:** The scholarship amount will be released direct to the beneficiaries through the on-line web-portal “National e-Scholarship Portal” being developed by Department of Electronics & Information Technology.

**Fund Flow Mechanism:**

DEPWD → Beneficiaries

## **(iv) Proposed Central Sector Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities**

This scheme is under proposal and will be implemented from the year 2015-16. The brief features of the scheme are given below:

**1. Objective -** To provide coaching to students with disabilities to enable them to appear in competitive examination and succeed in obtaining an appropriate job in Govt./ Public/Private sector.

**2. Examinations covered:**

- (i) Group A and B examinations conducted by the UPSC, SSC, Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and State Public Service Commissions
- (ii) Officers' Grade examinations conducted by Banks, Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
- (iii) Premier Entrance Examinations for admission in Engineering, Medical, Management (e.g. CAT) and Law (e.g. CLAT) and (iv) such other disciplines, Ministry may decide from time to time.
- (iv) Finishing courses/job oriented courses for employment in the private sector like IT, Bio-technology etc. in need of soft skill and other professional courses specified by the Government from time to time.

**3. Implementing Agencies -** The Scheme will be implemented through the reputed institutions/centres run by the-

- i) Central Government/State Governments/ UT Administrations/PSUs/ autonomous bodies under Central/State Governments;
- ii) Universities (both Central and State including the Deemed Universities in the private sector) and,
- iii) Registered private institutions/NGOs.

**4. Eligibility**

- i) Not less than 40% disability,
- ii) The applicant is eligible for appearing at the examination for which he/she desires to obtain coaching.
- iii) Total family income not more than Rs.3.00 lakh per annum.

**5. Selection of Institutions**

- i) Applications will be called for and selection of coaching institutions will be done by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities based on the recommendation of a Screening Committee.
- iii) In case of applications from private institutions/NGOs, recommendations of the respective State Govt. are necessary.

**6. Quantum of fees/ allowances and mode of Disbursal**

- i) The transport allowance @ Rs.1,000/- per month, stipend @ Rs. 1,500 per month for local student

and Rs. 3,000 per month for outstation student for the entire duration course shall be released directly to the candidates' bank accounts through ECS/RTGS after the completion of course.

- ii) Coaching fee ranges from Rs.15000-20000 per course. The amount in respect of coaching fee shall be released directly to the institutions concerned.

#### **7. Selection of Candidates**

- i) The coaching institutes shall issue advertisements to call for applications.
- ii) In case of Govt. run institutes selection of students will be done by themselves. In case of private institutions selection will be done by them in presence of an officer not below the rank of District Social/Disability Welfare Officer nominated by the District Magistrate.

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## **(v) Incentives to private sector employers for providing employment to persons with disabilities**

### **Objectives and Brief of the scheme:**

The objective of the scheme is to encourage employment of persons with disabilities in the private sector. The scheme of giving incentives to employers for providing employment to persons with disabilities in the private sector was launched in the year 2008-09.

### **Components under the scheme:**

Under the scheme, payment of employer's contribution towards the Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) and the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for the first three years, is made by the Government of India, in respect of persons with disability appointed in the private sector to a post carrying monthly emoluments up to Rs.25,000/-. The administrative charges of 1.1% of the wages of the employees covered under the Employees Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF&MP) Act will continue to be paid by the employer. The scheme is effective from 1st April, 2008.

### **Procedure to obtain benefits:**

The employers would submit a copy of the disability certificate issued to the disabled employee by the Competent Authority first time when such benefit under EPF and ESI is claimed. 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. The administrative charges of 1.1% of the wages of the employees covered under the EPF Act will continue to be paid by the respective employers.

### **Procedure for sanction of funds:**

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, would make available to the Employees Provident Fund Organization and Employees State Insurance Corporation lump sum funds by way of advance. These would be used for the purposes of adjustment of individual claims received from the employers under the scheme. The amount with the organizations would be replenished periodically.

