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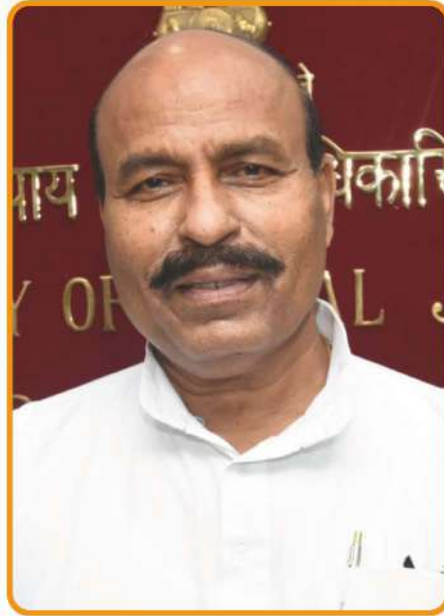
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(I). Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP) :

➤ **Details of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme during the last Nine Years:-**

- Total Number of beneficiaries : 2519431
- Cochlear Implant Surgeries : 5323
- Motorized Tricycles distributed : 35569
- 10 Guinness World records created.



Distribution camp conducted on 14.01.2023 in the presence of Honble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment at Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.

➤ **Information related to funds utilized under the ADIP Scheme**

Years	No. of beneficiaries	Funds Utilized (Rs. in crore)	No of Camps
2014-2015	265602	119.40	1889
2015-2016	245584	154.77	1934
2016-2017	290295	180.58	1447
2017-2018	272731	144.02	1586
2018-2019	300865	202.43	1134
2019-2020	351629	205.71	1156
2020-2021	258749	178.80	1365
2021-2022	243387	195.32	1762
2022-2023	290589	307.68	1558
Total	2519431	1688.71	13831

➤ **Objectives of the Scheme:**

- The ADIP Scheme has been in operation since 1981.
- The main objective of the Scheme is to assist the needy persons with disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances for their physical, social, educational, economic and psychological empowerment.
- The Scheme was last revised w.e.f. 1.4.2022.

➤ **Eligibility of Beneficiaries:**

- 40% disability. In case of Motorized Tricycle/Wheelchair and High end Prosthesis, atleast 80% locomotor disability certificate is required.
- Monthly income from all sources not to exceed Rs.22500/ per month for 100% concession and Rs.22501/- to Rs.30,000/- per month for 50% concession.
- New assistive device supplied only after 3 years for the same purpose. For children below twelve years of age, limit is one year.

➤ **Implementing Agencies**

- Registered Societies and Charitable Trusts.
- ALIMCO/National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres (CRCs), District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC) etc.

➤ **Quantum of Assistance**

- Aids/appliances which do not cost more than Rs. 15,000/- are covered under the Scheme for single disability. The amount of assistance will be as follows:

Total Income	Amount of Assistance
Upto Rs. 22,500/- per month	Full cost of aid/appliance
Rs.22,501/- to Rs. 30,000/- per month	50% of the cost of aid/appliance

➤ **Different types of activities under the Scheme**

The funds under the ADIP Scheme are utilized for the following purposes:

✓ **Camp Activities/District-wise Camps**

- Under the ADIP Scheme, grants-in-aid are released for holding camps by the Implementing Agencies at the district level for distribution of assistive devices.
- In view of COVID19 Pandemic, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been finalized for ensuring assessment and distribution of aids and assistive devices while observing social distancing and sanitization protocols.

✓ **Headquarter activity:** ALIMCO, National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) and some well established Non Governmental

Organizations (NGOs) require grants-in-aid under ADIP Scheme to attend to eligible beneficiaries who also approach these organisations or their Regional Centres.

- ✓ **Special Camps:** Special camps are held by the Ministry through ALIMCO/National Institutes, whenever the demand arises on the requests received from Members of Parliament and other dignitaries based on the special needs of the area/district where camp is to be held.
- ✓ **ADIP-SSA (Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan):** Aids and assistive devices are distributed by ALIMCO to the children below 18 years of age and attending school. ALIMCO, a CPSE under this Ministry, undertakes ADIP-SSA activity for school children for which 60% of funds are released by the Department under ADIP Scheme and 40% by Ministry of Human Resource Development under their Scheme of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

- **Registration of beneficiaries through online mode on ARJUN Portal.**
- **Inclusion of contemporary aids and assistive devices:-**The Department has notified high-end contemporary aids and assistive devices for various types of disabilities. Some main aids and assistive devices include Wheelchairs, Tricycles, Hearing Aids, Smart Phone, Smart Cane, Motorized Tricycles, Artificial Limbs and Cochlear Implant.
- **Cochlear Implant:-** Cost ceiling of Cochlear Implant raised from Rs.6.00 Lakh to Rs.7.00 Lakh for children with pre-lingual hearing loss between 1 to 5 years of age and Rs.6.00 Lakh in case of children with acquired hearing loss between 5 to 18 years. Through this programme, children having hearing and speech impairment are successfully able to regain hearing and speech functions.
- **Motorized/Wheelchair Tricycle: -**Motorized Tricycles/Wheelchair are provided to persons having atleast 80% locomotor disability. This is provided to persons aged 16 years and above, once in 5 years. Extent of subsidy is upto Rs.50,000/-.
- **High End Prosthesis:-** High end Prosthesis to persons with disability having atleast 80% disability. Extent of subsidy would be Rs.30,000/-
- **Achievements under the ADIP Scheme during the last 9 years is as under:-**
 - Grants-in-aid of Rs.1688.71 crore were utilized during the last 09 years and benefitting 25.19 lakh beneficiaries through 13831 camps.
 - 35569 motorized tricycles distributed.

- 150 Hospitals empanelled. 5323 cochlear implant surgeries (4569 under ADIP and 754 under CSR) successfully completed.
- Under ADIP-Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), aids and assistive devices costing Rs.306.65 crore approx. were provided to 8.56 Lakh Divyang Children with Special Needs (DCWSN) through 7827 camps in the Schools all over the country.
- Camp graced by Honble President on 11th February, 2018 at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- Camps graced by Honble Prime Minister at Varanasi, Navsari, Vadodara, Rajkot and Prayagraj.
- 10 Guinness World records have been created.
- 72 camps were organised on 17.09.2022 wherein aids & assistive devices provided to 29,750 Divyangjan.
- 65 camps were organised on 14.01.2023 where aids & assistive devices provided to more than 50,000 Divyangjan.
- 17 camps were organised on 25.03.2023 where aids & assistive devices provided to more than 13500 Divyangjan.
- ARJUN (MIS) Portal to maintain Centralized data.

➤ **Achievements under the ADIP Scheme from July,2021 to March, 2023 is as under:-**

- Grants-in-aid of Rs.402.82 crore were utilized and benefitted 4.52 lakh beneficiaries through 3070 camps.
- 11387 motorized tricycles distributed.
- 1719 cochlear implant surgeries successfully completed.
- Under ADIP-Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), aids and assistive devices costing Rs.54.13 crore approx. were provided to 1.29 Lakh Divyang Children with Special Needs (DCWSN) through 1178 camps in the Schools.
- 72 camps were organised on 17.09.2022 wherein aids & assistive devices provided to 29,750 Divyangjan.
- 65 camps were organised on 14.01.2023 where aids & assistive devices provided to more than 50,000 Divyangjan.
- 17 camps were organised on 25.03.2023 where aids & assistive devices provided to more than 13500 Divyangjan.
- ARJUN (MIS) Portal to maintain Centralized data.

➤ **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 9 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

- Scheme revised/modified w.e.f 01.04.2022:-
- Cost of aids and assistive devices raised from Rs. 10000/- to Rs.15000/- and from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- for Students with Disabilities.

