



free of cost and also educational aids are supplied by the department. During the year Braille Press supplied nearly 6670 books to 1694 students.

The Govt. of Karnataka has taken steps to establish diploma in special education to cater to the demand of special teacher in special schools.

3% reservation in Govt. and Govt. aided educational institutions.

The following benefits are also provided:

1. Extra time in examinations
2. Action has been taken to construct ramps in schools
3. All blind students get Braille Books free of cost.
4. Uniforms
5. Grievance redress cell
6. Restructured curriculum for HI
7. Tape recorders and cassettes

5. Employment (Section 32-41):

Posts have been identified - C & D. 5% reservation provided.

3% reservation has been made in all poverty alleviation programmes for PWDs.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

The Bangalore Development Authority and Karnataka Housing Board made 2% reservation in allotment of sites and houses respectively. The State Govt. had already passed order reserving 5% for Persons with Disabilities in all Govt. housing and site schemes.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

2 seats in BMTC are reserved for disabled persons BMTC has introduced

low floor buses. BMTC extended free transportation facilities not only for visually impaired persons but also for the severe disabled persons.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

The Spastic Society of Karnataka in collaboration with Vani Vilas Children's Hospital started intervention and prevention programmes. The Govt. of Karnataka is implementing CBR during the year 2002-03 with a budget of Rs. 50 lakhs.

Preliminary discussions are held with the mechanical department of Indian Institute of Science for design and manufacture of motorized tri-cycle comparable to the Indian Roads.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

The Director, Deptt. Of Welfare of the Disabled is the competent authority. The rules are ready for publishing.

10. Establish Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities (Section 56):

A Social Service Complex is already set up under the Department of Welfare of Disabled for this purpose.

11. Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 60):

Appointed.

12. Social Security (Section 66-68):

Govt. disabled employees are covered under the Karnataka Govt. Insurance Scheme and the same is implemented.

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Section 69-73):

Not framed.

KERALA

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

State Coordination Committee has been constituted.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-24):

State Executive Committee has been constituted.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

No report for the current year.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

State Government has constituted 43 special schools under Government and private sector where uniform allowance, dictionary allowance etc. are provided to these schools.

Teachers of regular schools are also given training on learning disability.

Blind students, in all Government and private Arts & Science Colleges affiliated to University of Kerala, Music College and Shri Sankaracharya University, whose family income does not exceed Rs. 8000/- are given book allowance of Rs. 150/-. Blind students whose family income does not exceed Rs. 25,000/- and who are residing in hostels are given boarding and lodging charges.

Students with locomotor disability whose family income is below Rs. 25,000/- are eligible to get boarding and lodging charges.

3% seats are reserved for students with disabilities upto degree level (except for



B.Sc. Geology) in the University of Kerala. Out of this, 1% is reserved for the blind, 1% for the hearing impaired and 1% for persons with locomotor disability with a provision to interchange of seats, if candidates are not available in a particular category in a year. The Blind and Hearing Impaired students are not eligible for reservation in Science subjects involving practical.

The University of Kerala has already issued orders reserving 3% seats for B.Ed. course. As far as the P.G. courses in University of Kerala are concerned, one seat in each college is reserved for disabled person. The Cochin University of Science and Technology has reserved 3% seats to disabled students for all courses.

For engineering courses (B.Tech) 20 seats in various disciplines are reserved for physically handicapped students for the year 2002. For diploma courses, 3% seats are reserved in all branches. In addition to this, 5 seats in each branches viz. Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics, Computer and Polymer are specially reserved for the disabled. For Technical High Schools, 5% seats are reserved for disabled persons.

Details showing the number of physically handicapped students admitted in colleges during the year 2001-2002

Course	Number of physically handicapped students	
	Government	
Private		
BA/BSc/Bcom	95	460
MA/MSc/Mcom	3	13
BEEd	14	9
Other	—	14

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

The State Government have issued orders for reservation of 3% posts in

Government Departments to persons with disabilities. They have also identified the posts in Class III and IV categories for the purpose. A scheme for direct recruitment of persons with disabilities has also been introduced and in each District a committee headed by the District Collectors have been authorized to appoint the persons with disabilities in accordance with the Act from the list furnished by the employment exchange. The District Collector is the coordinating authority in ascertaining vacancies, selection and allotment for appointment.

As per Government Order (Rt)No. 47/99/P7ARD dated 23.9.99, Government have allotted 1218 posts in Class III and IV for making appointment in the State under the scheme for direct recruitment of physically handicapped persons during 1998. The period to make the appointments was up to 31.12.2001. In order to avoid lapsing of the reserved posts earnest efforts were taken in this regard and the Commissionerate could achieve in filling up the maximum number of posts than ever before.

The question of reservation of posts and identification of posts in Class I and II are also under consideration of the Government.

Vide G.O. Rt.389/2000/SWD dated 11.12.2000, Government have accorded sanction for the constitution of District Executive Committee with District Collector as Chairman, District Social Welfare Officer as Member Secretary.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

The Kerala State Housing Board is giving preferential allotment to the persons with disabilities by reserving 1% for allotment of house sites, house or flat. They are also insisting the allotment in ground floor in the road access in case

of allotment of house for physically handicapped persons.

As requested earlier, Government have directed (circular no. 8059/B2/01/LSG dated 19.12.2001) all local self Government bodies to formulate schemes such as preferential allotment of land etc. for disabled as part of their plan schemes.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

The matter regarding creation of barrier free environment was given top priority and the State Coordination Committee and State Executive Committee in their first meetings considered the issue. The Public Works Department and Local Self Government have been directed to take action suitably amend the Building Rules to ensure that all future constructions should be according to relevant provisions of the Persons with Disabilities Act. The Transport Department has also been requested to amend the negative provisions in the Motor Vehicles Act to create barrier free facilities for persons with disabilities.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

Inauguration of State level awareness programme was held at Thiruvananthapuram on 20.9.01. An awareness programme for Headmasters of all High Schools and U.P.S. in the district was conducted on 13.12.01. Awareness programme for Panchayat, Presidents and Secretaries of the district was conducted on 5.2.2002.

