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Pune, Date: .12.2021.

To,
Dr. Upma Srivastava,
Commissioner,
Office of the Chief Commissioner
For Persons With Disabilities,
Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwandas Road,
New Delhi - 110001.

**Subject : In the matter for inclusion in the Annual Report of the O/o. Chief
Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for the year 2020-21.**

Reference : Your's Letter No.8-1/CCD/AR-2021 dated 07.09.2021.

With reference to above cited subject, I am sending herewith a copy of annual report for the year 2020-21 for inclusion of the same in the Annual Report of the O/o. Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for the year 2020-21 for your kind perusal and appropriate action.

Thanking you,

Enclosures :

**(Omprakash Deshmukh, I.A.S.)
Commissioner
for Persons With Disabilities,
Maharashtra State, Pune.**

Copy to :-

Hon'ble Additional Chief Secretary, Social Justice and Special Assistance Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 32.



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RPWD ACT 2016, (STATES/UTS)

(ANNUAL REPORT YEAR 2020-21)

REPORT AS ON 31.03.2021

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		CORPORATIONS	
		NO. OF CANTONMENT BOARD	07
5	Whether Medical Authorities have been notified for issuance of Disability Certificates in each District and PHC/CHC of the State / UT:	Yes, vide Government Resolution dated 14.09.2018, the Public Health Department, Government of Maharashtra, has issued guidelines to establish Medical Authorities for issuance of Disability Certificates in each District and PHC/CHC on the State.	
6	Number of Districts and PHCs/CHCs where Medical Authority Has not been constitutes :	Not Applicable.	
7	Total number of Disability Certificates issued in the State/UTs:	Maharashtra State is having 04,70,517 (UDID Card Generated) Disability Certificates as on 31.03.2021. Disability Certificates issued under Software of Assessment of Disability in Maharashtra (SADM) have been migrated to UDID and its figures are 01,31,430.	
8	Number of Disability Certificates issued during the Financial Year (i.e. 01.04.2020 -31.03.2021):	Total Number of Disability Certificates issued during the financial year 2020-21 (i.e. 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021): 02,23,435 under UDID.	

2. Rights & Entitlements: (Section 3-15):

Sr. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 2 : Rights and Entitlements			
1.	3	Whether steps taken to equality non-discrimination, non-deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	That, vide Government Resolution dated 20.02.2019, the policy named "MAHARSHRA STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY-2018" has been framed and it has come into force w.e.f. 20.02.2019. (Hereinafter called as "The State Policy.") The State Policy demarcates equality, non-discrimination, non-deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with

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			benchmark disabilities.
	4	Whether measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	That, vide Government Resolution dated 20.02.2019, the policy named "MAHARSHRA STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY-2018" has been framed and it has come into force w.e.f. 20.02.2019.
	5	Whether steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to a range of in house, residential and community support services.	<p>As regards Section 4 and 5 of the Act, 2016, the measures to be taken are embedded in the said State Policy, conferring equal rights to women with disabilities with others in the following manner :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The State Government and the local authorities shall endeavor to protect and safeguard women and children with disabilities from desertion, neglect, inhuman treatment. b) The State will provide additional pre-natal and post-natal leave to women employees with disabilities along with necessary facilities. c) The State will endeavor to give preference to register complaint at police stations to women with disabilities, arising out of atrocities at work place and in families against insult, harassment, misbehavior, sexual assault, abuse, violence, exploitation, etc. <p>Moreover, Women and Child Development Department has framed and launched "Women Policy 2014" & "Child Policy 2014".</p> <p>After enactment of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, said department has included actions required to be taken by State government for the welfare of women with disabilities and Children with disabilities. Said inclusion took place vide Government Resolution dated</p>

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			30 th July, 2019.
	6	Whether measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	Vide Circular dated 29.07.2019; the Home Department of the State has issued directions to all police machineries to give special treatment to PwDs, in case of abuse, violence and exploitation, etc. In furtherance thereof, the State Commissioner has also issued certain guidelines to the Director General of Police regarding Accessible Police Stations for Women and Children with Disabilities.
	7	Whether steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	As per Clause (ii) of sub section (2) of Section 6 of the Act, 2016, the State Government has constituted a Committee for Research on Disability vide Government Resolution dated 03.11.2018, to prevent inhuman treatment against PwDs in case of medical procedure.
	8	Whether steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	The State Government has prepared and enforced 'Maharashtra State Disaster Management Plan, 2016'. In which Strengthened disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction planning and Strengthened implementation of measures on providing timely and appropriate support to persons with disabilities in responding to disasters are targeted. During the pandemic situation arisen on account of Covid-19, the State Government has taken has taken initiatives in following manner – a) Vide letter dated 18.03.2020, the State Commissioner issued SOP for prevention of spreading said decease. b) Made available telephone / mobile numbers of experts to release their stress occurred due to Covid-19 vide letter dated 26.03.2020. c) The State Commissioner, vide letter dated 26.03.2020, has made available important contact numbers of Divisional