- Enhancement of income ceiling for 100% concession from Rs. 15,000/- per month to Rs.22,500/- per month and for 50% concession from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 30,000/- per month.
- Subsidy upto Rs. 50,000/- for Motorized tricycles and Motorized wheelchairs for Divyangjan having at least 80% disability.
- Corrective Surgery cost for Locomotor Disability raised from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000/-.
- New provision of High end Prosthesis with ceiling of Rs.30,000/-.
- Provision of high-end devices like Smart Phone, Smart Cane, Daisy Player, Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Kits, Digital Hearing Aid, Artificial Limbs, ADL Kit for Leprosy cured etc.
- Cochlear Implant Programme:- Cost ceiling of Cochlear Implant raised from Rs.6.00 Lakh to Rs.7.00 Lakh for children with pre-lingual hearing loss between 1 to 5 years of age and Rs.6.00 Lakh in case of children with acquired hearing loss between 5 to 18 years. Through this programme, children having hearing and speech impairment are successfully able to regain hearing and speech functions.

➤ **Extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic:-**

- Keeping in view the situation arising out of COVID 19 pandemic, the Department developed a Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) for assessment of beneficiaries and distribution of aids and assistive devices by following social distancing norms and sanitization protocols.
- During 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, 4685 camps were conducted and aids and assistive devices at the cost of Rs. 681.79 crore distributed to 7.93 Lakh beneficiaries.
- Cochlear Implant surgeries: 2531
- Motorized Tricycle distributed: 19072



Distribution camp conducted on 25.03.2023 in the presence of Honble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment at Datia, Madhya Pradesh.

(vii) Major Achievements of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities during the last 9 Years:

- **International Cooperation in disability sector:**
- Modernization of ALIMCO sanctioned at a cost of Rs 338.04 crore with financial support of Rs 184.58 crore from Central Government.
- ALIMCO Auxiliary Production Centres were set up in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh at the cost of Rs.13.94 crore.
- State of the Art ALIMCO Auxiliary Production Centre is being setup in Faridabad, Haryana at the cost of Rs.58.41 crore. The centre is to be completed during July, 2023.
- Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of aids and appliances (ADIP) scheme revised from April, 2022 for providing contemporary aids and assistive devices to Divyangjan and supporting cochlear implant surgery for children with hearing impairment (0-5 years) @ Rs 7 lakh per beneficiary and Rs. 6.00 lakh in case of children with acquired hearing loss between 5 to 18 years. Aids and assistive devices worth Rs 1688.71 crore distributed to 25.19 lakh Divyangjan and 5323 cochlear implant surgeries supported.

(ii) Scholarship Schemes for 'Students with Disabilities' :

- **Details of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme** during the last nine years: Scholarships provided to 2,28,515 students with disabilities at a cost of Rs.700.54 crore.
- **Scholarships released through DBT Mode during the last Nine years:**

Years	Number of beneficiaries	Funds Utilized (Rs. in crore)
2014-2015	306	13.25
2015-2016	6474	25.02
2016-2017	14841	35.83
2017-2018	21204	56.47
2018-2019	30366	86.27
2019-2020	42972	114.57
2020-2021	26067	91.77
2021-2022	42131	132.17
2022-23	44154	145.19
Total	2,28,515	700.54

- Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is presently implementing an Umbrella Scheme 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities'. The main objective of the umbrella Scholarship Scheme is to empower students with disabilities to study further in order to earn their livelihood and to find a dignified place in the society, as they face several barriers - physical, financial, and psychological in pursuing studies and living with dignity.
- The umbrella Scholarship Scheme 'Scholarship for Students with Disabilities' comprises six components:
 - Pre-matric (For Class IX &X)
 - Post-matric (For Class XI to Post-Graduated degree/diploma)
 - Top Class Education (For Graduated degree/ Post-Graduate Degree/ Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education)
 - National Fellowship (For M.Phil/Ph.D in Indian Universities)
 - National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Doctorate in universities abroad)
 - Free Coaching (For recruitment examination for Group A, B & C and entrance examination for admission in technical and professional courses)

➤ Conditions of Eligibility:

The general conditions of eligibility of all the components of the scheme are given below:

- All the six scholarships are applicable to students with benchmark disabilities i.e., 40% or above. Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. Provided, in case, the second child is a twin, the scholarship under the Scheme will be admissible to both the twins.
- Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she/he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.
- A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/ stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.
- Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

➤ Reservation of slots for girl students:

50% of the total scholarship slots available each year shall be reserved for girl candidates. However, in case, adequate number of girl candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the underutilized slots can be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

➤ Implementing Agency:

- The Pre-matric, Post-matric and Top Class Education Scholarships for Students with Disabilities are implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount is remitted directly to the beneficiaries through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal.
- Under the National Fellowship for PwDs scheme, selection of candidates is made on the basis of UGC-NET and CSIR-UGC joint NET examinations conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). Scheme is being implemented by this Department with Canara Bank as Technical Service Provider.

- Under the National Overseas Scholarship for SwDs scheme, disbursement of scholarship amount / reimbursement of miscellaneous expenses etc. incurred by the candidate is done by M/o External Affairs (MEA) through Indian Mission abroad.
- In the proposed revised scheme of Free Coaching for SwDs, students shall have the liberty to take coaching from the Institute of his/her choice provided that the institute enjoys good reputation and has a good track record. The coaching fee would be reimbursed into the beneficiary's bank accounts through DBT mode. An online portal is being developed for implementation of the scheme.

➤ **The salient features of the umbrella Scholarship Scheme are as under:**

(i) **Pre-matric (For Class IX & X):** (Scholarships under this scheme shall be available for studying in classes IX & X)

- Parents/Guardian's Income ceiling: Parents/Guardian's annual income ceiling from all sources is Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- Maintenance Allowance: Rs.800/- per month for hosteller and Rs.500/- per month for day scholars. The maintenance allowance is paid for 12 months in a year.
- Disability allowances: Rates of Disability Allowance admissible are mentioned in the table below:

S.No.	Type of Disability	Amount (Rs. Per annum)
1.	Visually Impaired	4000.00
2.	Hearing Impaired	2000.00
3.	Physically Disabled (OH)	2000.00
4.	Intellectual Disabilities	4000.00
5.	All other types of disability not covered under above	2000.00

- Book allowance: In addition to the above, book allowance of Rs.1000/- per annum is paid.
- (ii) **Post-matric (For XI to Post-graduate Degree/Diploma):** Scholarships under this scheme shall be available for studying in classes XI, XII, Post- matriculation diploma/certificates and Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India and Master's Degree/ Diploma from any University recognized by UGC/AICTE
- Parents/Guardian's Income ceiling: The Parents/Guardian's annual income ceiling from all sources is Rs.2.50 lakh per annum
 - Maintenance allowance: The rate of Maintenance allowance ranges from Rs.900 to Rs. 1600 per month for Hosteller and from Rs.550 to Rs.750 per month for day scholars, depending upon the course pursued by the candidate.

- **Disability Allowances:** The different types of allowances related to disability shall be payable as under:

S.No.	Type of Disability	Amount (Rs. Per annum)
1.	Visually Impaired	4000.00
2.	Hearing Impaired	2000.00
3.	Physically Disabled (OH)	2000.00
4.	Intellectual Disabilities	4000.00
5.	All other types of disability not covered under above	2000.00

- **Book allowance:** In addition to the above, book allowance of Rs.1500/- per annum is paid.
 - **Compulsory Non refundable fee (Tuition Fee, Game Fee, Library fee etc.):** The maximum fee ceiling for reimbursement of "Compulsory Non refundable fee" is Rs.1.50 lakh per annum.
- (iii) **Scholarship for Top Class Education (For Graduate Degree/Post-graduate Degree/Diploma level courses in notified institutes of excellence in education):** To promote quality education amongst students with disabilities by providing financial support for pursuing studies at the level of Graduate and Post-Graduate degree or diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education identified by DEPwD.
- **Parents/Guardian's Income:** Should not exceed Rs.8 lakh per annum.
 - **Maintenance allowance:** This is provided @ Rs.3000/- p.m. for hostellers and @ Rs.1500/-p.m. for day scholars.
 - **Disability allowance:** Rs.2000/- per month.
 - **Book grant:** Rs.5000/- per annum.
 - **Tuition fees:** Up to Rs.2.00 lakh per annum.
 - **Laptop/Computer & software:** One time grant for purchase of Laptop and software @ Rs.45000 for the entire course.
 - **Aids & Assistive Devices:** Rs. 30000/- as a onetime grant for entire course.
- (iv) **National Overseas Scholarship for students with disabilities (For Master's Degree and Ph.D in foreign universities):** To provide financial assistance to the students with disabilities who are selected for pursuing Master's level courses and Ph.D abroad in the following specified field of study: Engineering & Management, Pure Sciences and Applied Sciences, Agricultural Science & Medicine, Commerce, Accounting and Finance and Humanities, Social Science including Law & Fine Arts.