### **Fund Flow Mechanism:**

DEPWD → EPFO/ESIC

## (vi) Scheme for Awareness Generation and Publicity-

The scheme of awareness generation and publicity was launched in September, 2014. The details of the scheme are as under:-

### Objectives:

- (a) to give wide publicity, including event based publicity etc. through electronic, print, film media, multimedia, to the schemes, programmes being run by the Department of Disability Affairs/Central Ministries/State Governments etc. for the welfare of Persons with disabilities.
- (b) to create an enabling environment for social inclusion of the PwDs
- (c) to disseminate information about the legal rights of the PwDs as enshrined in the constitution, international conventions, PwD Act 1995 and subordinate legislation(s).
- (d) to sensitize the employers and other similar groups on the special needs of the specially abled persons.
- (e) to promote awareness and to sensitize society with focus on remote and rural areas, on causes leading to disability and prevention through early detection etc.
- (f) to encourage volunteer action for ensuring effective implementation of the legal provisions and welfare schemes meant for the PwDs.
- (g) to develop content for rehabilitation of different types of disabilities.
- (h) Provide for helplines.
- (i) to provide for effective grievance redressal.
- (j) to extend financial support for National & International events organized by reputed organizations on disabilities.
- (k) to create or to facilitate creation of facilities conducive to the recreation of PwDs which may include inter alia tourism, educative, medical and religious tourism.
- (l) to extend financial support for participation in the Community Radio Programmes/Scheme of the Ministry of I&B

### The awareness is proposed to be spread through:

- (a) Social networking.
- (b) Maintenance of accessible website, etc.
- (c) Conducting seminars, workshops, cultural activities, fairs, exhibitions etc. either directly or through socially active groups / organizations.
- (d) participation in national and international initiatives in the field of disability.
- (e) conducting studies, surveys, enumeration and evaluation programmes on the special needs of PwDs including availability of technology, assistive aids and appliances etc.
- (f) coordinating and consolidating efforts made in the field by different departments, organizations.

- (g) financial assistance to self-help groups, parents' organizations etc. working for development of 'social good' and 'community welfare'.
- (h) To support activities like showing of programmes exclusively prepared and performed by PwDs on TV, by bearing the cost involved on honoraria to performers, boarding, lodging and transportation and payments due to the electronic media
- (i) Organizing special events, Celebration of special days etc.
- (j) Lack of co-ordination between different service providers in the fields of health education, housing and equipments undermines their effectiveness. Ministries of Health, Education, Labour and Rural Development are also doing some work in the field of disability. For successful implementation of all such initiatives, an Inter-Ministerial Committee which may co-ordinate across organizations to improve distribution of services and referral system, promote joint ventures, joint negotiations, sharing knowledge and expertise, sharing specialist educator, and disseminating system may be setup under the Department.
- (k) Panchayati Raj Institution may be involved wherever expedient.

### Components admissible for assistance

Components admissible for assistance under the scheme includes setting up of a help line for online counselling of the PwDs; content development; publications and news media; organizing national events; participation in the international initiatives or to support various programmes organized by NGOs or self-help groups; volunteer service / outreach programme for sensitizing commercial establishment and employers; recreation and tourism; participation in community radio; media activities.

### Eligibility criteria

- (A) The following types of organization are eligible :-
  - (i) Self-help groups
  - (ii) Advocacy and self-advocacy organizations.
  - (iii) Parents & Community Organizations working for mobilization and bring about change in social attitude
  - (iv) Psychological and emotional support service
  - (v) Community based rehabilitation organizations
  - (vi) Organizations working for stress management and social isolation eradication
  - (vii) Organizations working for labour market programmes, vocational training, social insurance, providing support services to PwDs.

Organization seeking grant should be a not for profit organization with 3 years standing as a society or a Public Trust and with good track record.

**Procedure for sanction of fund:**

The quantum of financial assistance and the content is considered by the Committee constituting of the following :-

- (i) Joint Secretary (Awareness Generation & Publicity), Department of Disability Affairs (DDA)
- (ii) Representative of Integrated Finance Division (DDA)
- (iii) Representative of DAVP
- (iv) A special invitee from amongst PwDs / representative groups / organizations working in the field of disability
- (v) Director / DS (Awareness Generation & Publicity)

The proposals approved by the Committee are sanctioned grants under the scheme with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Department.