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		<p>Commissionerate, Police Commissionerate, District Superintendents of Police, Helplines, Railway, District Collectors, etc. in case of emergencies.</p> <p>d) Vide letter dated 26.03.2020, the State Commissioner has informed to all Divisional Revenue Commissioners to make available necessary food kits, medicines, community kitchens, etc. for persons with disabilities, who are unable to move.</p> <p>e) Vide letter dated 28.03.2020, the State Commissioner has asked its subordinate officers to provide all important contact numbers to all persons with disabilities, in case of emergency.</p> <p>f) As per directions of the Central Government, the State Commissioner has appointed District Collectors as Nodal Officers, vide letter dated 28.03.2020.</p> <p>g) Vide letter dated 24.04.2020, the State Commissioner has instructed to the State Project Director, Help and Rehabilitation (Disaster Management Department), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai to make available accessible 24 X 7 helpline with sign language and video calling facility.</p> <p>h) Vide letter dated 22.05.2020, the State Commissioner has informed to all concerned District Collectors to implement SOPs issued by the United Nations Organizations (UNO).</p> <p>i) The State Commissioner, in his dual capacity as Director of Disability Welfare as well as State Commissioner, has issued SOPs to run online classes in special schools and training centers and</p>
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		<p>still it is continuing.</p> <p>j) Pune Zilla Parishad had distributed Rs. 202.28 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 5067.</p> <p>k) The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pune had distributed Rs. 339.55 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 2927.</p> <p>l) The Grampanchayat Walva, Dist – Sangli had paid Rs. 1000/- to each disabled person for purchase of necessary commodities.</p> <p>m) The Malegaon Corporation, Dist-Nashik had distributed Rs. 104.16 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 868.</p> <p>n) The Chandrapur Municipal Council had distributed Rs. 06.59 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 879.</p> <p>o) The Ichalkaranji Municipal Council, Dist- Kolhapur had distributed Rs. 08.92 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 829.</p> <p>p) Time to time review has been taken by the State Commissioner through video conferencing, regarding financial assistance provided by local bodies.</p> <p>q) During pandemic, 12569 disabled persons have registered under MANREGA.</p> <p>r) Vide Government Resolution dated 21.04.2020 and 11.06.2020, the Government of Maharashtra had exempted all disabled employees from their compulsory</p>
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			office attendance. s) Vide Circular dated 15.06.2020, the State Commissioner has issued direction to start E-learning facilities in respective special schools and training centers.
	9	Whether provisions in rule have been made that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Yes, Vide Circular dated 30.07.2019, the Women and Child Development Department of the State has issued guidelines to all concerned to take special and preventive measures for women and children with disabilities in this regard.
	10	Whether steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	In the said State Policy, the Government will ensure proper care of disabled women who conceives and She will deny permission for abortion without her free consent. The Government will also deny for any medical treatment to her without her free consent.
	11	Whether steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities	Yes, however due to pandemic situation arose on account of Covid-19, no elections held.
	12	Whether steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	The State Policy also provides suitable support measures for persons with disabilities specially those living outside family and those disabled requiring high support for exercising legal rights. Further, vide Government Resolution dated 03.03.2018, the State Government has established eleven Special Courts in eleven Districts with suitable infrastructure for persons with disability.
	13	Whether measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others along with right to inherit property.	Yes, Vide Circular dated 30.07.2019, issued by Revenue and Forest Department of the State provides equal status to PwDs to own or inherit the property.
	14	Whether concept of limited guardianship have been introduced.	Yes, It is introduced in proposed State Rules.

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	15	Whether step taken to designate authorities for community mobilization and social awareness.	In the State, there are 36 districts. In these 36 districts, Medical Social Worker and Counseling Assistants are already working for the said purpose. They are assigned duties and responsibilities in their respective districts to mobilize the community and create social awareness to support disabled persons in exercise of their legal capacity. Moreover, a separate wing in the name and style as “DISABILITY – LEGAL ADVISE AND GUIDANCE CENTRE” is functioning at each district.
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3. Education : (Section 16-18):

Sr. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 3 : Education			
2	16	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall endeavor that all their recognized /funded Educational Institution to provide Inclusion Education to CWD's.	As per the said State Policy, the State will give first preference to Inclusive Education to children with special needs. The Government will also arrange programs and give training to teaching staff in all aided, unaided special school, normal schools and vocational training centers. The government will take assistance from NGO's and Parents as volunteers for the said purpose. At present, the State Government runs 850 aided and around 729 unaided special schools and training centers.
	17	Measures to be taken by Appropriate Government and Local authorities for purpose of Section 16. i) Admit them without discrimination and provide education and opportunities for sport and recreations activities equally with other: ii) Make building campus and various facilities accessible: iii) Provide reasonable accommodation according to the individual's requirements; iv) Provide necessary support individualized or otherwise in environments that maximize academic and social development consistent with the goal of full inclusion; v) Ensure that the education to persons who are blind or deaf or both is imparted in the most appropriate languages and modes and means of	The Government is implementing Inclusive Education Program for Children with disabilities through School Education Department in the State since 1978. This scheme is being controlled and monitored by the Director, Primary Education and the Director, Secondary Education. Presently, it has been renamed as SCHEME OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR DISABLED

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		<p>communication;</p> <p>vi) Detect specific learning disabilities in children at the earliest and take suitable pedagogical and other measures to overcome them;</p> <p>vii) Monitor participation, progress in terms of attainment levels and completion of education in respect of every with disability:</p> <p>viii) Provided transportation facilities to the children with disabilities and also the attendant of the children with disabilities having high support needs;</p>	<p>AT SECONDARY STAGE (APANG SAMAVESHIT YOJANA (SECONDARY LEVEL)) i.e. (IEDSS) since 2009. Under said scheme, around 20 lakhs Children with Special Needs (CWSNs) have been intervened and out of these 15 lakhs student between the age group of 06 to 14 have been admitted in the normal schools at primary level. Since, said scheme was applicable at primary level, it was necessitated to make it applicable at secondary level. Therefore, with effect from 31.08.2009 and as per the directions and policy of the Government of India, the said scheme has been made applicable at secondary level. As per the State Government Policy vide Government Resolution dated 31.08.2009, following directions have been issued under said scheme:-</p> <p>a) This scheme will be applicable for the CWSNs above the age of 14 years.</p> <p>b) This scheme covers Secondary Inclusive Education up to standard 12.</p> <p>c) The State Government will incur expenses of Rs.3000/- per year per disabled student.</p> <p>d) Rs.200/- shall be provided to disabled girl students.</p> <p>e) Free Uniform, reading allowances for blind students, aid and appliances to be provided to severe disabled students with free of costs, free residential accommodation, special educators, and security with caretakers, etc.</p>
	18	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall take measures to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education	The State Government is implementing a scheme of adult education and continuing education programs equally with others in the