➤ **Minimum Qualification:**

For Ph.D.: 55% (fifty five per cent) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Master's Degree.

For Masters' Degree: 55% (fifty five per cent) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelor's Degree.

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

- Parents/Guardian's income: Should not exceed Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum.
- Tuition fees: Tuition fees of foreign universities/colleges admissible as per actual.
- Maintenance Allowance: US\$15,400/- per annum for United States of America and other countries except United Kingdom where it is GBP 9,900/- per annum.
- Annual Contingency Allowance: US\$1500/- per annum for United States of America and other countries except United Kingdom where it is GBP 1100/- per annum.
- Incidental journey allowance: US\$20/-or its equivalent in Indian Rupees.
- Equipment Allowance: US\$20/-or its equivalent in Indian Rupees.
- Visa Fees: Visa Fee, as per actual, in Indian Rupees.
- Medical Insurance Premium: Actual medical insurance premium.
- Reimbursement of lump sum actual examination fee or maximum of Rs.50,000/- whichever is less for selected students to appear for English language / other examinations like GRE, GMAT, Tofel, IELTS etc.

➤ **National Fellowships for Persons with Disabilities (For M.Phil and Ph.D in Indian Universities)**

The objective of the scheme is to provide fellowship in the form of financial assistance to Persons with Disabilities to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil/Ph.D in Science, Humanities, Social Science, in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges recognized by UGC.

- Parental income: No parental income ceiling.
- Duration of Fellowship:

Name of course	Maximum duration	Admissibility of JRF & SRF	
M.Phil	2 years	2 years	Nil
Ph.D	5 years	2	Remaining 3 years
M.Phil + Ph.D	5 years	2 years	Remaining 3 years

- a. **Rate of Fellowship:** The rates of fellowship for JRF and SRF will be at par with the UGC Fellowships. Presently , these rates are as follows:

1	Fellowship	Rs.31,000/- p.m. for initial two years (Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), Rs.35,000/-p.m. for remaining tenure (Senior Research Fellowship (SRF).
2	Contingency for Humanities and Social Science (including Arts/Fine Arts)	@ Rs. 10,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 20,500/- p.a. for remaining tenure
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure
4	Departmental assistance (All subjects)	@Rs.3,000/-p.a. per student to the host institute for providing infrastructure
5	Escort/Reader assistance (Allsubjects)	@ Rs. 2,000/- p.m. in cases of candidates with physical and visual disabilities

b. The House Rent Allowance (HRA) is paid on the UGC pattern and payable to those students who are not provided with hostel accommodation.

➤ **Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities:** To provide coaching to students with disabilities to enable them to appear in the competitive examination for Government jobs and seek admission to various professional and technical courses.

- Courses for Coaching: The courses for which the coaching will be imparted shall be as follows:
- Recruitment examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) and the various Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) for Group 'A', 'B' & 'C' posts;
- Recruitment examinations conducted by the State Public Service Commissions for Group 'A', 'B' & 'C' posts in the respective States;
- Recruitment examinations conducted by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), Nationalized Banks, Government Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for Officer level posts under them.
- Entrance Examinations for admission in (a) Engineering (eg. IIT-JEE), (b) Medical (eg. NEET), (c) Professional courses like Management (eg. CAT) and Law (eg. CLAT).
- Parental income: Should not exceed Rs.8.00 lakh per annum.

➤ **Extent of Assistance:**

- The actual course fee of the institute, or the prescribed course fee by the Department, as per guidelines of the scheme, whichever is less, shall be payable on reimbursement basis through DBT mode.

- Monthly stipend and special allowance will be released to the student through DBT mode in one installment after completion of coaching period, and after appearing for the exam for which coaching has been taken, as per following rates:

Sl.No.	Particulars	Stipend	Special allowance
1	Local Candidate	2500/-	2000/-
2	Out station candidate	5000/-	2000/-

Mode-II: Proposed, under which Students will have the flexibility to pursue coaching from the Institute of his/her choice.

- **Budget Allocation and performance of the Scheme during the last three years**

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Allocation	Fund Release	No of beneficiaries
2020-21	125.00	97.37	26067
2021-22	125.00	120.25	42131
2022-23	145	144.60	43696

- **Financial and Physical achievements and other major achievements of scholarship scheme:**

- Scheme wise and year wise Financial and Physical achievements (in last 9 years to till date):

(Amount in crore)

S. N	Scheme	Years	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
1	Pre-matric	Amount	0	1.60	5.52	9.07	6.50	24.57	9.82	12.35	21.39	90.82
		Beneficiaries	0	2368	7927	12593	6767	22218	12488	12592	21170	98123
2	Post-matric	Amount	0	3.21	9.82	14.92	56.39	64.98	47.29	83.12	72.31	352.04
		Beneficiaries	0	3565	6281	7657	22953	19978	12573	28347	21498	122852
3	Top Class Education	Amount	0	0.24	0.86	0.67	1.06	3.02	4.50	5.04	7.82	23.21
		Beneficiaries	0	14	42	37	78	239	453	519	825	2207
4	National Overseas	Amount	0	0	0.38	0.70	1.08	1.02	1.23	2.39	3.15	9.95
		Beneficiaries	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	4	7	18
5	National	Amount	13.25	19.97	19.26	30.24	19.86	20.98	28.69	29.27	40.5	222.0

	Fellowships										3	5
		Beneficiaries	306	527	589	666	566	537	551	669	654	5065
6	Free Coaching	Amount	0	0	0	0.87	1.38	0.00	0.23	0.00	0	2.48
		Beneficiaries	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	250
Total		Amount	13.25	25.02	35.83	56.47	86.27	114.57	91.77	132.17	145.2	700.55
		Beneficiaries	306	6474	14841	21204	30366	42972	26067	42131	44154	228515

(III) Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) / District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC):

➤ Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):

- **Details of Achievements under the Scheme** achieved during the last nine years: Grant-in-Aid for Rs. **675.69** cr. has been released to **4395** projects under DDRS benefitting **318651** beneficiaries.
- **Cost norms were last enhanced by 2.5 times from 1st April, 2018** to cover the cost of assistive devices, rehabilitative services, education and boarding and lodging in the special schools. Scheme has been revised with effect from 1st April, 2022.
- There are 456 Projects supported by DDRS running in 27 States/UTs and 348 districts.

Year	Financial Achievement	Physical Achievement	
		No. of NGOs assisted	No. of beneficiaries
2014-15	50.08	640	36159
2015-16	50.19	579	35461
2016-17	45.00	592	34431
2017-18	60.00	562	35729
2018-19	70.00	543	41803
2019-20	101.66	432	38004
2020-21	83.18	340	31542
2021-22	100.89	318	30173
2022-23	114.69	389	35349
Total	675.69	4395	318651

- **Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):** Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme is a central sector scheme of the Department to provide grant-in-aid to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for projects relating to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities aimed at enabling persons with disabilities to reach and maintain their optimal, physical, sensory,

intellectual, psychiatric or socio-functional levels. The Scheme is being implemented since 1999 with the objective of ensuring effective implementation of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