- (a) **Short term projects** (one time events or projects not exceeding 6 months duration):

**Disbursement will be made in two instalments as follows:**

75% - on approval, acceptance, executing necessary bond etc.

25% - on receipt of final report and UC for the first instalment.

- (b) **Long term Projects** (projects of 6 months and more duration)

Disbursement will be made in three instalments as follows:

40% on approval, acceptance of project and furnishing bank guarantee / execution of bond etc.

40% - After Progress review, receipt of UC of first instalment.

20% - On Receipt of final report, UC for full amount, and audited statement of account.

- (c) When an activity under the scheme is undertaken directly by the Department, funds will be sanctioned and released as per actual requirements.

### **(vii) Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities was created vide notification dated 21.11.2006 under the Charitable Endowment Act 1890. The Fund is to be administered and applied:

- to implement various provisions of persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation Act, 1995
- to promote employment
- to promote skill and entrepreneurial development
- to provide subsidy to grant of loans under scheme for promotion of self-employment.
- to provide scholarships for pursuing technical or professional courses.
- to promote awareness about prevention, detection, early intervention and rehabilitation.
- to promote physical and mental well being through recreation, sports and cultural activities.
- to promote for persons with severe disabilities the establishment and management of special homes, and
- to do all other things those are incidental and conducive to the above objects.

The corpus of the fund comprise of the recoveries of the excess amount realised by the Union of India by way of interest tax and interest by the banks and other financial institutions, and a contribution of fifty lakhs rupees each by the concerned banks and the Indian Banks Association, in accordance with direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 16.04.2004 in C.A.4655 and 5218 of 2000.

#### **Scholarship scheme under trust Fund**

Under this scheme:

- Financial assistance is given to students with disabilities to pursue degree and/or post graduate level technical and professional courses from a recognized institution.
- Maintenance allowance, book/stationary allowance and grant for purchase of assistive devices are credited directly to the student's account.
- Non-refundable fees are reimbursed to the student on production of proof of deposit of fees or are paid directly to the Institute under intimation to the student.
- There is provision of 2000 scholarships every year.
- The scheme is being implement through NHFDC

### **(viii) National Fund for Persons with Disabilities**

National Handicapped Welfare Fund was created vide Ntn No. SO 573(E) dated 11.08.1983 to promote voluntary sector for creating services for prevention and early detection of disability, education, training, physical and economic rehabilitation of disabled persons and to do all other things that are incidental and conducive to the above objects. The fund was renamed 'National Fund for Persons with Disabilities' vide Ntn No. SO 748(E) dated 27.10.1997.

#### **Scholarship scheme under National fund**

Presently one scheme namely scheme of National Scholarship for the persons with disability is being operated under the fund under which:

- 500 scholarships can be awarded to the students with disability (250 each for the male and female students).
- The amount of scholarship / financial assistance includes Rs. 1000 per month and Rs. 700 per month for hostlers and day scholars respectively, pursuing graduation and above level studies, Rs. 700 per month and Rs. 400 per month for Diploma / Certificate level courses
- Course fees up to Rs 10000 per annum.

The scheme is being implemented through NHFDC

### **(ix) Central Sector Scheme of “Support for establishment/modernisation/capacity augmentation of Braille Presses.**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has approved the Scheme titled Central Sector Scheme of ‘support for establishment/ modernization/capacity augmentation of Braille Presses’ from 2014-15 to 2016-17. Department has approved 8 proposals received from Government Institutes/Voluntary Organizations under the Scheme. Details are given below:

1. For establishment of new Braille press - Composite Regional Centre at Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh.
2. For modernization of Braille presses - (i) Central Braille Press, Dehradun, (ii) Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh, (iii) Ramakrishna Mission Regional Braille Press, Kolkatta and (iv) Mitra Jyoti Charitable Trust, Bangalore
3. For capacity augmentation of Braille presses – (i) NIVH Regional Centre, Chennai, (ii) National Federation of the Blind, New Delhi, (iii) All India Confederation for the Blind, Delhi

## **(x) Central Sector Scheme on 'Research on disability related technology, products and issues -**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has launched the above scheme in January, 2015 with the objective to promote research of service models and programmes on the basis of life cycle needs, holistic development of the individuals and their families and creating an enabling environment for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and promote research in prevention and prevalence of disability and the application of science and technology to the development of indigenous, appropriate aids and appliances.