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4. Skill Development and Employment: (Section 19-23):

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Chapter 4 : Skill Development and Employment			
3	19	Appropriate Government and local authorities formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self Employment of PwDs.	<p>Vide Government Resolution dated 29.07.2004, the State Government has started Special Employment and Self-employment Centers in all 36 districts. The concerned special cell enroll names and qualifications of the disabled and maintain registers in this regard and also recommend them wherever there is a vacancy.</p> <p>The State Government has started following schemes and programs for extending loans at concessional rates to facilitate vocational training & self-employment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).</p> <p>a) Financial Assistance for Rehabilitation of trained disabled.</p> <p>b) Scheme of Seed Capital – The State Government provides financial assistance up to Rs.1,50,000/- for their Small Scale Industry. Out of which Subsidy at the rate of 20 % of said total project expenses or Rs.30,000/-, whichever is higher is being provided. And rest of 80 % funds will have to be raised by the concerned disabled person from Nationalized Bank in the nature of loan. Said 80 % loan amount is being provided at prevailing rate of interest.</p> <p>c) Maharashtra State Handicapped Finance Development Corporation - Under said scheme, the Government has</p>

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			<p>established “Maharashtra State Handicapped Finance Development Corporation” an undertaking, through said financial institution, following schemes are framed and functioning for the rehabilitations of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>i) Direct Personal Loan Scheme. ii) Fixed period Loan Scheme. iii) Women Empowerment Scheme. iv) Micro fund Scheme. v) Educational Loan. vi) Vocational Education and Training Loan Scheme. vii) Self-Employment Scheme for Mentally ill, Cerebral Palsy and Autism. viii) Scheme for Financial Assistance to the parent organization of Mentally Retarded persons. ix) Loan Scheme for Construction under Self-Employment. x) Loan Scheme for NGOs working in the field of disability. xi) Loan Scheme for aid and appliances for disabled persons.</p>
	20	Government establishment shall ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	The State Government has issued various guidelines from time to time to its sub-ordinate offices. In the State Policy, said provision is also incorporated.
	21	Every establishment (Government/Private shall notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	<p>The State Government has framed and brought into force a “STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 2019”, vide Government Resolution dated 20.02.2019, in which, equal opportunity policy for PwDs is enshrined.</p> <p>As far as private establishments are concerned, the proposals for enrollments of Equal</p>

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			Opportunity Policy for PwDs are receiving from them and enrollment process is being carried as per the rules framed by the Central Government vide Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017.
	22	Every establishment shall maintain records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	The State Government has issued time to time guidelines to its every establishment for maintaining records of PwDs with their respective departments.
	23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with Grievance Redressal officer ii) Grievance Redressal officer to maintain of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs May approach District Level Committee.	Vide letter dated 31.07.2019, the Chief Secretary of the State has instructed to all Heads of Administrative Departments to appoint 'Grievance Redressal Officer' in their each and every establishments. The State Commissioner has also informed the same to all concerned. Almost departments and its allied offices have issued Government Resolutions, Circulars, etc. in this regard.

5. Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation : (Section 24-30):

Sr. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 5 : Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation			
4.	24 and 25	Appropriate Government and local authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health Measure.	The State Government has already included measures for social security and healthcare in the State Policy. Pursuant to the said State Policy, various departments of State Government will formulate schemes as per prevailing procedure and rules. Further, the State Government runs pension scheme under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for disabled viz. Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension Scheme. Those persons with disabilities, who are

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			not covered under National Scheme, are covered under State sponsored Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana Scheme.
	26	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Since 1982, the State Government is running Group Insurance Schemes (“GIS”) for all its employees. In said scheme, all employees including employees with disabilities of the State are covered.
	27	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	<p>The State Government has started following schemes and programs for loans at concessional rates to facilitate vocational training & self-employment of PWD’s.</p> <p>a) Financial Assistance for Rehabilitation of trained disabled.</p> <p>b) Scheme of Seed Capital – The State Government provides financial assistance up to Rs.1,50,000/- for their Small Scale Industry. Out of which, Subsidy at the rate of 20 % of said total project expenses or Rs.30,000/-, whichever is higher is being provided. And rest of 80 % funds will have to be raised by the concerned disabled person from Nationalized Bank in the nature of loan. Said 80 % loan amount is being provided at prevailing rate of interest.</p> <p>c) Maharashtra State Handicapped Financial Development Corporation - Under said scheme, the Government has established “Maharashtra State Handicapped Financial Development Corporation” an undertaking, through said financial institution, following schemes are framed and functioning for the</p>

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	28	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall initiate research and development on issues enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation.	<p>The Government of Maharashtra through aided institutions have initiated following researches for the purpose of designing and developing new assistive devices, teaching aids, etc. as mandated under Section 28 of the PWD Act.</p> <p>a) <u>KAMAYANI RESEARCH AND TRAINING SOCIETY PUNE.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution has carried out a pilot study of 09 districts of State Of Maharashtra regarding status of mentally challenged in rural areas. • A study on attitude of public

