

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is one of the two Departments under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

### **Functions & Duties of the Department**

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

1. 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.

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

2. Social Security and Social Insurance, save to the extent allotted to any other Department.
3. For the Union territories, 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 Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) 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 Nation 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. The Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (34 of 1992).

11. The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 1996), The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016).
12. The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999).
13. The Rehabilitation Council of India.
14. The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.
15. The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
16. The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation.
17. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation, Kanpur.
18. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute For Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi.
19. National Institute For Locomotor Disabilities, Kolkata.
20. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun.
21. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Secunderabad.
22. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech & Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai.
23. Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack.
24. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan), Chennai.
25. The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre, New Delhi.