2. The Scheme has two components: (i) Research and development of assistive technology and product development devices; and (ii) Scheme for study/ research/ survey/ internship and periodical collection of data related to disability.



## (xi) New Initiatives & Schemes in progress

- Establishment of the **Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)** at a cost of Rs.20.00 crore at New Delhi for development of common language of communication for deaf persons in the country.
- Ministry is establishing Centre **for Disabilities Sports** to develop and encourage disabled sports persons.
- Modernization of 10 existing and establishment of 15 new **Braille presses** to augment production of Braille presses.
- Under another flagship scheme of the Department “Scheme of Assistance to Disabled persons for purchase / fitting of aids & appliances (ADIP), the Department has introduced a centralized on-line application system developed by NIC on the website [www.ngograntsje.gov.in](http://www.ngograntsje.gov.in) in the month of July 2014.
- The Department in collaboration with TIFAC, an autonomous body of the Dept of Science & Technology, has launched a dedicated web **portal for meeting the accessible needs relating to aids & appliances for persons with disabilities**. The web portal was launched by Hon’ble President of India on International Day for the Persons with Disability on 3rd December 2014.
- **National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation** – The Department is in the process of establishing National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation at Bhopal.

**(xii) Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, New Delhi**

Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi was set up in collaboration with the Government of Italy, through San Raffaele Hospital, Milan along with the support from the Government of India to render super-speciality services for spinal injury management. The Indian Spinal Injury Centre, a Non-Governmental Organization, provides comprehensive rehabilitation management services to patients with spinal cord injuries and related ailments. These include intervention in the form of reconstructive surgery, stabilization operations, physical rehabilitation, psycho-social rehabilitation, and vocational rehabilitation services. The main objectives of organization are human resource development, research and development, development of models of care and rehabilitation, documentation and distribution, special education centre, consultancy services and outreach programmes for spinal injured patients.

2. As per the decision of the Union Cabinet, the Government supports the ISIC to provide 25 free-beds daily for treatment of poor patients. In addition, the Centre provides 5 free-beds to poor patients.
3. Indian Spinal Injuries Centre was released grants-in-aid for Rs.2.00 crore during 2013-14. The organization assisted 5150 beneficiaries by providing free-bed facilities from the grants-in-aid received during 2013-14.

## SCHEMES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT

### (A) Schemes & Programmes Implemented by National Trust for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (National Trust)

#### 1. Education

##### Early intervention activities

Aspiration – Early Intervention Program (Day Care Centre) Scheme was launched in 2007-08 for 6 years period. The objective of the scheme is to train children up to 0-6 age group and their parents on management of disability and school readiness. The scheme is being run at 79 places in the country. In addition, training programs on early intervention techniques are being conducted at several places in the country in collaboration with Voice & Vision, Mumbai on Multiple Disabilities and Comm Deal Trust on Autism.

##### GyanPrabha (Scholarship Scheme)

The scheme provides financial assistance for pursuing vocational training / professional courses leading to skill development and employment of Persons with Disabilities. The scheme was launched in 2008 and based on its operational experience; it was refined in December 2010 as under:

Monthly family income limit of Rs. 15,000 has been waived off. The condition of minimum 50% marks for renewal of the scholarship for next year has been waived off. The renewal will now be based on regular attendance in the class to be certified by the head of the educational/ training institute.

The amount of scholarship has been increased from Rs.700 to Rs. 1000 per month.

Application can be submitted on-line through the web enabled MIS of National Trust ([www.thenationaltrust.in](http://www.thenationaltrust.in)). It can be submitted manually also in the prescribed format available in the website though out the year.