- The Grant-in-aid is provided to Implementing agencies (IAs) which are registered with NGO-Darpan and have obtained unique ID of NITI Aayog. The Grant-in-Aid (GIA) is provided through e-Anudaan portal of the Department. All financial assistance is provided to the Implementing agencies through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and the implementing agencies have to show their expenditure through Expenditure Advance Transfer (EAT) Module.
- There are **08 model projects** under DDRS are as follow:
 - **Cross Disability Pre-Schools And Early Intervention With Option For Home-Based Rehabilitation & Community-Based Rehabilitation Project**
 - **Special School For The Children With Hearing Disability with Option For Home-Based Rehabilitation/ Community-Based Rehabilitation Project**
 - **Special Schools for The Children With Visual Disability(Including Deaf blindness)With Option for Home-Based Rehabilitation /Community-Based Rehabilitation& Center For Low Vision Project**
 - **Special School For The Children With Other Disabilities (Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Multiple Disabilities, Muscular Dystrophy, Deaf blindness Etc) With Option For Home-Based Rehabilitation / Community-Based Rehabilitation Project**
 - **Rehabilitation Of Leprosy Cured Persons with Provision For Home-Based Rehabilitation & Community-Based Rehabilitation Project**
 - **Half-Way Home For Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Of Treated And Controlled Individuals With Mental Illness with Provision For Home-Based Rehabilitation & Community-Based Rehabilitation Project**
 - **Preparatory/Remediation Centre For Children With Specific Learning Disabilities Project**
 - **Cross-Disability Therapy & Counseling Center Project**
- **Activities/components admissible for grant under DDRS include:**
 - **Recurring:** Honorarium to staff, Transportation of beneficiaries, Stipend for beneficiaries/hostel maintenance, Cost of raw materials, and Contingencies to meet office expenses, electricity & water charges, rent.
 - **Honorarium** is provided to teaching staff, part time rehabilitation professionals, non teaching staff etc.
 - **Transport allowance** is provided for transportation of beneficiaries from Rs. 625 to 1000 per month as per A, B, and C cities.
 - **Stipend** of Rs. 500 per month is provided to beneficiaries for mid day meal.
 - **Hostel maintenance** of Rs. 2125 is provided to residential beneficiaries.
 - **Contingency** of Rs. 4000 per beneficiary per annum is provided for office expenses.

- **Non Recurring:** Furniture, Equipments, Books etc.
- **Eligibility conditions for Grants under DDRS are as follows:** Organizations registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), or any relevant Act of the State/Union Territory; or, A Trust registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 or any other similar Act for the time being in force; or, A Not-for-Profit company registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 or any relevant Act for the time being in force.
 - **registration should have been in force for at least 2 years at the time of applying for grant under this scheme**
 - **must be registered in the NITI Aayog portal (NGO-Darpan) portal and obtain Unique ID of NGO-Darpan before applying for Grant under the scheme.**
 - **Must be registered either under erstwhile Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 or Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.**
 - **An organization** specified as above should have the following characteristics:
 - (i) It should have a managing body with its powers, duties and responsibilities clearly defined and laid down in Memorandum of Association.
 - (ii) It should have resources, facilities and experience for undertaking the programme.
 - (iii) It should not be run for profit to any individual or a body of individuals.
- **Details of financial and physical achievements in the last five years under the DDRS:-**

Year	Financial Outlay/Achievement (Rs. in crore)			Physical Achievement	
	BE	RE	Actual Expenditure	No. of NGOs assisted	No. of beneficiaries
2018-19	70.00	70.00	70.00	543	41803
2019-20	75.00	105.00	101.66	432	38004
2020-21	130.00	85.00	83.18	340	31542
2021-22	125.00	105.00	100.89	318	30173
2022-23	125.00	105.00	114.69	389	35349

- **Achievements under the DDRS during the last 09 years and current year (upto 19.05.2023) is as under:**
 - Since 2014-15, Grant-in-Aid for **Rs.675.69 cr.** has been released to 4395 projects under DDRS benefitting 318651 beneficiaries.
 - Since July 2022, Grant-in-Aid for Rs. 104.14 cr. has been released to 378 projects under DDRS benefitting 34495 beneficiaries.

- Rehabilitation Services, Education and Vocational Skills are given to fully integrate PwDs into the society.
- To avoid any hardships and to minimize dropouts, transportation charges and stipend for beneficiaries/hostel facilities are provided.
- The Scheme has enlarged the scope of vocational and professional opportunities, income generation and gainful occupations of PwDs.
- The outreaches of 08 model projects run under the scheme cover both urban and rural areas of the country. Currently, it covers 27 states and 348 districts.
- Availability of appropriate homes and hostel facilities are supported and facilitated for PwDs so that far off areas PwDs can also avail benefits.
- The projects run under the Scheme provide employment to about 4000 rehabilitation professionals/special educators/non-technical man power, support staff etc.
- DDRS scheme has been revised in the light of RPwD, Act, 2016 by which no. of disabilities have been increased from 7 to 21. Major Highlight of the revised scheme effective from 01.04.2022 is as follows: (i) Model projects have been conceptualized to cover all 21 disabilities as per RPwD, Act, 2016. (ii) Provision of Home Based Rehabilitation (HBR) and Community Based Rehabilitation have been kept in all projects (iii) Maximum age limit of the beneficiaries of ID/CP etc has been increased from 18 to 23 years (iv) New Project for Preparatory/remediation centre for children with specific learning disabilities to continue inclusive education has been kept (v) Another New project Cross-Disability Therapy and Counselling Centre has been provisioned for all type of disabilities (vi) Pre-school and Early Intervention Centre (MR & HI segment) has been replaced with Cross Disability Pre School and Early Intervention Centre.

➤ **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 9 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic,**

- Scheme has been revised and is effective from 1st April, 2022. Revised guidelines of scheme are available on the Department's website www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in to all PIAs. The highlights of revised scheme
 - (i) The list of model projects under revised DDRS has been reduced from 9 to 8.
 - (ii) Provision of Home Based Rehabilitation (HBR) and Community Based Rehabilitation have been kept in all projects
 - (iii) Maximum age limit of the beneficiaries of ID/CP etc has been increased from 18 to 23 years
 - (iv) New Project for Preparatory/remediation centre for children with specific learning disabilities to continue inclusive education has been kept
 - (v) Another New project Cross- Disability Therapy and Counselling Centre has been provisioned for all type of disabilities
 - (vi) Pre-school and Early Intervention Centre (MR & HI segment) has been replaced with Cross Disability Pre School and Early Intervention Centre.

- **District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC):** DDRC Scheme is a sub component under the DDRS scheme from 2020-21. Before that it was under SIPDA. **DDRC is being implemented since 1999-2000.** DDRCs are established for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). About **60-65 DDRCs are functional.**

- **Main functions of DDRCs are:** Early Identification and Intervention, awareness generation, assessment of need/provision/fitment of assistive devices, therapeutic services e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc., referral and arrangement of surgical correction, assistance in providing scholarships, skill training, arrangement of loans for self employment, survey & identification of persons with disabilities through camp approach, assisting in the issue of UDID Cards, and to act as outreach centres for the services provided by the National Institutes and for promoting barrier free environment.

- **Status of DDRC**

- Number of districts approved for setting up of DDRC – one DDRC in every district of the Country
- Number of DDRC functioning and getting regular grant:- 60-65

- **Grant-in-aid released during the last five years under DDRC is as under:-**

Year	No. of DDRC	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2018-19	45	5.26
2019-20	22	3.17
2020-21	28	5.75
2021-22	24	5.56
2022-23	36	5.59

- **Financial and physical achievements and other major achievements:**

- Since 2014-15, Grant-in-aid for Rs. 35.65 Cr. has been released to 322 DDRCs
- Since July 2022, Grant-in-aid for Rs. 5.59 Cr. has been released to 36 DDRCs.
- Providing services for physical rehabilitation, which includes early detection and intervention, counseling and medical rehabilitation and assistance in procuring appropriate aids and appliances for reducing the effect of disabilities.
- Facilitating therapeutic Services eg. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy etc.
- Facilitation of Disability certificates, UDID cards, Bus passes and other concessions and facilities for persons with disabilities.

- Employment generation through engagement of rehabilitation professionals/ technical and non technical manpower.
- According to revised guidelines effective from 01.04.2022, DDRCs should preferably be located in close proximity to District Hospital/ Medical Colleges/District Early Intervention Centers.
- Quality Professionals can now be appointed on consultation basis (part time) or full time. This will assist enhancing availability of professionals as per requirements within the grants constraints.
- **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 9 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic:**
 - Revised DDRC Scheme has come into force from 1st April 2022.
 - DDRCs should preferably be located in close proximity to District Hospital/Medical Colleges/District Early Intervention Centers.
 - **4 new posts have been created**
 - Quality Professionals can now be appointed on consultation basis (part time) or full time. This will assist enhancing availability of professionals as per requirements within the grants constraints.
 - DDRC can rent space if not provided by State Government.
- **District Disability Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRC), East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh**
Implementing Agency: Uma Educational & Technical Society, Kakinada, under the aegis of, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- **CASE STUDY OF Mr. Geddada Sattibabu PERSON WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY**



Mr. Geddada Sattibabu aged 36 years hailed from Pasalapadu Village of Rayavaram Mandal of East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. He is from middle class family and at the age of 15 years he started doing farming and supporting the family. On 9th May 2017 while he was arranging lighting in front of Goddess Durga temple, unfortunately he

fell down and he landed on big stone, as a result he had suffered with spinal cord injury. They have facing lot of troubles for leading his family and his mobility.