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			<p>towards mental retardation in urban areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An exploratory study on the marriages of mentally challenged about their success and failure. • A follow up study on Occupational and Vocational Rehabilitation of mentally challenged adults. • An exploratory study on causes of mental retardation. • A study of behavioral patterns of mentally challenged children. • A study of personality development of elderly mentally retarded females. • A study of factors affecting the personality of Mongolian children. • A case study of response of mentally challenged children to different media of communications. • An exploratory study on the problems of elderly mentally challenged persons. • Urban slum services for the mentally challenged. • A perspective study of relationship between mentally challenged and its siblings. • Study of children having speech problem. • Study on types of mentally challenged children taking admission in schools. • A socio-economic study of school dropout students. <p>b) <u>BALKALYAN SANSTHA, PUNE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as recreational and cultural center for differently abled children. • Inspiring number of activities such as swimming, dancing, music, art, craft, sports, indoor
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			<p>games, gymnastics, etc.</p> <p>c) <u>ETC CENTRE, RUN BY NEW MUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, MUMBAI.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing various therapies like dancing, music for individual developments of differently abled children. • Group development therapy. <p>d) <u>DISTRICT REHABILITATION CENTRE, VIRAR, (PROJECT BY GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is govt. agency working in the State of Maharashtra. • It develops various assistive devices like Jaipur Foot, Calipers and Hearing aids as per individual requirements. • It arranges various camps in all over Maharashtra with experts and provides assistive devices to the disables as per their requirements with free of costs. <p>e) <u>DISHA PROJECT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissionarate has created group of certain special schools meant Intellectual Disabled Students, for the purpose of conducting training of special educators. Accordingly, 3 batches have been formed containing special schools from various districts of the State. In view thereof, the Commissionarate has appointed Jay Vakeel Educational and Research Institute, Shivadi, Mumbai, as Nodal Agency for the purpose of online education under Disha Project. This project is State sponsored programme and it is different from Disha Project run by the Central Government.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the said project, an Individual Educational Plan of Intellectually disabled student is being developed through special educators. • This project is being implemented for the age group of 03 to 18 of Intellectually disabled student. • Involvement of parents of Intellectually disabled student is in said project.
	29	Appropriate Government and local authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	During pandemic situation, through special schools funded by the State Government, various cultural activities and training in various arts, forms for Children and persons with disabilities have been arranged online.
	30	Appropriate Government and local authorities to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	During pandemic situation, as there were restrictions throughout country, State Annual Sports for the year 2020-21 have been postponed.

6. Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities : (Section31-37):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 6 : Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities			
5.	31.	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	The State Government is providing free education to children with benchmark disability through its 850 special schools funded by the State Government. Presently, in normal schools 298439 and in special schools and workshops, 64624 students with disabilities are taking education. These children with disabilities are being provided books and uniforms and other educational material free of costs. Special schools provide free books and equipment to children with disabilities and also to children studying in inclusive education are provided through Sarva Shiksha

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			<p>Abhiyan (SSA).</p> <p>During pandemic situation, no schools were allowed to open. However all the school authorities were running online special education for students with disabilities. The State Government has endeavored that no child with benchmark disabilities between the age group of 06 to 18 yrs shall be deprived of from the special education.</p>
	32.	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	The Government of Maharashtra through its Higher & Technical Education Department has issued Government Resolution dated 25.06.2018 reserving 5% seats to student with benchmark disabilities in higher and technical education.
	33	<p>Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall :-</p> <p>i) Identify posts for PwDs</p> <p>ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose</p> <p>iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vide Government Resolution dated 02.02.2021, the Social Justice and Special Assistance Department has constituted Post Identification Experts' Committee as per mandate of RPWD Act, 2016. • Vide Office Memorandum dated 04.01.2021, issued by the Central Government in respect of Post Identification, all the State Government establishments have identified posts for PwDs. • The State Government takes periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.
	34	<p>Appropriate Government and local authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs.</p> <p>i) Blindness and low vision -1%</p> <p>ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy -1%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the Government Resolution dated 29.05.2019; the State Government has issued comprehensive guidelines for reservation of 4% post in government and semi-government establishments. • The State Commissioner has taken periodical review of all administrative departments

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		<p>iii) Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness -1%</p> <p>iv) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	<p>through video conferencing, for the implementation of said for reservation in direct recruitment and promotion as per Act.</p>
	35	<p>Appropriate Government and local authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5 % of their workforce is composed of PwDs.</p>	<p>For implementation of the said provision of the Act, proposal is under consideration with Industries Department of the State Government.</p>
	36	<p>Appropriate Government and local authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vide Government Resolution dated 29.07.2004, the State Government has started Special Employment and Self-employment centers in all 36 districts. The concerned special cell enrolls names and qualifications of the disabled persons and maintains registers in this regard. The Special Cell also recommends them wherever there is a vacancy. These centers are in force. • The State Commissioner has taken periodical review of concerned administrative department of the State Government, through video conferencing, for the implementation of said provisions and asked them to provide information to concerned employment exchanges.
	37	<p>Appropriate Government and local authorities shall Make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes -5%</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes -5%</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on</p>	<p>a) The “STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES” includes the said provisions. Vide Government Resolution dated 25.06.2018, the Rural Development Department and vide Government Resolution dated 10.05.2018, the Government has reserved its 5 % funds for the welfare of Disabilities in their respective</p>

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		concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, setting up of occupation, Business, enterprises, Recreation center, and Production center -5 %	<p>local bodies.</p> <p>b) The State Commissioner has taken periodical review of concerned administrative departments of the State Government, through video conferencing, for-</p> <p>a) To give priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes -5% and issue government resolution / circular in this regard.</p> <p>b) To give priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes -5% and issue government resolution / circular in this regard.</p> <p>c) To give priority to reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, setting up of occupation, Business, enterprises, Recreation center, and Production center -5 % and issue government resolution / circular in this regard.</p>
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7. Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with Support Needs: (Section 38) :

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 7 : Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with Support Needs			
6.	38.	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide PwDs with high support needs. Assessment Board to access the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	The said provision has already been included in the said State Policy.

8. Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments: (Section 39-48):

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Chapter 8 : Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments																																																							
7.	39.	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programs to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 36 districts in the State. In these 36 districts, Medical Social Worker and Counseling Assistants are deployed for the said purpose. They are assigned duties and responsibilities in their respective districts to mobilize the community and create social awareness to support PWD's in exercise of their legal capacity. Moreover, a separate wing in the name and style as "DISABILITY – LEGAL ADVISE AND GUIDANCE CENTRE" is functioning at each district level. Vide letter dated 28.08.2020, the State Commissioner has directed all the Chief Executive officers of Zilla Parishads to establish "DISABILITY – LEGAL ADVISE AND GUIDANCE CENTRE" at level of all Panchayat Samities within tahasils. 																																																				
	40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	<p><u>Present Status of 142 public buildings under I.I -Phase of Accessible India Campaign-</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Rs in lacs)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Sr.No</th> <th rowspan="2">Name of City</th> <th rowspan="2">Total No of Buildings</th> <th rowspan="2">Grant realised</th> <th colspan="2">UC Submitted buildings and amount</th> <th colspan="2">UC Not Submitted of buildings</th> </tr> <tr> <th>No of Building</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>No of Building</th> <th>Unspent Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Nasik</td> <td>25</td> <td>145.865</td> <td>25</td> <td>145.865</td> <td>00</td> <td>000.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Pune</td> <td>35</td> <td>501.460</td> <td>35</td> <td>501.460</td> <td>00</td> <td>000.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Nagpur</td> <td>36 (PWD-24 CPWD and other buildings -12)</td> <td>425.185 (PWD-273.86 CPWD and other buildings -151.325)</td> <td>30 (PWD-24 CPWD and other buildings -06)</td> <td>318.000 (PWD-273.43 CPWD and other buildings 44.57)</td> <td>06 (PWD-043 CPWD and other buildings -06)</td> <td>107.185 (PWD-0.43 CPWD and other buildings -106.755)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Mumbai</td> <td>46</td> <td>467.445</td> <td>46</td> <td>370.180</td> <td>00</td> <td>097.265</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>142</td> <td>1539.955</td> <td>136</td> <td>1335.505</td> <td>06</td> <td>204.45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Identified Buildings under AIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Total identified buildings – 142. ➤ State Govt. buildings -130. ➤ Central Govt. buildings -02 ➤ Buildings of public undertakings under State Govt. -05. ➤ Local self Govt. buildings -05. <p><u>The retrofitting work completed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Retrofitting work completed in State 	Sr.No	Name of City	Total No of Buildings	Grant realised	UC Submitted buildings and amount		UC Not Submitted of buildings		No of Building	Amount	No of Building	Unspent Amount	1.	Nasik	25	145.865	25	145.865	00	000.000	2.	Pune	35	501.460	35	501.460	00	000.000	3.	Nagpur	36 (PWD-24 CPWD and other buildings -12)	425.185 (PWD-273.86 CPWD and other buildings -151.325)	30 (PWD-24 CPWD and other buildings -06)	318.000 (PWD-273.43 CPWD and other buildings 44.57)	06 (PWD-043 CPWD and other buildings -06)	107.185 (PWD-0.43 CPWD and other buildings -106.755)	4.	Mumbai	46	467.445	46	370.180	00	097.265		Total	142	1539.955	136	1335.505	06	204.45
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			<p>The Commissionarate has informed time to time to concerned authorities either to return funds distributed to them or submit utilization certificates as early as possible but they have not responded yet</p> <p>➤ Funds Receives in Second Installment – Rs. 06.27 Crores.</p> <p><u>Present Status of 142 public buildings under I.II -Phase of Accessible India Campaign-</u></p> <p>List of 84 buildings in the State Capital of Mumbai, has submitted to the Central Government vide letter dated 08.02.20219. However, vide video conferencing meeting, held on 16.09.2021 by the Central Government, it has informed to all the States that the Central Government will not providing grants for accessibility and the States have to incur expenses for the same. However, written communication for the same is awaiting from the Central Government.</p>
41	Appropriate Government shall Provide Good Electronics and equipment for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.	The State Government has 75 websites have already been made accessible and the Director General of Information and Public Relations (DGIPR) of the State Government have ensured to make accessible rest of all Government websites by the end of June, 2020. But said process has been delayed due to Covid-19.	
43	Appropriate Government shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	The Commissioner of Development of Industries has issued instruction to all concerned vide letter dated 30.07.2019 to ensure development, production and distribution of universally designed products and accessories for General use of PwDs.	
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.	The Urban authorities, State Agencies have modified their Development Control Rules (DCR) and building bye-laws, to include accessible standards in the public buildings. Completion Certificate or Occupation Certificate of building is issued only after provision of accessibility norms.	
45	All Public buildings to be	The Central Government has already given a	