##### On-line Autism Information and Resource Center Portal

The Autism Resource and Information Centre of the National Trust is the result of a dream shared by many professionals, practitioners and officials of the Government of India to bring together all strategies, interventions and services available in our country.

The Autism Resource Centre has been developed with great passion and motivation by the most experienced team in our country. The Expert Committee, though comprising of very senior professionals has generously given their time and expertise voluntarily with great passion and motivation to fulfill this collective dream. The collective aspiration has been, to bring information to families and to try and lessen the confusions that parents have about what exactly to do for their child.

The portal address is [www.autismresourecenter.in](http://www.autismresourecenter.in).

## 2. Training

### Sahyogi – Care Givers Training Scheme

Under the scheme, Care Givers Cells (CGCs) have been set up in selected NGO centers across the country to provide Care Givers Training Program by the trained professionals. The training of these professionals known as 'Master Trainers' was conducted in Delhi in batches. The registration of Care Givers and enrolment of Care Seekers are being done in the CGCs. So far, 40 CGCs have been sanctioned out of which 36 CGCs have been set up in the country. Under the scheme so far, 2407 caregivers have been trained out of which 1003 are deployed.

### Mentors Training Program On Self Advocacy

National Trust has also started a new program for training Mentors on Self Advocacy. Two rounds of Mentors Training programs were held in Delhi in which all the coordinators of State Nodal Agency Center (SNAC) of National Trust were trained. These Mentors, will conduct similar program in States to train registered organization of National Trust who will also become Mentor on Self Advocacy in their States. All these Mentors will train persons with disabilities on Self Advocacy.

National Trust organised 2 days 1st National Convention on Self Advocacy in collaboration with PARIVAAR, Bangalore (Karnataka) on 4-5th October 2013. About 200 participants including parents, self advocates and NGOs attended this programme.

## 3. Rehabilitation

### Niramaya (Health Insurance) Scheme

- It is a Health Insurance Scheme for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities. The Scheme was launched in 2007 on a pilot basis for two years in 10 selected districts of 10 States but due to huge popular demand the same was soon extended to cover the entire country (except J&K).
- Under the Scheme, health insurance coverage of Rs. 1.0 lakh is available, at the doorstep of persons with disabilities.
- No age bar.
- No exclusion of pre-existing medical conditions
- No pre-insurance medical test, cashless treatment in case of empanelled hospitals and on reimbursement basis for others, anywhere in the country.
- Insurance coverage of up to Rs. 1 Lakh for a range of medical services from OPD treatment to hospitalization. There is a nominal fee of Rs. 250/- per annum for family income up to Rs. 15,000/- per month and Rs. 500/- for others, having income above Rs. 15,000/- per month.

### Samarth (Residential Care Scheme)

- The main objective of the scheme is to provide safety net to families in crisis.
- The scheme provides both short term and long term stay facilities for adults and destitute children.

- There are 119 such Centers in the country with a maximum of 30 beneficiaries each out of which 24 will be residential and remaining 6 will be for day care only as a respite to parents.
- Vocational training to the residents is provided under the scheme.

### **Gharaunda (Life Long Shelter and Care Scheme)**

Group Home and Rehabilitation Activities under National Trust Act for Disabled Adults (GHARAUNDA) was launched to provide 'Life Long Shelter & Care Facilities' to adult persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities by empanelled Service Providers. The scheme ensures prescribed minimum quality of care services on payment basis. The scheme is, at present, sanctioned in 12 places.

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## **(B) Schemes run by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC)**

The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is a not-for-profit company wholly owned by Government of India. NHFDC functions as an Apex institution for extending financial support for education, employment and entrepreneurship of the persons with disabilities through the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the State Government(s).