- ❖ During the survey and identification camp our DDRC Staff was identified and refer to Medical Board for SADERAM Disability Certificate. After getting Disability certificate we have applied social security pension to Government of Andhra Pradesh. After few months he got social security pension of Rs. 5000/- per month from Government of Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ Also providing Physiotherapy with DDRC Physiotherapist at their home and providing some techniques to his family members. Also we have providing a customized Tricycle cum Wheel Chair for his mobility.
- ❖ During Covid-19 Pandemic we are also provided Dry Ration Kits to his family worth of Rs. 2000/- in pashed manner five times.
- ❖ After due course of the time we have also provided financial Support of Rs. 18000/-for his livelihood. He is started a started a small petty shop at his home. Now he is also one of the contributory member of his family and earn Rs. 500/- per day. Now his children also going to school and his wife also supported with him for maintaining of Shop. The community and other surrounding persons are also appreciated and support him. He is expressed happiness and his sincere gratitude to DDRC, East Godaavari as well as Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment Govt. of India, New Delhi for supporting for his Rehabilitation.



(IV) SCHEMES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 2016 (SIPDA) : The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has been implementing a **Central Sector Scheme**, the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (**SIPDA**) for providing financial assistance for undertaking various activities outlined in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. The Ministry has been releasing funds under the Scheme since 1999 according to the procedure/guidelines approved by the Ministry on an annual basis. A formal Scheme was notified by the Ministry on 28.01.2016. Subsequently, a formal Scheme was formulated by the Ministry on 28.01.2016. SIPDA is now run as an umbrella scheme for implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. It comprised various 13 sub-schemes till F.Y.2020-21 as under:

- 1) Creation of Barrier Free Environment
- 2) Accessible India Campaign (AIC)
- 3) National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs
- 4) Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Project
- 5) Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP)

- 6) Financial support to Study and Research on priority areas of disability sector and to Research & Development of suitable product, aids & appliances for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- 7) In-service Training and Sensitization of key functionaries of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Providers
- 8) Incentive Scheme for providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the Private Sector
- 9) Financial Assistance for existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the country
- 10) Information and Mass Education (Media)
- 11) Scheme for setting up State Spinal Injury Centre (SSIC)
- 12) Central Sector Scheme of Support for establishment / modernization / capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses and
- 13) Scheme for Assistance to Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC)

SIPDA scheme has been revised and agreed by EFC meeting dated 11.08.2021 with the following 10 sub schemes which are now part of the umbrella SIPDA scheme for period FY 2021-22 to 2025-26:

- 1) Creation of Barrier Free Environment
 - 2) Accessible India Campaign (AIC)
 - 3) National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs with Incentive Scheme for providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the Private Sector
 - 4) Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Project
 - 5) Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP) with In-service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Providers
 - 6) Financial support to Study and Research on priority areas of disability sector and to Research & Development of suitable product, aids & appliances for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
 - 7) Assistance to Spinal Injury Centers, new name after merger of State Spinal Injury Centre (SSIC) and Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC) sub-schemes.
 - 8) Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre
 - 9) Sub-scheme as 'Projects under SIPDA'
- (a) Braille Press scheme has been continued as a project through NIEPVD, Dehradun.
- (b) Financial Assistance to existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the country has been continued as a project through AYJNISHD Mumbai.
- 10) Central Project Monitoring Unit (CPMU) cum Data Strategy Unit (DSU).

a. Creation of barrier free environment for the Persons with Disabilities: Creation of Barrier Free Environment is a sub-component/sub-scheme of the umbrella SIPDA scheme. Under the scheme funds are being released to States/UTs across the country mainly for Creation of Barrier Free Environment in existing Govt. buildings through construction of lifts, ramps, railing, accessible toilets, tactile tiles and accessible websites, etc. for the convenience of Persons with disabilities.

Financial achievements of SIPDA scheme of last 09 years to till date along with budget allocation is given as under:

Year's	(Rs. in crore)			Achievement	
	Budget Estimates (BE)	Revised Estimates (RE)	Expenditure	% of expenditure on BE	% of expenditure on RE
2014-15	80.00	61.41	43.09	54%	70%
2015-16	135.00	99.00	69.42	51%	70%
2016-17	193.00	193.00	186.83	97%	97%
2017-18	207.00	257.00	272.23	132%	106%
2018-19	300.00	258.30	260.82	87%	101%
2019-20	315.00	260.00	217.34	69%	84%
2020-21	251.50	122.89	103.43	41%	84%
2021-22	209.77	147.31	108.44	52%	74%
2022-23	240.39	100	65.56	27.27%	65.56%

- (i) Financial achievements from July 2022 to till date : Rs.64.66 crore
(ii) Physical Achievements under Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA for 9 year to till date as under:

Year	Buildings of State Govt.	Buildings of Autonomous organizations/National Institutes/Central or State Universities
2014-15	91	2
2015-16	21	29
2016-17	31	13
2017-18	274	2
2018-19	315	28
2019-20	19	6
2020-21	101	1
2021-22	21	9
2022-23	38	1

- **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 9 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic:** SIPDA scheme has been approved for continuation for next five years i.e. from FY.2021-22 to 2025-26 by Honble Finance Minister in line with the recommendation of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) minutes of meeting held on 11.08.2021 vide DoE-MoF OM dated 08.09.2021. The SIPDA scheme has been revised and agreed by EFC meeting dated 11.08.2021 according to which the sub components have been merged, deleted, added and a total of 10 sub schemes are now part of the umbrella SIPDA scheme for period FY 2021-22 to 2025-26.

b. Accelerating Accessibility: Accessible India Campaign (AIC):

The Accessible India Campaign (AIC) is a national flagship Campaign launched on 3rd of December 2015, with the vision of creating a barrier free environment for safe, independent and dignified living of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The Campaign is being implemented across the three verticals, namely the Built Up Environment, the Transportation Sector and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) ecosystem.

The achievements of AIC across sectors have been detailed below:

I) Built-Up Environment – Under Target of conducting accessibility audit of 25-50 most important government buildings and converting them into fully accessible in 50 cities, access audit of 1671 buildings have been done and funds amounting to Rs. 562.09 crore have been released for 1314 buildings. A total of 1711 Central and State/UT Government buildings have been provided with features of accessibility, which include 611 buildings of State/UT Governments and 1100 Central Government buildings retrofitted by CPWD.

II) Transportation Sector –

- a. 35 International Airports and 55 Domestic Airports have been provided with features of accessibility (ramps toilet & lifts).
- b. All 709 A1, A & B category railway stations have been provided with seven Short Term Facilities (Ramps, Toilets, Lifts, Helpdesks, Parking, Non-Slippery Walkways, and Drinking Water Facilities).
- c. Out of 1,45,747 buses, 42,348 (29.05%) buses are partially accessible and 8,695(5.96%)buses are fully accessible. Out of 3533 bus station, 3120 are made accessible in respected to 24 States/UTs.

III) ICT Ecosystem (Websites) –

- a. Out of 724 identified government websites, 637 identified websites of States/UTs have already been made accessible and 474 made live as well as 95 websites of Central Government have also been made accessible.
- b. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has published the Accessibility Standards for Accessible TV Viewing for Persons with Hearing impairment. However, similar standards also need to be formulated for other types of disabilities, including visual impairment.
- c. Accessibility in TV viewing is also being ensured in a phased manner with 19 news channels having telecasted 2447 accessible news bulletin and in General Entertainment Category (GEC), 17 channels have telecast 3686 accessible scheduled programs/movies.