The Health Department, Education Department and Social Welfare Department are carrying out various activities for prevention and early detection of disabilities. The Education Department is conducting medical examination of



all students once in a year and remedial measures are being taken if disabilities are detected. The Welfare Society for locomotor disability founded with public participation is conducting detection camps, fitment and distribution camps for the disabled and conducting awareness seminars. Anganwadi workers are also given training for detection of disabilities of children.

Rehabilitation services under the Kerala Health Services are carried out through the 11 PMR Units attached to district hospitals except Pathanamthitta, Wayanad, Kasargod and Idukki districts and four Limb fitting centres at Kollam, Ernakulam, Palakkad and Kannur. In addition to this, various State level programmes are conducted by the State PMR programme Officer and Welfare Society for locomotor disabled, Kerala.

Awareness generation camps, seminars, other training programmes etc. are conducted in all the districts of the State for the Anganwadi workers, Junior Public Health Nurses and Medical Officers. Various camps for detection of disability and supply of assistive devices were conducted by the Welfare Society with the cooperation of non-governmental organizations. Special disability certification boards were set up in all districts to issue disability certificates to all deserving persons.

Budget provisions of 20 lakhs and 7 lakhs were provided to PMR Units and Limb Fitting Centres respectively. In addition 12 seminars were conducted for creating awareness. Besides, 22,000 disability certificates were issued to persons with disabilities.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

To implement the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities Act 199, a State Commissioner was appointed. As

per GO (Rt) NO.208/01/SWD dated 2.8.01, Government has appointed Dr. N. Ahmed Pillai, Prof. & Head of Physical Medicine, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram to the post of State Commissioner.

10. Action by Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 61-63):

As a part of redressing the grievances of persons with disabilities, the State Commissioner has conducted sitting at the following places in the State during the period under report:-

A sitting was conducted at Palakkadu district on 17.11.2001 in the presence of concerned district officers. 270 petitions were received demanding job, financial assistance etc. Action was taken on all complaints.

A sitting was conducted on 24.11.2001 at Kannur district. 154 petitions were received and settled.

A sitting was conducted on 1.12.2001 at Pathanamthitta district. 73 petitions were received. Most of the problems were related to delay in getting disability certificates. The problems were discussed with the Superintendent of District Hospital and settled.

A sitting was conducted on 15.12.2001 at Kottayam district. 111 petitions were received and action on each petition was taken.

A sitting was conducted on 22.12.2001 at Kasargodu district. 83 petitions were received and action taken thereon.

A sitting was conducted on 29.12.2001 at Alappuzha district. 41 petitions were received and taken was taken on all the petitions.

A sitting was conducted on 2.2.2002 at Ernakulam district. 105 petitions were received and action taken.

Two inspections were conducted at Vikas Bhawan, YWCA, Kollam on 7.1.2002 and at Sahrudaya, Thathampally, Alappuzha on 11.1.2002. On inspection it was found that both the schools have no certificate of registration as required under the PWD Act. The Director, Social Welfare has thereupon been directed to take further steps in the matter.

11. Social Security (Section 66-68):

6500 Identity Cards have been issued to persons with disabilities in Thiruvanthapuram district. Issue of identity cards in the district has been taken up as a pilot project. Subsequently, the scheme has been extended in all other districts of the State. The target of the Commissionerate is to distribute atleast 2 lakhs identity cards during the calendar year.

The Railways, the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation and the private buses are giving concessions to persons with locomotor disability and blindness. The Central as well as State Governments is giving conveyance allowance to its employees with disabilities having locomotor disability/blindness.

Government in Transport Department has been requested to accept I.D. cards as proof of disability for the matter of transport concession.

An amount of Rs. 4975/- lakhs has been spent by the KRSTC as travel concession to persons with disabilities during the financial year 2001-2002 as detailed below:-

Category	No. of beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
Physically handicapped	29862	3511
Deaf & Dumb	2294	192
Blind	7572	1272



There is special pension scheme for the persons with disabilities. Persons having an annual family income of Rs. 12,000/- or less are eligible for the pension subject to certain conditions specified in the scheme.

Government are also sanctioning unemployment allowance to all educated youths whose annual family income is within the yardsticks prescribed therein. Persons with disabilities are also eligible subject to availability of funds. In addition financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs. 5000/- is also sanctioned from the Distress Relief Fund to persons with disabilities.

12. Miscellaneous Achievements (Section 69-73):

The Budget allocation of the Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities for the year 2001-2002 is 35 lakhs.

LAKSHADWEEP

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

As per Section 13(3) of the Persons with Disability act, 1995 the Union Territory Administration is not required to constitute the State Coordination Committee.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-21):

State Executive Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (Welfare) has been constituted.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

Administration has already conducted Medical Camps in the islands and also proposed to conduct such Medical Camps.

The Administration have printed and published pamphlets in local languages and published articles in Lakshadweep Times, the local newspaper regarding various aspects of the Act including facilities and concessions provided by the admn. for the welfare of disabled persons. In addition, Radio talks etc. were also organised.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

Not reported.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

Reservation of 3% posts for persons with disabilities is already in force in the Union Territory. The Administration has also identified 117 posts under different departments suitable for handicapped persons both under promotion and direct recruitment category. The District Employment Exchange is also designated as "special Employment Exchange for the disabled persons" and started maintaining separate live register for disabled persons.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

Multiple Rehabilitation workers are appointed in the islands for assisting disabled persons to obtained Identify Cards and other facilities available in the Deptt and work as a link between deptt. and disabled persons.

NHFDC has already sanctioned and released an amount of Rs.9.84 lakhs to the disabled persons in the islands for self employment.

Disabled persons are engaged in the new coir production units, DRDA activities and agricultural plots run by the Deptt. of Industries, Agriculture respectively. The PWD has also decided to give minor works such as whitewashing, painting etc. to disabled persons on contract basis.

The Administration has already granted 50% concession to all disabled persons in the islands in ships owned by the Admn and being operated between mainland island sector and vice versa with effect from 1st January,2000.