Prominent schemes being implemented by NHFDC are given below in brief:

### **Loan Schemes:**

- i) For setting up small business in Service/Trading sector: Loan up to Rs. 3.0 lakh for sales/trading activity and Rs. 5.0 lakh for service sector activity
  - Loan assistance provided for self-employment of disabled persons in service sector or for trading activity. The small business, project or activity, for which financial assistance has been sought, will have to be operated by the disabled person himself.
- ii) For agricultural/allied Activities: Loan upto Rs. 10 lakh.
  - Loan assistance is provided to disabled persons for agricultural production, irrigation, horticulture, sericulture, purchase of agricultural machinery/equipment for agricultural service, marketing of agriculture products etc.
- iii) For purchase of vehicle for commercial hiring – Loan upto Rs.10 lakh
  - Purchase of vehicle for commercial hiring purpose
- iv) For setting up small industries unit: Loan upto Rs.25 lakh.
  - Loan assistance is provided to disabled persons for manufacturing, fabrication and production activity. The disabled person will be the owner/chief executive of the company.
- v) Scheme for Disabled Young Professionals:
  - Loan upto Rs 25.00 lakhs to professionally educated / trained disabled youths for self-employment
- vi) **Scheme for Developing Business Premises :**
  - Loan upto Rs. 3.0 lakh to PwDs desirous of developing business premises on their own land and starting self-employment activity.
- vii) **For self-employment amongst persons with Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy and Autism : Loan upto Rs.10 lakh.**
  - Persons with mental retardation, cerebral palsy or autism may not be able to enter into a legal contract required to avail loan from a financial institution. In such cases following categories of persons are eligible for financial assistance from NHFDC on behalf of the mentally disabled persons for an income activity –

- i) Parents of dependant mentally disabled person
- ii) Spouse of dependant mentally disabled person
- iii) Legal guardian of mentally disabled person
- viii) **For technical education/training – Loan limit Rs.10 lakh for study in India and Rs.20.0 lakh for study at abroad.**
  - To meet tuition and other fees/maintenance cost/books and equipment etc. for pursuing professional courses in a recognized educational institution in India and abroad.
- ix) **Scheme for Pursuing Vocational Studies : Loan upto Rs.2.0 lakh** to Students with Disabilities for pursuing vocational/skill training courses.
- x) **Scheme for Purchase of Assistive Devices : Loan upto Rs.5.0 lakh** for purchase of assistive devices including retrofittings which will enhance the prospects of PwDs for their employment/self-employment.
- xi) **Scheme for NGOs for their capacity expansion : Loan upto Rs. 5.0 lakh** to NGOs working in the area of disability to implement single or multiple production activity on behalf of a group of PwDs.
- xii) **Micro Credit Scheme – Loan upto Rs. 5.0 lakh to NGO, Rs.25000/- per beneficiary @ 5% p.a.**
  - The Scheme is implemented through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) wherein NGOs submit application for loan to the SCAs.
- xiii) **Scheme for Parents Association for the Mentally Retarded Persons – Loan upto Rs. 5.0 lakh**
  - Financial assistance is provided to Parents Association for the Mentally Retarded Persons to set up an income generating activity for the benefit of mentally retarded persons. The nature of income generating activity will be such that it involves the mentally retarded persons directly and income will be distributed among the mentally retarded persons.

### Grant & other Schemes

#### i) Assistance for Skills and Entrepreneurial Development Programmes

Financial assistant in the form of grant is provided to State Channelising Agencies/reputed institutions for imparting training to the disabled persons (15-50 year of age with 40% or more disability) to make them capable and self-dependent through proper technical training in the field of traditional and technical occupations and entrepreneurship. During the training stipend @ Rs.2000/- per month also provides to disabled trainees.

- ii) **Hand holding support to registered institutions for PwDs :** The registerd institutions are eligible for hand holding support of upto Rs.1,000/- per PwD for extending information, support, guidance for procedural/documentation formalities to PwDs in obtaining loans or admission in training institutes.

## Eligibility Criteria

Any disabled person who fulfills the following criteria is eligible to avail financial assistance –

- a) Any Indian Citizen with 40% or more disability.
- b) Minimum age 18 years.
- c) Relevant educational / technical / vocational qualification/ experience and background.

### Note :

- \* In case of persons with mental retardation, age is relaxed to 14 years in place of usual 18 years.
- \*\* In case of scheme for disabled young professionals : age criteria is 18-45 years.
- \*\*\* In case of Education loan only (a) is applicable.

