

Section I

Vision, Mission, Objectives and Functions

Vision

An inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of persons with disabilities so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives.

Mission

To empower its target group namely Persons with Disabilities through legislation/policies/programmes/schemes for empowerment and development.

Objectives

Objectives of the Department are:

1. Physical rehabilitation through National Institutes (for services which include early detection and intervention, counseling and medical rehabilitation), undertake Research and Development for technological advancement and appropriate technology for persons with disabilities (PwDs) and increasing accessibility through supply of aids and assistive devices through implementing agencies for (PwDs).
2. Educational empowerment.
3. Economic empowerment through financial assistance.
4. Social Empowerment
5. Development of rehabilitation professionals/personnel.
6. Advocacy for empowerment of persons with disabilities through awareness generation.
7. Review of working of scheme with outlays more than Rs. 100 crore and Assessment of Outcome/Impact of Activities

Functions

The subjects allotted to the Department of Disability Affairs as per allocation of Business Rules are:

1. The following subjects which fall within List I – Union List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution:

Indo-US, Indo-UK, Indo-German, Indo-Swiss and Indo-Swedish Agreements for Duty-free import of donated relief goods/supplies and matters connected with the distribution of such supplies.

2. The following subjects which fall within List-III – Concurrent List of the Seventh schedule to the Constitution (as regards legislation only):

Social Security and Social Insurance save to the extent allotted to any other Department

3. For the Union Territories, till the following subjects which fall in List II-State List or List III – Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, in so far as they exist in regard to such territories:

Relief of the Disabled and the unemployable; Social Security and Social Insurance, save to the extent allotted to any other Department.

4. To act as the nodal Department for matters pertaining to Disability and Persons with Disabilities:

Note: The Department of Disability Affairs shall be the nodal Department for the overall policy, planning and coordination of programmes for Persons with Disabilities. However, overall management and monitoring etc. of the sectoral programmes in respect of this group shall be the responsibility of the concerned Central Ministries, State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Each Central Ministry or Department shall discharge nodal responsibility concerning its sector.

5. Special schemes aimed at rehabilitation and social educational and economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, e.g. supply of aids and appliances, scholarships, residential schools, skill training, concessional loans and subsidy for self-employment etc.

6. Education and Training of Rehabilitation Professionals

7. International Conventions and Agreements on matters dealt with in the Department. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

8. Awareness generation, research, evaluation and training in regard to subjects allocated to the Department.

9. Charitable and Religious Endowments, and promotion and development of Voluntary Effort pertaining to subjects allocated to the Department.

10. ACTS/LEGISLATIONS

- (i) The Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (34 of 1992)
- (ii) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 1996)
- (iii) The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999)

11. STATUTORY BODIES

- (i) The Rehabilitation Council of India.
- (ii) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.
- (iii) The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.

12. PSUs/AUTONOMOUS BODIES etc.

- (i) The National Handicapped and Finance Development Corporation - company is registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956
- (ii) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation, Kanpur.

13. NATIONAL INSTITUTES

- (i) Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Institute for Physically Handicapped, New Delhi.
- (ii) National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Kolkata.
- (iii) National Institute of Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.
- (iv) National Institute of Mentally Handicapped, Secundrabad.
- (v) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai.
- (vi) Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research, Cuttack.
- (vii) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai.
- (viii) The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre, New Delhi.