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		made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.	target to the State Government under Accessible India Campaign (AIC) to make disabled friendly public buildings in 10 notified cities by July, 2022. The accessible work under progress.																																																																																																																		
46	Service Provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	As per section 42 and 46 of the Act, the Government is required to ensure access of information and communication technology to PwDs. In this regard, under Accessible India Campaign (AIC), Information and Technology Department of the State has developed 75 public websites accessible. The Publicity Dept has issued Circular dated 29.07.2019 to work out all public website under accessible domain for PwDs.	<p><u>Accessibility in Transportations –</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Sr. No.</th> <th rowspan="2">Name of Transporting Authority</th> <th colspan="2">Number of Buses</th> <th colspan="2">Number of Disabled Friendly Buses</th> <th colspan="2">No. of buses, in which work of accessibility in progress</th> <th rowspan="2">Percentage</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Govt.</th> <th>Private</th> <th>Govt.</th> <th>Private</th> <th>Govt.</th> <th>Private</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal, Ltd. (PMPML)</td> <td>1382</td> <td>653</td> <td>479</td> <td>653</td> <td>400</td> <td>565</td> <td>55.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>New Mumbai Municipal Transport, (NMMT)</td> <td>458</td> <td>-</td> <td>157</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>34.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>The Bruhanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST)</td> <td>3276</td> <td>-</td> <td>25</td> <td>-</td> <td>50</td> <td>-</td> <td>02.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Thane Municipal Transport, (TMT)</td> <td>467</td> <td>-</td> <td>140</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>29.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Transport, (KDMT)</td> <td>118</td> <td>-</td> <td>68</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>57.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Meera-Bhayandar Municipal Transport, (MBMT)</td> <td>58</td> <td>-</td> <td>05</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>8.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>Solapur Municipal Transport, (SMT)</td> <td>203</td> <td>-</td> <td>80</td> <td>-</td> <td>35</td> <td>-</td> <td>39.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>Vasi-Virar Municipal Transport, (VVMT)</td> <td>30</td> <td>119</td> <td>30</td> <td>119</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>Nagpur Transport Department</td> <td>237</td> <td>150</td> <td>170</td> <td>150</td> <td>173</td> <td>142</td> <td>82.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>Kolhapur Municipal Transport, (SMT)</td> <td>203</td> <td>-</td> <td>80</td> <td>-</td> <td>35</td> <td>-</td> <td>39.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>6432</td> <td>922</td> <td>1229</td> <td>922</td> <td>693</td> <td>707</td> <td>29.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Maharashtra State Transport Corporation –</u></p> <p>That Maharashtra State Transport Corporation has provided ramps, user friendly toilets, braille signboards at various places of Bus Stations in the State. The said Corporation is also constructing bus Post at Panvel facilitating disabled accessible feature.</p>	Sr. No.	Name of Transporting Authority	Number of Buses		Number of Disabled Friendly Buses		No. of buses, in which work of accessibility in progress		Percentage	Govt.	Private	Govt.	Private	Govt.	Private	1	Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal, Ltd. (PMPML)	1382	653	479	653	400	565	55.63	2	New Mumbai Municipal Transport, (NMMT)	458	-	157	-	-	-	34.28	3	The Bruhanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST)	3276	-	25	-	50	-	02.28	4	Thane Municipal Transport, (TMT)	467	-	140	-	-	-	29.98	5	Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Transport, (KDMT)	118	-	68	-	-	-	57.63	6	Meera-Bhayandar Municipal Transport, (MBMT)	58	-	05	-	-	-	8.63	7	Solapur Municipal Transport, (SMT)	203	-	80	-	35	-	39.40	8	Vasi-Virar Municipal Transport, (VVMT)	30	119	30	119	-	-	100	9	Nagpur Transport Department	237	150	170	150	173	142	82.68	10	Kolhapur Municipal Transport, (SMT)	203	-	80	-	35	-	39.40		Total	6432	922	1229	922	693	707	29.24
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47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resources for purpose of this Act.	1. The Commissionerate for PwDs has conducted hundreds of webinars in the State to make aware of provisions of Act, 2016 for sensitization and awareness amongst PwDs. 2. The Government has arranged State level Training Program on 11.01.2020 about the sensitization and awareness as well as																																																																																																																			

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			<p>duties and responsibilities amongst officers of the State towards PwDs.</p> <p>3. The Commissionarate has proposed a Training Module to the Government to include it in Government Training Program.</p> <p>4. The Commissionarate has also proposed to the Education Department, Higher and Technical Education Department and Medical Education Department to include curriculum on disabilities.</p>
	48	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall undertake social audit of all General schemes and programmes.	Vide Government Resolution dated 31.07.2019, the Planning Department of the State has issued Guidelines for the Study & Assessment of the State Level and District Level Schemes. As per section 48 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, after considering basic needs of persons with disabilities, it will be necessary that the Additional Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Mumbai for the State Level Schemes and Deputy Commissioner (Planning) and District Planning Officer for district level schemes to make study assessment in factual aspect of these schemes meant for persons with disabilities and whether the persons with disabilities are availing benefits of said various government schemes. Also, it will be compulsory to include recommendations made on the basis of study assessment of these schemes for requisite modifications or to launch independent schemes, after considering needs of the persons with disabilities.

9. Registration of Institutions for Person with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions: (Section 49-55):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 9 : Registration of Institutions for Person with Disabilities and Grants to such Institutions			
8.	49.	State Government to appoint Competent Authority for Registration of Institutions for PwDs and Grants to Institutions .	The State Government vide Government Resolution dated 06.03.2018 has appointed the Commissioner for persons with

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	50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance.to registered institutions, etc.	disabilities as a Competent Authority and the Minister for Social Justice and Special Assistance Department as Appellate Authority for the purpose of these provisions.
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11. State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee: (Section 66-72):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 11 : State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee			
9.	66.	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vide Government Resolution 27.02.2018 and 11.09.2018, the Government has constituted State Advisory Board on disability. Business rules of said board have been framed vide Government Resolution dated 27.02.2018. The said Board, in its first meeting, convened on 11.09.2018 made certain recommendations to the Government. 2. Second meeting of Board 29.05.2019. 3. Since, inclusion of Non-official members of Board is in process and due to pandemic situation, no meeting of the board held thereafter. 4. As per old enactment, vide Government Resolution 23.09.1999 District level Committee has been formed. The said committee will be continued until formation of new committee as per new enactment. To that effect, vide Government Circular dated 01.02.2021, extension has given to above said committees.
	72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	