Already issued I.Cards to 543 of disabled persons.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

Ramps have been provided on the ground floors of the schools, hospitals, Secretariat and other Govt. buildings to facilitate the easy movement of the handicapped persons.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

Not reported.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

Not reported.

10. Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities (Section 56):

Not reported.

11. Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 60):

The Director, Social Justice Empowerment & Culture has been appointed as the Commissioner in addition to his normal duties.

12. Social Security (Section 66-68):

The Administration is implementing old age pension, destitute etc. @ Rs.100/- per month.

The Deptt of Social Justice Empowerment & Culture is deputing 2 handicapped persons with one escort to New



Delhi to witness Republic Day parades every year.

Disabled persons are provided with artificial limbs and other assistive devices like tricycle, wheel chair, hearing aid and spectacles free of cost and financial assistance are also given to treatment at mainland.

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Section 69-73):

Not reported.

MADHYA PRADESH

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

Constituted.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-21):

Constituted.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

A one-day statewide survey had been conducted in the State on 28th January 1997 and identified 11.31 lakh disabled people.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

In the State of Madhya Pradesh, disabled girls and boys are being educated and trained through 16 Governmental Organizations and 164 NGOs. The State has also done mainstreaming of education and syllabus for disabled in regular schools. From 1998-99 till middle of 2002-2003, in connection with education of girls/ boys in the age group of 6 to 14, core areas have been identified through a survey and enrolled in schools and training institutes. In addition, an increase of Rs. 10/- has been made in the rate of scholarships to girl children, from April 2002.

So as to eradicate the problem of non-availability of Braille Books in Blind Schools, a software has been developed which will ensure easy availability of books in Braille to students with visual impairment.

Under the aegis of handicraft development corporation in 28 districts, persons with disabilities are being imparted training in different trades of employment. Every year 25 persons from each organization are given training in a course duration of 10 months.

B.Ed. (Special Education) has been instituted through Bhoj Open University in collaboration with RCI. Three months foundation course has been started for teachers engaged in regular/special schools.

With the help of National Trust Day Care Centres, persons involved in the service of mentally retarded and spastics children are being imparted six months training in Indore & Ujjain which includes 3 months training in behavioural skill.

Regional Handicap Rehabilitation Centre has been opened in Bhopal by Govt. of India.

Training programme was arranged for the Directors of Aanganwadi Training Centres in the month of February 2003.

Cultural and Sports competitions were held to demonstrate the ability of persons with disabilities.

Students with visual impairment are being provided the facility of writer, studying in one class below, in examinations by Secondary Education Board, Madhya Pradesh.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

Exercise is being conducted to identify jobs for persons with disabilities on the basis of 1500 identified by Govt. of India.

2% reservation to each category of persons with disabilities i.e. V.I., O.H., and H.H. are being provided in conformity with the 100 points reservation roster. Since 2nd October 1997, 3564 persons have been provided employment in Government, Semi-Government organizations and local bodies.

Employment Exchange has been established in 3 districts.

Persons with disabilities are given facility of 10 years relaxation in minimum age.

Certain percentage of seats in technical education has been reserved for persons with disabilities.

Instructions have been issued to keep reservation of 3% in all poverty alleviation schemes.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

Artificial limbs and assistive devices are provided free of cost.

Provision has been made to give reservation and preference to persons with disabilities in allotment of land, houses for residential and commercial purposes.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

Persons with visual impairment are given free bus passes to travel in buses of Road Transport Corporation. Seat number 9 & 10 are kept reserved for persons with disabilities. Artificial limbs and assistive devices can be transported free of cost by buses.

Instructions have been issued to construct ramps, barrier free toilet and to incorporate other barrier free features to make all buildings right from village to state level accessible.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

For eradication of disability, a commu-



nity based rehabilitation programme has been launched by Govt. since 2nd October, 1997. Community medicine department under medical universities have been instructed to undertake detailed survey the cause of disability.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

District Magistrates, Panchayat and social welfare officers have been appointed as a competent authority to register non-Governmental organisation working in the field of disabilities.

10. Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities (Sec.56):

Voluntary organizations are being encouraged to open separate organizations for persons with severe disabilities.

11. Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Sec.60):

The Commissioner Disabilities has already been appointed.

12. Social Security (66-68):

Children aged between 6 and 14 years belonging to families below poverty line and destitute above 14 years who are unable to provide for themselves are given unemployment allowance of Rs. 150/- per month.

50% concession has been granted in tax on house/ property owned by persons with visual impairment and mentally retarded.

Unemployment allowance is also awarded.

Persons with Disabilities have been exempted from professional tax.

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Sec.69-73):

Appropriate Rules under Disability Act have been framed and modified.

MAHARASHTRA

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

Constituted on February 6, 1998. Two meetings held so far.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-21):

SEC was constituted on 12th February 1998. Three meetings held so far.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

This has been taken up under the Action Plan and as a part of the Multi Sectoral Collaborative Action Programme of the Government, the Health Department is looking into collection of comprehensive and reliable data for planning and resource allocations in the Health Sector.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

Free education for girls upto 12th Standard. For boys, upto 10th Standard.

3% reservation for students with disabilities in normal schools. Vide the integrated education scheme of the Education Department, there are 102 units in Maharashtra (Aided Schools).

All the districts in Maharashtra, except the newly formed district Gondia, have special schools.

There are 102 units in 16 districts that have 53 number of schools equipped to cater to children with disabilities.

All the Special Schools - catering to OH, HH, VH and MR children have pre-vocational programmes. Plan underway for equipping general schools with facilities for education of children with disabilities.

Scholarships are given for 10 months per annum as below:-

	<i>Per Month</i>	<i>Per Annum</i>
Ist Std. to 4th Std.	Rs. 30/-	Rs. 300/-
5th Std. to 7th Std.	Rs. 40/-	Rs. 400/-
8th Std.	Rs. 50/-	Rs. 500/-

(This Scheme is under revision for including children up to 10th Std. @ 85/-PM).