IV) Other Sectors –

- a. **Education** – As reported by Department of School Education & Literacy, to ensure barrier free access for Children with Disabilities in government and government aided schools, 8,33,703 out of 11,68,292 (71%) schools have been made barrier free with the provision of ramps, handrails and accessible toilets. Department of Higher Education and UGC have been sensitized to make higher educational institutions accessible.
 - b. **Institutional Literacy Material** – Under the Campaign, the Department has been able to develop an **Easy Reckoner of 10 Basic Features of Accessibility, photo digests** and other documents which serve as guidebooks for officials, engineers, architects, relevant stakeholders and the public to enhance their understanding of accessibility. These documents have helped through simplistic and illustrative explanations of the guidelines of accessible features. **Volume 1 of the series of guidebooks for professionals titled - ACCESS-The Photo Digest on public centric buildings was launched on 2nd March 2021. The 2nd Volume on Airports was launched on 19th November 2021.** For raising awareness among school going children, an **E-Comic-cum-Activity Book, titled 'Priya: The Accessibility Warrior' was launched, jointly with Ministry of Education on 24th August 2021.**
 - c. **Sugamya Bharat App** – On 2nd March 2021, as per the directions of Honble Prime Minister, the Sugamya Bharat APP — a Crowd sourcing Mobile Application was launched by HMSJE. This user-friendly and accessible App enables anyone, anywhere, anytime to bring to notice accessibility-related issues being faced by them while using public centric infrastructure, facilities and services which require redressal.
 - d. **Management Information System (MIS) Portal for AIC** – An MIS portal for real time online monitoring of the targets of the Campaign was launched in September 2019. All stakeholders of the Campaign, including Ministries/Departments as well as States/UTs, report the progress of work being achieved on ground on a regular basis along with photographs and other necessary documents. To further improve the efficiency and increase the outreach of the Portal such that all Ministries/Departments (those even outside the initial AIC targets) provide data for public consumption, the development of another improved version is being done for which the RFP is under process.
- **Formulation of Sector Specific Standards of Accessibility** – As per CoS recommendations, the task of formulation of Sector Specific Standards of Accessibility has been entrusted with respective Ministries/Departments which has to be sent to DEPwD by June 2021 so that the same may be notified by December 2021 under the RPwD Rules, 2017. This work has been initiated and is being followed up by DEPwD through regular letters, video conferences and Ministry/Department specific discussions. So far, Accessibility Guidelines of BIS-Standards for Accessibility of ICT products and services Part-1 & 2 adopted by MeitY, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Telecommunication and Department of Justice have been notified under the RPwD Rules. 5 Ministries/Departments (MoHUA, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Culture,

Deptt. of Sports and MoHFW) have notified their Guidelines in Gazette of India and further submitted to the Department for notification under the RPwD Rules. 8 Ministries/Department have completed the CCPD consultation and are in the process of finalization of the guidelines.

- **Since 2016-17 1,314 buildings have been provided GIA for making barrier free through support from the Department under Accessible India Campaign with the release of Rs 562.09 crore.**
- **From July, 2022 to 26.05.2023, 74 No. of Buildings have been provided funds (2nd installment) amount of 8.50 crore.**

C. Scheme for Financial Assistance to Spinal Injuries Centre (ASIC Scheme) :

- **Component 1: Assistance to Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC), New Delhi:**



- The Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC), Delhi was established vide Union Cabinet decisions dated 28.03.1989 and its amendment dated 15.12.1997 for providing indoor treatment to spinal cord injured poor patients.
- The Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC) is a joint venture of Government of Italy and Government of India through an Italian NGO Italian - Association for Solidarity among People (AISPO) and the India Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC).
- It provides comprehensive rehabilitation management services to patients with spinal cord injuries and related ailments. The grant was disbursed on the basis of above Cabinet decisions till 2016-17. The formal scheme of ISIC was formulated w.e.f. 31.12.2018.

- As per the scheme, the Government supports the ISIC to provide 25 free-beds daily for treatment of poor patients. In addition, the ISIC Centre to provide 5 free-beds to poor spinal injured patients.

Financial Year/Period	Financial Achievement (Funds released in Rs. Crore)	Physical Achievement (No. of beneficiaries)
2014-15	1.80	169
2015-16	2.00	208
2016-17	1.99	131
2017-18	0.00	0
2018-19	0.00	0
2019-20	0.00	0
2020-21	3.99	169
2021-22	2.52	83
2022-23	3.58	155
Total	15.88	915

The ISIC Scheme is proposed to be merged with some modifications as a component of the Scheme for Financial Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres (ASIC) as under:

- Additional Documentary evidence requirements
 - Review of the scheme for "Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres" after 2 years based on which future projections/targets shall be formulated accordingly.
- **Component 2: Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centres (SSIC):**
- Central Sector Scheme of Setting up of State Spinal Injury Center (SSIC) is being implemented since 2015-16.
 - The Scheme envisages setting up of comprehensive rehabilitation centers attached to the government hospital of all the state capitals/Union territories. Dedicated 12 beds for treatment, rehabilitation and management of spinal injuries in respect of persons belonging to economically weaker sections.

Financial Year/Period	Financial Achievement(Funds released in Rs. Crore)	Physical Achievement (No. of SSIC Centres established)
2014-15*	0	0
2015-16	0.5	1
2016-17	5	2
2017-18	5	2
2018-19	2.82	1
2019-20	0	0
2020-21	0.31	0*
2021-22	0	0
2022-23	0.09	0

***The scheme component took off from 2015; ^SSIC counted already;**

The SSIC Scheme is proposed to be merged with some modifications as a component of the Scheme for Financial Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres (ASIC) as under:

- No new SSICs to be established and recurring support to be provided to 6 identified SSICs
- Non recurring support only to SSICs which are yet to be fully established.
- Review of the scheme for “Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres” after 2 years based on which future projections/targets shall be formulated accordingly.

d. National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements a “National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)” which was launched in March, 2015. NAP is implemented under the umbrella scheme – “**Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)**” as per Common Norms guidelines of M/o Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). It is a Central Sector Scheme implemented across the country under which training programme is conducted via a network of training partners (ETPs) empanelled from Government (GOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

Objectives of the Scheme:

- Provide skill training to persons with disabilities (PwDs) for enabling them to become self-reliant and productive members of the society in order to achieve gainful wage/self-employment and integrate them with the mainstream of the society.
- Eligibility of Beneficiaries:
 - Any citizen of India with not less than 40 % disability and not have undergone any other skill training course sponsored by Govt. of India during the period of two years to the last day of receipt of application for the course applied for.
 - Age of the applicant should be not less than 15 years and not more than 59 years on the last date of receipt of application for the course.
 - Applicant should not have undergone any other skill training course sponsored by Govt. of India during the period of two.
- **Implementing Agencies**
 - Government as well as non-government organisations empanelled as training partners with the Department (ETPs).
 - National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres.

Empanelment of training partners:

- The Organizations are required to apply online in prescribed proforma of "Expression of Interest" in MIS Portal of the Department i.e. depwdskill-nap.gov.in
- Organizations found suitable by the Selection Committee constituted in the Department are empanelled as "Training partners" for a period of three years for organizing training programs for PwDs.

• Funding Norms

Funds in lieu of Skill training of PwDs are released to ETPs as per Common Norms guidelines issued and amended from time to time by M/o Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). At present, funds are provided to ETPs in 03 installments in the following manner:

Installment	% of grant	Milestone
1 st installment	30%	On commencement of training
2 nd installment	40%	On completion of assessment and certification
3 rd installment	30%	On placement of candidates as per guidelines

While training cost is provided directly to ETPs, the trainees are provided an amount of Rs.5000/- for purchasing any assistive device and Conveyance allowance of Rs.1000 per month (within district) and Rs. 1500 per month (outside of District) through DBT.

• Trades/courses taken up for skill training

As per guidelines, training is provided only in the trades/ courses aligned with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) and approved by National Council for Vocational Education and Training under MSDE. So far 311 trades/courses developed and aligned with NSQF relating to skill training of Persons with Disabilities.