### Repayment Period : (Loan Scheme)

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| 1. Scheme for self-employment & Parents Association scheme | - | Maximum 10 years |
| 2. Scheme for Education loan                               | - | Maximum 7 years  |
| 3. Micro Credit scheme                                     | - | Maximum 3 years  |

### Rate of Interest : (Loan Scheme except Education loan)

<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>To be paid by SCAs</u> to NHFDC	<u>To be paid by</u> beneficiaries to SCAs
i) Upto Rs. 50,000/-	2%	5%
ii) Above Rs. 50,000/- and upto Rs. 5.0 lakh	3%	6%
iii) Above Rs. 5.0 lakh and upto Rs. 15.0 lakh	4%	7%
iv) Above Rs. 15.0 lakh and upto Rs. 25.0 lakh	5%	8%

**Rebate :** A rebate of 1% on interest is allowed to women with disabilities in all schemes (except education loan).

### Rate of Interest & rebate (Education loan) :

Upto Rs. 20.00 lakh	1%	4%
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**Rebate :** A rebate of 0.5% on interest is allowed to female students with disabilities in education loan scheme.

### Rebate on interest for VH/HH/MR :

A special rebate of 0.5% is also available for PwDs under VH/HH/MR category under self-employment loans.



### **Procedure of application for Loan :**

Application duly filled in prescribed format is to be submitted to the State Channelising Agencies (SCA) of NHFDC in respective State/UT. Loan upto Rs.5.00 lakh is sanctioned by SCA of NHFDC and above Rs.5.00 lakh is recommended by SCA and forwarded to NHFDC for sanction. The loan application can also be submitted to additional implementing agencies of NHFDC like RRBs and Banks etc.

### **Fund Flow Mechanism:**

NHFDC → State Channelising Agencies → Beneficiaries

### **Entrepreneurship and Skill Development of Differently abled People:**

This Corporation also gives skill training grant for Skill Training and Entrepreneurship of PwDs wherein it provides 100% of the total recurring cost of the training programme to the training institutes/organisations. NHFDC also provides stipend @Rs.2000/- per month to the disabled trainees during the training. The training duration ranges from one month to six months. The funds for training programmes of NHFDC are provided through the DDRS and SIPDA schemes and also by internal resources of the Corporation.

## NATIONAL AWARDS FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 2014

### Brief and objectives of the scheme

Every year on the occasion of the International day for the disabled persons i.e. 3rd December, the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment confers National Awards on individuals, institutions, districts etc for outstanding work done by them in the field of empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. National Awards are given under 14 (fourteen) different categories as under:-

I.	<b>Best Employee/ Self Employed with Disabilities</b>		
No.	Sub-category	No. of awards	Component of awards
(i)	Blindness	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(ii)	Low Vision	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(iii)	Leprosy Cured	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(iv)	Hearing Impairment	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(v)	Locomotor Disability	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(vi)	Cerebral Palsy	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(vii)	Mental Retardation	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(viii)	Mental illness	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(ix)	Autism	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(x)	Multiple Disabilities	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee

<b>II. Award for Best Employers and Placement Officer or Agency</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>No. of awards</b>	<b>Component of awards</b>
(i)	Best Employer	<b>Three</b> - One each to: (i) Government organization (ii) Public Sector Undertaking or Autonomous or Local Government Body (iii) Private or Non Governmental Organization	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation, certificate and a medal to every awardee
(ii)	Best Placement Officer/ Agency	<b>Two</b> -One each to: (i) Autonomous Government Organization or Public Sector Undertaking (ii) Private or Non-Governmental Organization or Office	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a citation, certificate and a shield to every awardee.
<b>III. Award for Best Individual and Institution Working for the Cause of Persons with Disabilities</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>No. of awards</b>	<b>Component of awards</b>
(i)	Best Individual	<b>Two</b> (One each for Professional and Non Professional)	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
(ii)	Best Institution	<b>Two</b> One each for: (i) An organization providing holistic comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities in a comprehensive manner. and (ii) An organization promoting inclusive education to the children/persons with disabilities	Cash of Rupees Two Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
<b>IV. Role Model Awards</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>No. of awards</b>	<b>Component of awards</b>
(i).	Blindness or low vision	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
(ii)	Leprosy cured	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
(iii)	Hearing impairment	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.