Total number of students receiving scholarships at present are: 25,984

All disabled children studying in special schools in the Govt. and NGO Sector are provided with free books, educational aids needed for their education.

3% reservation in government hostels and in Ashram Schools.

Examination system has been modified to eliminate mathematical questions for the benefit of blind/low vision students by giving exemption of Mathematics for VI.

All special schools are to provide free transportation for children with disabilities. There is a provision of salary to a driver and a care taken if the special school procures a vehicle for transportation of children with disabilities in non-residential special schools.

Half-an-hour extra time is provided to persons with disabilities who appear for examination in schools and School/ Board and in the Universities.

Very few schools in the State are architecturally barrier free.

All special schools, Colleges and Professional Institutes are in the process of being audited for barrier free access.



**5. Employment
(Section 32 - 41):**

Posts have been identified. 3% reservation exists.

**6. Affirmative action
(Section 42-43):**

Establishment of Resource Centres at Nagpur and Mumbai. Strengthening of rehabilitation of persons with disabilities at the District levels by establishment of District Rehabilitation Centre.

To organize cultural activities and dance-drama competition etc. with a view to enhance confidence of persons with disability and bring out the creative and artistic abilities in persons with disability.

**7. Non-discrimination
(Section 44-47):**

Government of Maharashtra PWD has already issued a GR for provision of special amenities for physically handicapped persons to provide high hand rails and additional rails at a height of 75 cms above the finished levels of steps for stair cases and for steps to the ground floor plinth if they are enclosed on their sides by walls, such amenities are to be provided in buildings to be used for public offices, commercial occupancy or public purpose like Cinema, Drama Theaters, Hospitals, Maternity Homes, Telephone Offices, Educational purposes etc.

A ramp with a slope not exceeding 1:12 from the ground level of open spaces or road level to the entrance of door of lift or stair case.

One of the wash basins in the toilet block on each floor fixed at a height of 80 cms with a tap at 100 cms. Above the finished floor level. The said topic has been taken up in the Action Plan of Maharashtra.

**8. Research and Manpower
Development (Section 48-49):**

Community Based Rehabilitation has been included under the NPRPD's and Gramin Punarvasan Yojana - new Scheme in existence in Maharashtra in the following Districts: Latur, Chandrapur & Nasik and Aurangabad, Kolhapur, Sindhdurg, Wardha, Buidhana.

**9. Recognition of Institutions
for Persons with Disabilities
(Section 50-55):**

Commissioner (Disabilities) is the competent authority.

**10. Establish Institution for
Persons with Severe
Disabilities (Sec.56)**

561 institutions exist in the State of Maharashtra.

**11. Appointment of Commissioner
for Persons with Disabilities
(Sec.60)**

Appointed.

12. Social Security (66-68)

Various schemes by the State are

**13. MISCELLANEOUS
(Sec.69-73)**

- 1 Rules have been framed.
- 1 Concessional bus passes for disabled students and for person with disabilities

MANIPUR

**1. Constitution of State
Coordination Committee
(Section 13-18):**

State Coordination Committee constituted on 7.10.97 vide Order No. 11/3/97-S(SW) and reconstituted on 6.6.02

vide Order No. 11/3/97-S(W) Pt.II. Meeting is to be held shortly.

**2. Constitution of State
Executive Committee
(Section 19-21):**

State Executive Committee constituted on 7.10.97 vide Order No. 11/3/97-S(SW).

**3. Prevention - Survey
(Section 25):**

Social Welfare Department in Cordination with Local NGOs and services of Anganwadi Workers conducted a survey in the year 1995 and identified 24689 disabled persons in the State. The District-wise distribution of disabled of all categories is as below:-

The percentage of population of disabled is 1.5%.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

Two Special Schools - one for Visually Impaired and one for Hearing Impaired are running by the State Government. Students are given hostel facility with diet allowance and Rs. 500/- p.m. is also given to hostellers. Blind students are provided with Braille Text Books free of cost.

Other than this, 5 more special schools - 4 for Mentally Retarded and one for Hearing Impaired are being run by the Non-Governmental Organisations.

Instructions have been issued for strict compliance of the provisions of Section 26 & 27 and to earmark provision in the State Budget of the respective Department.

Scholarship is awarded to the disabled students starting from Standard-I upto Post-Graduate stage ranging from Rs.40/- to Rs. 120/- p.m. with reader allowance for blind students.

Mentally Retarded students are given



Name of District	Nature of Disabled										
	Visually Impaired		Hearing Impaired		Mentally Retarded				Locomotor	Spastics	Total
	PB	B	PD	D	M	Md	S	P			
Imphal											
(Both IE/IW)	861	750	800	789	320	545	652	100	2736	100	7733
Bishenpur	441	317	338	352	166	214	215	99	480	110	2739
Thoubal	459	310	506	420	212	247	100	50	802	40	3156
Ccpur	314	400	210	345	210	220	120	100	480	60	2459
Chandel	214	113	219	157	98	87	55	31	464	43	1481
Ukhrul	318	190	469	290	160	189	93	65	645	20	2447
Senapati	400	190	250	200	180	375	300	105	510	30	2650
Temeng-long	250	150	247	280	175	200	205	80	417	20	2024
Total	3264	2548	3119	2833	1521	2077	1740	630	6534	423	24689

Abbreviation used:

PB-Partial Blind, **B**-Blind, **PD**-Partial Deaf, **M**-Mild, **Md**-Moderate, **S**-Severe, **P**-Profound

maintenance allowance @ Rs. 300/- per annum.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

3% reservation for persons with disabilities in direct recruitment to Class-III & IV posts is in force since 1982. Points no. 34, 67 & 100 of the roster are reserved for Visually Impaired, Hearing Impaired and Locomotor disabled respectively.