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12. State Commissioner for Person with Disabilities: (Section 79-83):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 12 : State commissioner for person with Disabilities			
10.	79	<p>i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile, Fax, E-Mail etc.)</p> <p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State</p>	<p>The State Commissioner is working independently in the State. Name of the Commissioner: Mr. Omprakash Deshmukh (I.A.S.) Office of the The Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities, Maharashtra State, 3 Church Road, Pune 411 001. Tel. No.020-26122061 / 26126471 Fax No.020-26111590 E-mail- commissioner.disability@maharashtra.gov.in</p> <p>Vide Government letter dated 03.05.2018, the Government has constituted Advisory Committee for Commissioner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Smt. Varsha Gathoo, Head of Special Education Department, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Impaired, Bandra, Mumbai. Shri. Shrirang Bijur, Representative of Parent Association. Shri. Vijay Kanekar, Representative of Institute. Shri. Suresh Patil, Sanvedna Cerebral Palsy Viksan Kendra, Latur. Dr. Amrut Bakshi, Schizophrenia Awareness Association, Pune. <p>Deputy Commissioner – 1, Assistant Commissioner – 1, Inspector Gazetted – 5 Account Officer – 1, Law Officer – 2, Other – 24 Clerical Staff.</p>

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		<p>Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p> <p>vi) Summary for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p>	<p>Grant-in-aid of Rs.466.9205 Cores was disbursed by State Government to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year 2020-21.</p> <p>Due to pandemic situation, as there were restrictions, the inspections were affected. But some sorts of inspections have been done such as of Mentally Deficient Children's Homes, DDRCs, Central sponsored projects, etc.</p> <p>Summary for Initiatives and best practices :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under Section 80 and 82 of the Act, 2016, the State Commissioner scrutinizes the grievances of PwDs through its Legal Cell. 2. On its scrutiny, if the State Commissioner thinks it fit, holds early hearing in the matter, calling say and explanation of the opposite parties. 3. For the convenience PwDs and opposite parties, the State Commissioner conducts hearings through Video Conferencing, despite attending the office of the State Commissioner. 4. On final hearing through Video Conferencing, the State Commissioner declares verdict in the matter. 5. On receipt of report of non-compliance of directions of the State Commissioner, he/she brings its non-compliance to the Higher Authorities with suggestions to take corrective measures in the matter. 6. The State Commissionerate is developing its own accessible
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			<p>website and it will be activated within short period. On its activation, the State Commissionerate will upload said directions/verdicts on the said website, which will be easily accessible for PwDs.</p> <p>7. Vide letter dated 18.03.2020, the State Commissioner issued SOP for prevention of spreading of Covid-19.</p> <p>8. Made available telephone / mobile numbers of experts to release their stress occurred due to Covid-19 vide letter dated 26.03.2020.</p> <p>9. The State Commissioner, vide letter dated 26.03.2020, has made available important contact numbers of Divisional Commissionerate, Police Commissionerate, District Superintendents of Police, Helplines, Railway, District Collectors, etc. in case of emergencies.</p> <p>10. Vide letter dated 26.03.2020, the State Commissioner has informed to all Divisional Revenue Commissioners to make available necessary food kits, medicines, community kitchens, etc. for persons with disabilities, who are unable to move.</p> <p>11. Vide letter dated 28.03.2020, the State Commissioner has asked its subordinate officers to provide all important contact numbers to all persons with disabilities, in case of emergency.</p> <p>12. As per directions of the Central Government, the State Commissioner has appointed District Collectors as Nodal Officers, vide letter dated 28.03.2020.</p>
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			<p>13. Vide letter dated 24.04.2020, the State Commissioner has instructed to the State Project Director, Help and Rehabilitation (Disaster Management Department), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai to make available accessible 24 X 7 helpline with sign language and video calling facility.</p> <p>14. Vide letter dated 22.05.2020, the State Commissioner has informed to all concerned District Collectors to implement SOPs issued by the United Nations Organizations (UNO).</p> <p>15. The State Commissioner, in his dual capacity as Director of Disability Welfare as well as State Commissioner, has issued SOPs to run online classes in special schools and training centers and still it is continuing.</p> <p>16. Pune Zilla Parishad had distributed Rs. 202.28 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 5067.</p> <p>17. The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pune had distributed Rs. 339.55 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 2927.</p> <p>18. The Grampanchayat Walva, Dist – Sangli had paid Rs. 1000/- to each disabled person for purchase of necessary commodities.</p> <p>19. The Malegaon Corporation, Dist- Nashik had distributed Rs. 104.16 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were</p>
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			<p>868.</p> <p>20. The Chandrapur Municipal Council had distributed Rs. 06.59 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 879.</p> <p>21. The Ichalkaranji Municipal Council, Dist- Kolhapur had distributed Rs. 08.92 lakhs, through direct benefit transfer, towards advanced pension for three months. The beneficiaries were 829.</p> <p>22. Time to time review has been taken by the State Commissioner through video conferencing, regarding financial assistance provided by local bodies.</p> <p>23. During pandemic, 12569 disabled persons have registered under MANREGA.</p> <p>24. Vide Government Resolution dated 21.04.2020 and 11.06.2020, the Government of Maharashtra had exempted all disabled employees from their compulsory office attendance.</p> <p>25. Vide Circular dated 15.06.2020, the State Commissioner has issued direction to start E-learning facilities in respective special schools and training centers.</p> <p>26. Took initiatives for identifications of posts.</p> <p>27. Directed all the administrative departments to verify and publish backlog of PwDs.</p> <p>28. Directed all the administrative departments to appoint Grievance Redressal Officers u/s. 23.</p> <p>29. Reservation of 5% funds in Local Bodies.</p> <p>30. Review of all departments on</p>