- **Financial and Physical achievements and other major achievements of the Scheme:** Release of funds under NAP started from the year 2016-17. So far Rs. 137.54 crore has been released under NAP for imparting skill training to 1,32,208 PwDs. Details are as under:-

S.No.	Financial Year	No. of persons trained	Expenditure incurred (in Rs. In Crore)
1	2016-17	17430	5.85
2	2017-18	58210	67.19
3	2018-19	47286	43.74
4	2019-20	1434	4.32

5	2020-21	2918	4.49
6	2021-22	2911	4.07
7	2022-23	2019	7.88
Total		132208	137.54

Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs): In order to ensure strong training and employment model for the PwDs under direct guidance of the Industry, two tripartite MoUs have also been signed by the Department and Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities with Flipkart Internet Private Limited and Amazon Seller Private Limited to jointly provide skill training and employment opportunities to PwDs in E-commerce sector.

e. Disability certification made easy: Unique Disability Identity ID:

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities implements the Unique Disability Identification UDID Project with a view to creating a national data base of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and also to issue Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards to them. The application software of the database provides an online platform for issuance of disability certificates and thus enables online verification of authenticity of disability certificates issued by any authority in India. It would also help in implementing schemes/programmes meant for PwDs in an effective manner. UDID project has been linked to DigiLocker enabling PwDs to download their certificate of disability and UDID card any time and keep the same in safe custody.

➤ The Central Government is providing financial assistance to the States/UTs for implementation of UDID project for the following purposes:-

A. Support for Publicity and awareness :-

- Rs. 2.50 Lakhs for each district having >20 Lakhs Population
- Rs. 2.00 Lakhs for each district having 10 lakhs > Populations < 20 Lakhs
- Rs. 1.50 Lakhs for each district having < 10 Lakhs Population

B. Support towards IT Infrastructure:- An amount upto Rs 1 Lakh per district for the procurement of the following:

- Computer Desktop (1 no.)
- Biometric single finger scanner for Aadhaar Authentication (4 nos.)
- Ordinary Printer with Scanner (1 no.)
- Web Camera (1 no.)

C. Manpower Support :- Amount of Rs. 50,000 Per month for the appointment of the State Coordinator

D. Digitization of manual certificate :- An amount of Rs. 3.61 per certificate for digitization of manual certificate into UDID portal

➤ UDID envisages following steps for issuance of certificate of disability/UDID card:

- Registration on the UDID portal (www.swavalambancard.gov.in) and applying online for Disability Certificate/UDID Card and also for renewal. One can also apply offline at the office of medical authorities or at District social justice/social welfare offices, which in turn translate the application into online mode.
- Verification of application by the office of Chief District Medical Officer/CMO/Civil Surgeon, as the case may be, as designated by the States/UTs.
- Disability Assessment by concerned specialist as per the guidelines issued by DEPwD.
- Consideration of assessment of specialist by the medical authority and grant of disability Certificate by competent district medical authority
- Once approved the medical authority, data is transferred to Print Agency and subsequently UDID Card is printed and dispatched to the PwD by printing agency through ordinary post.

➤ 94.30 Lakhs e-UDID cards have been generated in 716 districts in all States/UTs as on 18.05.2023 since its inception in the year 2016-17.

➤ State-wise status of generation e-UDID card:

Status of UDID Project as on 18.05.2022		
S.No.	States/UTs	Generated UDID cards
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	5,470
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	11,20,291
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3,082
4	ASSAM	1,80,486
5	BIHAR	4,17,590
6	CHANDIGARH	8,080
7	CHHATTISGARH	2,31,292
8	DADRA NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	3,316
9	DELHI	46,999
10	GOA	7,960
11	GUJARAT	3,58,311
12	HARYANA	1,39,679
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	81,641
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1,50,815
15	JHARKHAND	1,51,425
16	KARNATAKA	6,60,985
17	KERALA	2,57,956
18	LADAKH	3,476
19	LAKSHADWEEP	915
20	MADHYA PRADESH	7,85,969
21	MAHARASHTRA	9,25,219

22	MANIPUR	9,702
23	MEGHALAYA	28,854
24	MIZORAM	4,181
25	NAGALAND	2,267
26	ODISHA	5,99,004
27	PUDUCHERRY	19,755
28	PUNJAB	3,12,364
29	RAJASTHAN	4,84,848
30	SIKKIM	4,368
31	TAMIL NADU	6,61,914
32	TELANGANA	4,76,169
33	TRIPURA	33,357
34	UTTAR PRADESH	10,70,036
35	UTTARAKHAND	82,662
36	WEST BENGAL	9
TOTAL		93,30,447

f. Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme (AG&P SCHEME):

The AGP scheme has been proposed to be continued and merged with In-Service Training Scheme of the Dept. which is related to Sensitization of key functionaries of Central and State Government, Local Bodies and other Service Providers.

Objectives of the scheme:

The Department is implementing "Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme" as one of the component under SIPDA Scheme. The main objective of the scheme is creation of awareness about the schemes and programmes of the Government for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to train and sensitize key functionaries of the Central/State Government/Local Bodies and other service providers on a regular basis on disability related matters through State/District/Block level workshops with the aim to raise awareness among employees and peer groups about capabilities of PwDs.

- The 5 components admissible under the Scheme for financial assistance includes:-
 - Content Development and Publications
 - Events
 - Voluntary Service/Outreach Programmes for sensitizing Commercial Establishment and employers.
 - Recreation and Tourism
 - To train and sensitize key functionaries of the Central and State Government and local bodies and other service providers on a regular basis on disability related matters. Rehabilitation Council of Indian (RCI) will be the nodal agency.

➤ **Organisations eligible for Grant:**

- Self-help groups;
- Advocacy and self-advocacy organisations;
- Parents & Community Organisations;
- Psychological and emotional support service;
- Community based rehabilitation organisations;
- Organisations working in the field of disability sector; and
- Organisations under administrative control of Central/State Government including Departments, Universities, Colleges etc.

➤ **Screening Committee constituted for Financial Assistance:** Screening Committee chaired by the Joint Secretary consisting of the following recommends the proposal:

Officer	Role
DDG/Joint Secretary (AGP)	Chairman
Dir/DS (IFD)	Member
Representative of DAVP	Member
A special invitee from amongst PwDs / representative groups / organizations working in the field of disability. Or Two members/experts in Training of Trainers for modules of PwDs related issues.	Member
Member Secretary RCI	Member
Director (IPH)	Member
Director / DS (AGP)	Member Secretary

➤ **Major changes made in the guidelines of Revised Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme and Service Training Scheme:**

- Out of the existing 8 components of awareness generation and publicity scheme, 4 components related to media have been removed so that their repetition/duplication can be prevented.
- At the time of merger of service training scheme in awareness generation and publicity scheme, the fifth component “training and sensitizing key officials of central and state government, local bodies and other service providers on disability related matters” has been added.
- In order to make the fifth component under the service training scheme more effective in the awareness generation and publicity scheme, a provision of virtual training mode has been made for in-service training.
- Another module related to engineering has also been added under the service training scheme.

- The proposed cost of Rs.6500/- per unit under the service training scheme has been limited to Rs.4800/- per unit cost as per IFD.