Upper age limit is relaxed by 10 years for PWDs of all categories.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

Under the Centrally Sponsored Programme Grameen Purnavas Yojana (GPY), a Composite Fitmen and Rehabilitation Centre (CFRC) has been established at J.N. Hospital Complex and launched on 3.12.2001 by distributing aids and appliances. Centre is functioning smoothly.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

Public Works Department, Department of Town Planning, HUDCO & PDA etc. have been requested to provide non-discrimination facilities on the roads, transport, in built-in-environment etc. As an initial step, ground floor of the Social Welfare Department, Hospitals and some institutions and theatres have been made barrier free by constructing ramps. Govt. has planned to conduct access audit in some of the buildings under construction.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

No reported.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

Deptt. of Social Welfare is maintaining

two special schools:

- i) Govt. Ideal Blind School
- ii) Govt. Deaf and Mute School
- iii) Five Special schools are being run by NGOs with financial assistance from Govt. of India.

10. Action by Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Section 61-63):

Commissioner (Social Welfare) is working as Ex-officio Commissioner for disabilities in the State.

No complaint has so far been received.

11. Social Security (Section 66-68):

The NPRPD programme is running by the Central Government in two districts i.e., Imphal (both Imphal East and Imphal West) and Ukhrul. State Government is planning to extend the NPRPD programme in 3 more contiguous districts.

Government has identified two NGOs and two Special Schools under Social Welfare Department as State Resource Centres of the concerned categories.

Welfare Training Institute of Social Welfare Department has been identified as State Training Centre. 10 official have completed one month TOT programme.

Targeted number of MRWs and CBRWs have been worked out and process for setting up of DDRCs, formation of DMTs, appointment of MRWs & CBRWs is underway.

12. Miscellaneous Achievements:

- 1) State Government has constituted the District Medical Boards vide Order No. 7/3/97-S(SW) dated 3.7.2002.
- 2) Observed International Day for



Persons with Disabilities on 3.12.2002 at the State capital as well as at some District Head Quarters. Disabled persons from different localities and different institutions presented variety shows, art performance etc.

- 3) Two days camp for assessment and examination of the disabled for issuing disability certificates and distribution of aids & appliances under ADIP scheme was held at the District Head Quarters of Thoubal District on 4th & 5th of February, 2003. Regional Manager, ALIMCO, Kolkata and staff CFRC, Imphal participated in the camp. The Government identified about 300 persons with disabilities of different categories.
- 4) Social Welfare Department organized 2 days North East Region Cultural Festival for Persons with Disabilities in Imphal.
- 5) Proposal has been initiated for appointment of Independent Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Approval of the State Cabinet is awaited.
- 6) Instructions have been issued to all Departments to earmark at least 3% of the programme funds for persons with disabilities.

MEGHALAYA

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

Reconstituted on 24.11.99 and included members as prescribed by the Govt. of India. Meetings held frequently with Line Department.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-21):

Reconstituted on 24.11.99 and included prescribed members. No information

available on the number of meetings being held.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

Survey, investigations and research concerning the cause of occurrence of disabilities will be carried out by Health Department. Health Department has promoted various methods of preventing disability. Health Department conducts their usual awareness programmes to disseminate information for hygiene, health and sanitation.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

The present policy covers free education to all children upto 14 years of age. Education is extending policy to cover free education to disabled children upto 18 years of age. Where there is no special school, disabled students are admitted in normal schools. Some schools are under identification for upgradation into integrated educational institutions.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

An Expert Committee has been constituted in the State. Preliminary identification of posts to be reserved for the disabled has already been done. For reservation of 1% each to VI, HH & OH the matter has been taken up with Personnel Department.

Regarding intimation of vacancies to Special Employment Exchange, the matter has been taken up with the government in employment and craftsmen training to take up appropriate steps on the action points.

Social Welfare Department has maintained a record of employees with disabilities as provided by various Departments.

Vocational training in certain trade is imparted to disabled persons for a period of one year for a monthly stipend

of Rs.500/- each trainee. On completion a lump sum amount of Rs.5,000/- is given to each passed out trainee for enabling them to take up self employment scheme.

Relaxation in age is already available for 5 years as more than 50% of the population hail from tribal community.

Department is planning to reserve 3% seats in Govt. aided educational institutions to begin with.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

Prosthetic aid is being provided. In the State, land and business matters are administered by the autonomous district council set up under the Sixth Scheduled to the Constitution of India. The matter on allocation of land on preferential basis for house sites, business centres etc. has been taken up with the authorities of the district council.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

State Public Works Department is exploring the possibilities of making road barrier free.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

The matter has been taken up with Health Department to act on the directives and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. Government and Social Welfare Department has been requested to take up with Govt. of India so that research studies may be conducted at the National Level.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

The Director of Social Welfare has been appointed as a competent authority to register non-Governmental



organisation working in the field of disabilities. Five organisations working for the disabled have been registered under the Act.

10. Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities(Sec.56)

In the absence of institutions especially for persons with severe disabilities the NGOs working in general disabilities also accommodate persons with severe disabilities.

11. Appointment of Persons with Disabilities (Sec.60)

The Commissioner and Secretary in Social Welfare Department of the State has appointed as Commissioner of Disabilities.

12. Social Security(66-68)

The Government is implementing grant-in-aid schemes to NGOs who are running disabilities institutions/societies and rehabilitating them in the society.

There is no insurance schemes for persons with disabilities.

The State Government is implementing the scheme of unemployment allowance @ Rs.50/- p.m. for persons with disabilities from 2000-2001.

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Sec.69-73)

Draft rule under the Act have been prepared and taken up with Government. Clearance is still awaited.

MIZORAM

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

- i. Constituted vide order No.B-13016/5/99-SWD/Pt.-I dated 21.6.99
- ii. 3 meetings were held in 2000-01

- iii. 2 meetings have been held during the year 2001-2002.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-21):

- i. Constituted vide order No.B-13016/5/99-SWD/Pt.-I dated 5.8.99;
- ii. No meeting has been held.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

Survey was conducted in 1999. Then 7582 persons with disabilities were recorded.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

No information provided.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

- i. Job has not yet been identified. 3% reservation in all the groups is being provided w.e.f. 27.1.98;
- ii. Regarding reservation in educational institutions action is being taken;
- iii. Reservation of 3% in poverty alleviation scheme is provided by DRDA;

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

Nothing has yet been done under this provision.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

State Public Works Department has been requested.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

No action has been taken.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

The Director of Social Welfare has been appointed as a competent author-

ity to register non-Governmental organisation working in the field of disabilities.

10. Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities(Sec.56)

Nothing has been reported under this provision.

11. Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Sec.60)

The Secretary in Social Welfare Department of the State has been appointed as Commissioner of Disabilities.

12. Social Security(66-68)

- i. Unemployment allowance @ Rs.100 p.m. has been given to 25 disabled persons during 2001-2002;
- ii. 2184 students have been accorded scholarship;
- iii. 904 persons have been provided economic rehabilitation;
- iv. 200 persons have been provided disability pension
- v. Rs.61.95 thousands have been spent to benefit 3767 persons. The percentage coverage in terms of disability population is 49.68%

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Sec.69-73)

PWD Rules, 1999, under the PWD Act have come into force w.e.f. 12.8.99.

NAGALAND

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

Last meeting held on 14.5.2002.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-24):

State Executive Committee exists but meeting is not being held regularly.



3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

Surveys were held in 2000 & 2002. 8 districts were covered. To prevent disabilities following methods were adopted:

- i. Creating awareness
- ii. Pulse Polio immunisation
- iii. Banning sale of non-iodised salt
- iv. Holding assessment camps
- v. Time to time radio talks are held
- vi. Staff at primary health centers are trained on prevention and early detection.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

- i. Number of disabled children studying in schools:-

	Blind/ Low Vision	Loco- motor	Mentally Retarded	Speech & Hearing impaired	Total
Number	386	344	97	327	1154

- ii. Free education for school children with disabilities is available in the State
- iii. In all Govt. schools children with disabilities are admitted.
- iv. There are only 2 private special schools
- v. Since the number of schools are not adequate NGOs are being encouraged to set up institutions for disabled.
- vi. Students with disabilities are provided with scholarships of Rs.600/- per annum.
- vii There are only 10 special teachers in the State;
- viii. 1154 number of students with disabilities are receiving scholarships and free books, uniforms and other material;
- ix. Curriculum of one language option

for hearing impaired has been adopted in one deaf school;

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

- i. Jobs identified by the Central Expert Team and notified are to be followed by the State;
- ii. Every district employment exchange has a cell for disabled;
- iii. Notification has been issued to all Govt. Deptts. to submit reports on the number of employees with disabilities;
- iv. Notification has been issued to provide at least 3% reservation in all poverty alleviation schemes;

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

- i. Mobility aids are provided free of cost to all on production of income certificate;
- ii. In Nagaland land belongs to individuals/community. Thus Govt. do not have authority to make preferential allotment.
- iii. Certified disabled can avail free travel concession in the State transport services.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

Information under this sections is NIL.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

Information under this sections is NIL.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

The Director of the Social Security and Welfare Department of the State of Nagaland is appointed as the compe-

tent authority for the purpose of recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities.

10. Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities(Sec.56)

There is no such Institute.

11. Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities(Sec.60)

Holding independent charge. Provided with 5 supporting staff.

12. Social Security(66-68)

- i. Total amount of funds allocated under educational scholarship schemes is Rs.2,62,200/-. No. of beneficiaries are 437;
- ii. 800 persons have been provided with free aids and appliances;
- iii. Rs. 1.77 lakhs of grant-in-aid has been given to one school.

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Sec.69-73)

- i. Rules are under examination of P&AR Deptt. ;
- ii. Under Grameen Purnarvas Yojna, the DDRC was established in Dimapur sponsored by the NIOH, Kolkata, on 30.6.2000. This centre in collaboration with NIOH has conducted disability assessment in the district headquarters;
- iii. Disabled persons surveyed. There are 10,000 persons with disabilities;
- iv. 5000 disability identity cards issued to enable persons with disabilities to avail concessions and benefits extended by various authorities;
- v. NPRPD launched in 2 districts and State Rresource Centre at capital district. Hospitals have been upgraded with equipment meant for disabled persons.



ORISSA

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

SCC has been reconstituted vide Notification No. 708/WCD, 8.1.2003. Five persons with disabilities have also been included in the Committee to represent NGOs/Associations as per provisions of the Act. A meeting is yet to be convened.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-21):

SEC was constituted in 1997. Five persons with disabilities have been included in the Committee to represent NGOs/Associations as per the provisions of the PWD Act. 3 meetings of the Committee have been convened during the calendar year, 2001.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

A survey was conducted during 1993-95 in which 62,924 orthopaedically handicapped, 47,473 visually impaired, 36,305 hearing impaired and 11,501 mentally challenged persons were identified.

A comprehensive household survey in all villages of the State was conducted through the Anganwadi workers to have the maximum outreach. The survey has already been completed and the data is being computerized.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

State Govt. have undertaken a special drive through the "Integrated Education for the Disabled Children" component of the DPEP for integration of disabled children in normal schools. All Collectors have been requested to take up the programme for integration of disabled children in normal schools by

involving the Local Committees/NGOs etc. to get more disabled children admitted into the normal schools in the current academic session. So far, 40,023 disabled children have been enrolled in 16 DPEP districts as per the information furnished by the project authorities.

The State Govt. is sanctioning grant-in-aid to fifty special schools in the State run by NGOs to provide free education to disabled children. 18 schools are for the VI, 21 for the HI and 11 for MR children. 2939 disabled children of different categories are being provided free education in these Special Schools. Apart from this, 19 Special Schools are running in the State with Govt. of India assistance. NGOs with a proven track record and experience in the field of disability are being encouraged to set up Special Schools in Districts where there is no institution for disabled children.

A Braille Press has been installed at the Red Cross School for the blind, Berhampur. The State Govt. is providing financial assistance in shape of grant-in-aid for the Braille Press and Braille transcription Project. Free books, study materials, uniforms, escort allowances etc. were being provided to disabled students in some Districts under the IED component of DPEP sponsored by the Ministry of HRD. All districts will now be covered under the "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan".