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			<p>the point of accessibility.</p> <p>31. Review of UDID distributions.</p> <p>32. Made recommendations to Public Works Department to issue Harmonized Guideline and space standards for barrier free built environment for PwDs. and made recommendations to for training to existing Engineers on the issue of accessibility to reduce expenses incurring special audit for the same.</p> <p>33. Made recommendations to Home Department for effective implementations of provisions included in Chapter 2 & 16 of the Act and also make police stations accessible for PwDs.</p> <p>34. Made recommendations to School Education and Higher and Technical Education Department to provide Sign Language Interpreters for Students with Speech & Language Disability.</p> <p>35. Made recommendations to the Finance Department to make budgetary allocation for providing aid and appliances of Government employees.</p> <p>36. Made recommendations to the Sports Department to include disabled sportsmen in the State Sports Policy.</p> <p>37. Made recommendations to the Co-operative Department to adhere reservation in Co-operative sector for PwDs.</p> <p>38. Made recommendations to the Medical Education and Drugs Department to include independent chapter on disability in its curriculum of various medical courses.</p> <p>39. Made recommendations to the State Government to arrange special program for the</p>
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			<p>enrolment of PwDs under Employment Guaranteed Scheme.</p> <p>40. Made recommendations to the General Administration Department to issue uniform guideline on the point of transfer and posting of employees with disabilities.</p> <p>41. Made recommendations to the Tourism Department to make all tourist places accessible for PwDs. For that purpose a Module has been sent.</p> <p>42. Made recommendations to the Home Department for establishment of counseling centers in the State.</p> <p>43. As per Section 24, made recommendations to the Finance and Planning Department to increase funds at the rate of 25% in schemes for welfare of PwDs.</p> <p>44. In Public Telecasting Sector, made recommendations for accessibility in it.</p> <p>45. The State Commissionarate has specifically recommended to the State Government, for creation of two posts of law officer on regular pay scale for the effective implementation of provisions of Act, 2016 and relevant rules and regulations.</p> <p>46. The State Commissionarate has specifically recommended to the State Government, a new staffing pattern for the Commissionarate for the effective implementation of provisions of Act, 2016 and relevant rules and regulations.</p> <p>Achievements :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State Commissioner is acting in dual capacity, 2. Awareness and Sensitization
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			<p>Programs from State to district level.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Comprehensive Guidelines for assessment and utilization of grants receiving by NGOs. 4. Accessibility of friendly police stations, tourism centers, public places and auditoriums, offices of public utility services, websites and web-based IT services. 5. Established Learning Disability Centers in 36 districts. 6. Newly under consideration of schemes:- Early Detection and Intervention and Prevention, Cornea Collection Center, Cochlear Implantation, State DDRCs in all districts, Rehabilitation Homes for Mentally cured Patients, Experts at Door-steps, Half-way Homes, etc. 7. Disha Project for developing curriculum for Intellectual disabled children. 8. Conducting Awareness and Sensitization Campaign for PwDs in the State. 9. Almost Departments have appointed Grievance Redressal Officers. 10. Online Special Education for PwDs. 11. Provided Mental, Economic, Social support to PwDs during pandemic. 12. Hundreds of webinars have arranged to encourage PwDs during pandemic on various schemes, medical treatment, awareness of provisions of Act, early intervention, etc. 13. Online hearing under Grievance Redressal Forum conducted at Commissionerate level. 14. E-Quasi-Judicial Court started. 15. E-Office started.
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		<p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p>	<p>16. Vide Government Resolution dated 01.02.2021, the Government has extended the financial limit upto Rs. 1,00,000/- for the purchase of aids and appliances to employees with disabilities in government establishment.</p> <p>Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year (2020-21):</p> <p>1. Number of complains filed before State Commissioner: 500.</p> <p>2. Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto): 04.</p> <p>3. Total number of cases: 32.</p> <p>4. Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome: 22.</p> <p>5. Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received: 14.</p> <p>6. Number of cases pending: 05.</p>
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13. Special Court: (Section 84-85):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 12 : Special Court			
11.	84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Vide Government Resolution dated 03.03.2018, the Government has constituted 11 Special Courts in 11 districts equivalent to District Judge. The Government has also created requisite 55 staff and made available budgetary allocation for the same.
	85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	An appointment of Special Public Prosecutor is under process.

15. State Fund for Persons with Disabilities: (Section 88):

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No	Section		
Chapter 15 : State Fund for Persons with Disabilities			
12.	88	State Government to constitute a State Fund For PwDs.	The State Government has drafted proposed State Rules as per Section 101 of the Principal Act and it will be published on Maharashtra Government's website calling thereby suggestions and objections from the stake holders. In said draft Rules, constitution of 'Maharashtra State Funds for Persons with Disabilities' has been proposed. Hence, formation of the State Disability Fund under Section 88 of the Act, 2016, is under process.

16. Offences and Penalties: (Section 89-91):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 16 : Offences And Penalties			
12.	89	For Contravention of Provision of this Act –Maximum fine of Rs. 10,000/- for 1 st Violation and for subsequent Violation and for subsequent Violation Rs.50,000/- to 5.00 Lac.	The State Government has already established 11 Special Courts in 11 districts in the State to deal issues / matters arising out of these penal provisions.
	91	Whoever fraudulently avails benefit under this Act-Maximum imprisonment for 2 years and maximum fine of Rs. 1.00 Lac.	

17. Miscellaneous: (Section 100-101):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 17. Miscellaneous			
12.	101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act.	The State Government has drafted proposed State Rules as per Section 101 of the Principal Act and it is in process and it will be notified shortly.

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