(iv)	Locomotor Disability or Cerebral Palsy	Two [One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
(v)	Mental Retardation/ Mental Illness or Autism	Two [One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
<b>V.</b>	<b>Awards for Best Applied Research or Innovation or Product Development Aimed at Improving the life of Persons with Disabilities</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>No. of awards</b>	<b>Component of awards</b>
(i)	Best Applied Research or Technological Innovation Aimed at Improving the life of Persons with Disabilities.	One	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate.
(ii)	Development of new Cost-effective product for manufacture Aimed at Improving the life of Persons with Disabilities.	Two	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Award for the Outstanding Work in the Creation of Barrier-Free Environment for the Persons with Disabilities</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>No. of awards</b>	<b>Component of awards</b>
(i)	Government Department or Offices or PSUs or Autonomous Bodies	<b>One</b>	A citation and a certificate.
(ii)	Local Bodies	<b>One</b>	Cash of Rupees Two Lakh,, a citation and a certificate.
(iii)	Private Sector or NGOs	<b>One</b>	Cash of Rupees Two Lakh, a citation and a certificate.
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Award for the Best District in Providing Rehabilitation Service</b>	<b>One</b>	A Shield, a certificate and citation. No cash award
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>Best State Channelizing Agency of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation.</b>	<b>One</b>	A Shield, a certificate and citation.
<b>IX.</b>	<b>Award for the Outstanding Creative Adult Persons with Disabilities</b>	<b>Two</b> [one for Male and one for Female]	Cash of Rupees Fifty Thousand, a medal, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.
<b>X.</b>	<b>Award for the Best Creative Child with Disabilities</b>	<b>Two</b> [one for Boy and one for Girl ]	Cash of rupees Fifty Thousand, a medal, a citation and a certificate to every awardee.

<b>XI.</b>	<b>Best Braille Press</b>	One	Cash of Rupees One Lakh, a citation and a certificate.
<b>XII.</b>	<b>Best Accessible Website</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>No. of awards</b>	<b>Component of awards</b>
(i)	Govt.	<b>One</b>	A shield, a certificate & a citation
(ii)	PSU or Local Bodies	<b>One</b>	A shield, a certificate & a citation
(iii)	Pvt. Sector	<b>One</b>	A shield, a certificate & a citation
<b>XIII.</b>	<b>Best State in promoting empowerment of persons with disabilities</b>	<b>One</b>	A shield, a certificate, a citation.
<b>XIV.</b>	<b>Best sports person with disability</b>	Two[One for Male and One for Female]	Cash of Rupees One lakh, a citation, certificate and a shield to every awardee.

### How to apply

- (1) The Central Government, State Governments and Union territory Administrations shall forward their recommendations to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs by the stipulated date.
- (2) The awardees may also recommend and send application.
- (3) Applications received after due date shall not be considered for Award

### Procedure for sanction of grant/assistance/scholarship

Advertisement in this regard is published in leading newspapers through Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) and the same is also displayed on the website of the Ministry.

Screening committees are formed for short listing of awardees in different categories of national awards. The screening committees comprise of four to five members, including the Chairman, out of the following:-

- a) Serving or retired officers of the rank of Additional Secretary and above of the Central Government or Officers of the reputed Government Institutions;
- b) Eminent personalities and experts in the field of disability or expert in the relevant field of award;
- c) Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations;
- d) Officers of the rank of Deputy Secretary and above of the Department of Disability Affairs and organizations under the Department shall act as convener of the screening committees.

The National Selection Committee shall decide the nomination of the awardees for various categories on the basis of recommendation of the screening committees.

The applications received are assessed by screening Committees and the recommendations of the screening committees are placed before the National Selection Committee Chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The Awards are conferred on the awardees by the Hon'ble President of India in a glittering ceremony on 3rd December.

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