Three training centres, one each for VI, HI and MR, have been established in the State at Bhubaneswar in collaboration with the respective National Institutes to train the teachers to be engaged in the Special Schools of the State. Each year 65 trainees are given training the aforesaid three centres

Scholarships/stipends are being provided to the disabled students studying in normal schools and colleges from the

primary schools upto the university level as well as to the vocational trainees at different rates. 3652 disabled students were benefited under this scheme during the financial year 2001-02. The State Govt. have in the meantime revised the rates of scholarship in the following manner.

- a. Primary (Std. I to V) - Rs. 100/-
- b. Middle and High School (VI to VII and IX to X) - Rs. 140/-
- c. College (+2 & +3) - Rs. 160/-
- d. College (PG) - Rs. 190/-
- e. Technical and Vocational Training - Rs. 190/-

3% seats have been reserved for disabled students in all educational institutions in the State.

2 seats in each Govt. Engineering College (except ITT Choudwar), 2 seats in ITT, Choudwar and one seat in each Govt. Medical College of the State have been reserved for physically handicapped candidates.

Govt. have allowed 3% weightage of marks and 2% reservation of seats for physically handicapped candidates for admission to the Engineering schools/polytechnics and it is of the State.

1% seats in Teachers Training Schools and B.Ed. Training Colleges have been reserved for PH candidates.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

Efforts are being made to identify the posts.

3% vacancies are reserved for PWDs in government jobs (Class IV, Class III, Class II Gazetted Posts and specially declared Gazetted posts/services in Government establishments and public sector undertakings.



50% of the teaching posts in special schools have been reserved for persons with visual impairment.

3% of the total allocation of funds in poverty alleviation programmes is earmarked for persons with disabilities

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

Special aids & appliances like blind sticks, crutches, tricycles, hearing aids etc. are also being provided to disabled persons for which the State Govt. is extending financial assistance in the shape of grant in aid.

Revenue Department have issued necessary instructions for preferential allotment of Government land for house sites and agriculture purposes under the OGLS Act and OLR Act in favour of disabled persons.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

Ramps have been constructed at the entry points in the State Secretariat buildings in all the Collectorates through out the State and in other public offices. 288 ramps and 33 handrails have also been constructed in primary schools. Ramps at the entry points in 12 Tehsil Offices and 33 Block Offices have been constructed.

Instructions have also been issued to various govt. departments/agencies/PSUs to construct ramps in all offices and places of the State like Heads of Deptts & Subordinate offices, cinema halls, educational institutions, Museum, colleges and hospitals, planetarium, temples, tourist sports, nationalize banks.

An Access Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Superintendent, VRC, Bhubaneswar to visit different offices of State Govt. and Central Govt. and advise about con-

struction of ramps at the entry points of those buildings.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

Not reported

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

The State Govt. have appointed the Director, Social Welfare, Women & Child Development Deptt. As the "Competent Authority" under the PWD Act, 1995 for grant of Certificates of Registration in favour of the institutions working in the field of disabled welfare.

10. Establish Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities(Sec.56)

Not reported

11. Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Sec.60)

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., Women and Child Development Department as the "Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities" to look into the welfare of PWDs in the States.

12. Social Security(66-68)

State Government provides conveyance allowance to the blind and OH government employees at the rate of Rs. 150/- p.m.

Under Orissa Disability Pension Scheme, OH, totally blind, MR and persons affected by Cerebral Palsy over five years of age are given pension @ Rs. 100/- per month. 70,000 beneficiaries are being provided such a pension each year.

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Sec.69-73)

As far as listing out the rules promul-

gated under this Act/Clause is concerned, it is pending with the Government.

PONDICHERY

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

There is a proposal for the constitution of State Co-ordination Committee is under consideration of the Government.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-21):

State Executive Committee has been formed and regular meetings were held on 26.6.2001 & 16.10.2001.

3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

Statewise survey has already been completed.

Social Welfare Deptt. is arranging workshops, training classes for SGTs and AWWs in co-ordination with Health Deptt. Awareness generation through Media is also being carried out.

Health Deptt. has already started screening children for eye problems in Karaikal region.

Health Deptt. are implementing various Central/ State schemes for the care of Mother and Children.

Under the scheme of Prevention and early detection of disabilities, training programmes are arranged for field level workers of the Deptts., of Se/WCD/ Health Deptts., for timely detection and prevention of disabilities.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

Education Deptt. has identified two schools for integration of students with disabilities in the normal schools.



Social Welfare Deptt. is running 4 Special Schools.

Pondicherry University is already running correspondence courses.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

Issued notices to those departments who have not provided any reservation to the disabled people and Commission also impressed upon Finance Department and advised them to see that at least 3% of funds allocated are being spent for the welfare of disabled persons. Accordingly, Planning Department issued a Circular insisting all the Head of Departments to utilize at least 3% of funds allocated for the benefit of the disabled persons. Under Labour Department a Special Employment Exchange was also formed and has been authorized to collect information on vacancy position in various Departments of their Administration also. A proposal has been submitted to Government for the formation of Expert Committee to identify posts in Group 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

Under the Act, Sections 42 & 43, their Department is supplying aids & appliances like tricycles walking sticks, Braille watches and hearing aids under a scheme. Similarly, the concerned departments have amended the rules for preferential allotment of land to the persons with disabilities.

7. Non-discrimination (Section 44-47):

Social Welfare Deptt. has asked Transport Deptt. to take necessary steps to easy accessibility and location Station Master was also asked to work in this subject.

Officials from PWD/ Town & Coun-

try Planning/ Housing Board/ LAD Deptts. Have been requested by Commissioner to look into these aspects of the act and take necessary action at the earliest.

8. Research and Manpower Development (Section 48-49):

Being a small UT, there is no much scope for these activities.

9. Recognition of Institutions for Persons with Disabilities (Section 50-55):

Competent authority has been appointed on 8.1.99. Being processed by Social Welfare Deptt.

10. Institution for Persons with Severe Disabilities (Sec.56):

Social Welfare Deptt is maintaining Home for Orthopaedically disabled children for deaf & dumb and mentally retarded, blind persons, Grants are also given to NGOs to run similar institutions.

11. Appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities(Sec.60):

Secretary(Welfare) has been appointed as ex-officio-Commissioner for Disabilities for UT of Pondicherry.

12. Social Security (66-68)

In this regard, Social Welfare Deptt. is already implementing various schemes. Details of various schemes being implemented by Social Welfare Deptt. is enclosed at Annexure -I.

13. MISCELLANEOUS (Sec.69-73):

Other Welfare Programmes for the Disabled are i) Incentive for marriage disabled and normal persons; ii) Fuel

subsidy for disabled persons; iii) Unemployment Allowance to educated persons; iv) Annual Tour for the disabled; v) Celebration of the International Day for the Disabled; vi) State Awards for the welfare of the disabled; vii) Reimbursement of maintenance cost of tricycles; viii) Supply of Saris and Dhotis; ix) Supply of cooling glasses, walking sticks and Braille watches; and x) Incentive for Eye Donation. Despite these other concessions/ facilities are provided for e.g. age relaxation for 10 years to the disabled in govt. employment, transport allowance for OH & VH employees are eligible, free travel concession for the disabled whose annual income is below Rs.30,000/- per annum are eligible in the state owned buses/private buses plying within the UT and issue of multipurpose ID cards for the disabled persons. As many as 6,000 application forms have been received from the disabled persons, the Lt. Governor issued around 250 cards to the persons with disabilities, and about 1000 cards are ready for disbursement.

Pondicherry UT being very small in size and the number of disabled to be covered is also reasonable, their Administration is serious to rehabilitate cent percent in the near future, by converging the efforts of various Departments, in this field and through e-governance.

PUNJAB

1. Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Section 13-18):

Last meeting held on 30.12.1996. Next meeting is due on 6.8.2004.

2. Constitution of State Executive Committee (Section 19-24):

Last meeting held on 2.9.2002.



3. Prevention - Survey (Section 25):

Survey has been conducted on 28.6.2002, 2,48,540 number of persons with disabilities have been identified out of which there are 23543 are mentally disabled, 2458 are hearing impaired, 55110 are visually handicapped and 1,45,076 are locomotor disability. To prevent disabilities following methods were adopted:

- i. Polio and other immunization.
- ii. Vitamin A solution administration among all infants and children.
- iii. Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaign under National Leprosy Eradication Programme.
- iv. National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme.
- v. Locomotor Disabilities - Trauma wards have been established in major hospitals of state and necessary equipments made available to treat accident victims.
- vi. Instructions have been issued to Civil Surgeons to carry out school surveys at regular intervals.
- vii. The staff of PHC has been trained for the prevention and early detection of Disabilities.
- viii. Ante natal check up of all pregnant women.
- ix. Pre natal and post natal care of mother and child.
- x. Campaign for consumption of iodized salt.
- xi. Educate the public through the Pre-schools, schools, PHCs, Village Level Workers and Anganwadi and Anganwadi Workers.
- xii. Create Awareness amongst the masses through Television, Radio and other media.
- xiii. Facilities for Disabled persons in the hospital.

4. Education (Section 26-31):

- i. Number of disabled children studying in schools:

	Blind/ Low Vision	Loco- motor	Mentally Retarded	Speech & Hearing impaired	Total
Number	-	-	-	-	150

- ii. Free education has been provided to all disabled students up to + 2 level.
- iii. Instructions have been circulated for not to deny admission to handicapped children in the normal schools.
- iv. Under CSS of Integrated Education of Disabled Children a proposal has been sent to Govt. of India for setting up special cells for handicapped.
- v. In 255 senior secondary schools, vocational training is being provided.
- vi. An amount of Rs.250/- p.m. is provided to the parents/guardians of mentally retarded children to attend schools. Bus transport is free to all the children with disabilities to attend school.
- vii. A proposal is under consideration for providing free of cost books and equipments.
- viii. Under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, there is a provision of Rs.1200/- per annum per disabled child.
- ix. Grant of scholarships to students with disabilities is under consideration. The Deptt. of Social Security and WCD is providing Rs.200/- & Rs.300/- p.a. to the disabled upto middle standard and above respectively. Punjab School Education Board has provided assistance of Rs.1,35,000 to 150 disabled students.
- x. Instructions have already been issued to provide writer/scriber to VH/low vision while taking examination and also to provide 20 min-

utes extra in one hour paper, to give grace marks where questions relates to graphs and drawing are there.

5. Employment (Section 32 - 41):

- i) A list of job/post identification has already been circulated; ii) Instructions have already been issued to provide 3% reservation in State Services; iii) Notification under sections 34-38 have been issued by the Deptt. of Labour & Employment. A form has been prescribed for the purpose of Special Employment Exchange at Ludhiana has been prescribed. 24 VH persons have been provided employment in private sector. iv) 10 years relaxation in the upper age limit in Govt. employment has been given in Group 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' state services v) Instructions have already been issued for the purpose of 3% seats in all Govt. and Govt. aided educational institutes, 20 disabled are getting medical education in Govt. Medical Colleges. vi) Instructions have been issued for 3% reservation of in all poverty alleviation scheme of Govt. and local authorities.

Un employment allowance @ Rs.400/- p.m. & Rs.300/- p.m. to blind/deaf unemployed Graduate/post graduate & under graduate respectively is being provided. Similarly the allowance to the Orthopaedically handicapped is provided @ of Rs.200/- & Rs.150/- p.m. respectively. Approximately, an amount of Rs.4,83,749.25 is being disbursed as unemployment allowance, quarterly.

6. Affirmative action (Section 42-43):

- i. 3 composite Rehabilitation & Fitment Centres each at Patiala have been set to provide Aids and Appliances to PWDs and Regional Rehabilitation Centre for Spinal Injuries has been set up. An Auxiliary Centre of Artificial Aids/appliances is being set up in the State by ALIMCO. Research & Medical Education has provided 4142 aids/