Two day workshop on RPwD Act 2016

➤ **Financial and Physical achievements and other major achievements of the Scheme in the last 9 years:**

Financial Year	Achievements	
	Financial (programmes)	Physical (No. of events/ programmes)
2014-2015	0.71	17
2015-2016	2.62	44
2016-2017	2.67	24
2017-2018	1.74	28
2018-2019	1.15	15
2019-2020	2.12	17
2020-2021	1.17	11
2021-2022	2.24	11
2022-2023	5.38	15

➤ **Financial achievements from July 2021 to till date:**

Period	Achievements	
	Financial	Physical
July, 2021 to till date	Rs.2.24 cr	05



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Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai organized a sensitization workshop on 4th -5th March, 2022 at Tent City, Kevadia, Gujarat

AGP SCHEME		
Financial Year	Special Achievements/Major Events:	State
The AGP Scheme was launched in September, 2014 and is operational from the financial year 2014-15		
2015-16	Production and telecast of five episodes featuring important segments of disability sector and success of the Department including National Abilympics on Doordarshan National for the Show Hunnarbaz! Mission Skill India!	---
	Organization of one day seminar on accessibility by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad.	Gujarat
2016-17	Motorcycle Rally on 'Ride 4 an Accessible India' at India Gate, Lodhi Garden, Vasant Kunj and South Extension in which more than 600 motor bike riders and 6000 youth/students participated.	Delhi
	Awareness workshop on Accessibility for future professionals by School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal	Delhi
2017-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot felicitated 17 Member of Indian Blind Cricket Team for winning the Blind Cricket World Cup and presented them with a cash award of Rs.34 Lakhs at a function in New Delhi on 21.2.2018. The Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Ramdas Athawale and senior officers of the Ministry were present on the occasion. 	Delhi
2019-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical 	Delhi

	<p>Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) organized a cultural event titled “Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disabilities” on 23.7.2019 at Balyogi Auditorium, Parliament House before in the presence of Honble President of India, Prime Minister of India, Vice President, Speaker of Lok Sabha and Members of both the Houses of Parliament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 150-200 Divyangjan of different categories of disability representing various States/ UTs all over the Country participated in various activities such as dancing, singing, music etc. and showcased their talents and abilities despite their disabilities. 	
2020-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), New Delhi organized an Annual Exhibition-cum-fair for manufactured products by Divyangjans and programmes on 4th-5th March, 2021 at Ita Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh. • The main objective of the event was spreading awareness/propagation of various schemes of department about welfare of Divyangjans alongwith awareness for opportunities in skill development training programme of DEPwD. 	Delhi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of 'India @75 National Celebration' and flagship programme for North-East India; the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPVD, Dehradun) organized “5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021: The Divyangjan Movement – Empowering the Specially-Abled towards an inclusive India” event on 24th & 25th July, 2021. • The 02 days online event was inaugurated by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Honble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, in the presence of Km. Pratima Bhoumik and Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Honble Minister(s) for State for Social Justice and Empowerment and Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD. 	Uttarakhand
2021-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) organized a program on 10th September, 2021 in the Convention Hall, The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi to felicitate the winners of the Tokyo Paralympics held at Tokyo, Japan wherein they were awarded cash prize to the individual winners. • Around 200 guests witnessed this event in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of SJ&E Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Ministers of State Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Km. Pratima Bhoumik and other dignitaries. 	New Delhi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AYJNISHD, Mumbai organized a sensitization workshop on 4th -5th March, 2022 in Kevadia, Gujarat on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, functioning of CCPD, various schemes being implemented by the Department alongwith best practices adopted by the various State Governments. 	Gujarat
2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Two Days Sensitization Programme was held on 15th-16th September, 2022 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh to sensitize the authorities of 	Madhya Pradesh

	<p>States/UTs about their role and responsibilities in implementation of the Provisions of RPwD Act and Rule made thereunder and to expand outreach of the programmes of the Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Honble Minister (SJ&E) in the presence of Ministers of State for (SJ&E), Shri Ramdas Athawale and Sushree Pratima Bhoumik. Ministers from the 4 State/UTs namely Delhi, Goa, Odisha & Punjab and Senior Officers from 18 States/UTs participated in the said meeting. • He stated that the Centre for Disability Sports is being set up at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 171.00 Crore and is expected to be made functional during the current financial year. The center will have State-of the art facilities for training of Divyang Sports Persons to enable them to compete in National/International Platforms. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 6-day (2-7 December, 2022) Divya Kala Mela, was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) on the Kartavya Path of India Gate, Delhi. • On this occasion, the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the online sell portal www.nhfdcfoundation.org for the disabled and distributed a seed grant amount of more than Rs. 16 lakhs to 75 Divyang by IDEA-SAKSHAM for their self-employment. • In "Divya Kala Mela" more than 200 Divyang craftsmen, artists, entrepreneurs from 22 states and union territories displayed their skills, art and entrepreneurship and were given an amount of Rs. 5000/- each for their life insurance also employment letters from various companies were also provided to a dozen Divyangs. 	Delhi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurated the 'Divya Kala Shakti' Programme at Rang Bhawan Auditorium, Akashwani Bhawan, Delhi, on 10th December 2022. The cultural event was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), in collaboration with PDUNIPPD, a National Institution under the Administrative control of the Department. • Approximately 100 Divyang Artistes from different States, Cultural Societies, Institutions, Civil Societies from Northern regions and about 300 dignitaries representing Senior Government officials, Creative personalities, Educators, Principals, various disability advocacy groups etc. participated in the event. 	Delhi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) (Divyangjan), organized a special cultural event "Divya Kala Shakti-2022" at GMCH Auditorium, Guwahati on 17th December, 2022 in collaboration with Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), a National Institution under the Administrative control of the Department. • His Excellency Governor of Assam in benign presence of Principal Secretary Shri Mukesh Chandra Sahu (IAS) and many other dignitaries. 	Guwahati

2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 07 Day (11-17 May, 2023) "Divya Kala Mela" 2023 was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre Guwahati, Assam. • Around 100 divyang artisans, artists and entrepreneurs from around 22 States and Union Territories exhibited their products and skills in the fair. Home decor & lifestyle, clothing, stationery and eco-friendly products, edibles and organic products, toys and gifts, personal items - jewellery etc. are the main attractions of the fair. • In the Divya Kala Mela, products from different parts of the country, including Jammu-Kashmir and the North-Eastern States, are being exhibited, along with handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works and food items. • The fair featured a series of cultural activities including performances by differently-abled artists and renowned professionals. 	Assam
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EXPENDITURE DETAILS

Name of the Scheme: Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme (AGP)				
The AGP Scheme was launched in September, 2014 and is operational from the financial year 2014-15				
(Rs. In Crore)				
Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Revise Estimate	Actual Expenditure	No. of Events (physical achievements)
2014-2015	3	2	0.71	17
2015-2016	5	4	2.62	44
2016-2017	3	3	2.7	24
2017-2018	3	3	1.74	28
2018-2019	3	2	1.15	15
2019-2020 (merged with SIPDA)	3 (Notional Allocation)	2	2.12	17
2020-2021	2.5 (Notional Allocation)	1	1.17	11
2021-2022	1.69 (Notional Allocation)	1.69	2.24	11
2022-23 (as on 28.02.2023)	4.84 (Notional Allocation)	2.8	5.38	15
Total			19.83	182

g. Project for Financial Assistance for the existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the Country (one college each in a zone) (Deaf College Project):

- The scheme was started from 2015-16 with and the revised modification on 29.12.2017 for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The scheme envisages financial assistance to deaf colleges affiliated to the UGC approved State/Central/UT administered colleges in each of the following five regions of the country: Rural Development and Management college for the Deaf in North Zone of India, College for Deaf in West Zone, College for deaf in South Zone, College for Deaf Central Zone, College for Deaf in East Zone.

Financial Year/Period	Financial Achievement(Funds released in Rs. Crore)	Physical Achievement(No. of Deaf Colleges supported)
2014-15*	0	0
2015-16*	0	0
2016-17	0.81	1
2017-18	0.69	0^
2018-19	1.5	1
*The scheme component took off from 2016-17; ^Deaf College counted already		

The scheme is proposed to be continued with modifications - Project for Financial Assistance for the existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the Country (one college each in a zone) with other major changes as under:

- The scheme to be run in a Project under SIPDA
- Release of recurring costs only in respect of 2 Colleges in respect of which recurring expenditure has already been disbursed) for a period of 2 years and only if the same is sought
- Release of only non-recurring costs in terms of the 3 colleges yet to be established
- Nodal agency in this regard to be Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AJYNISHD)

h. Research on Disability related Technology, Product and Issues:

- **Financial and Physical achievement under Research & Development sub scheme from 2014-15 to till date:**

Year	Physical Achievements	*Financial Achievements (Rs. in lakh)
2015-16	5 Projects	29.48
2016-17	7 Projects	25.92
2017-18	10 Projects	37.65
2018-19	5 Projects	40.06
2019-20	-	-
2020-21	6 Projects	45.34
2021-22	3 Projects	15.38
2022-23	2 Projects	10.49
Total	Since the implementation of this scheme total of 16 projects have been approved	204.32

*This amount has been released in various installments in respect of projects mentioned in the above table.

“Research on Disability Related Technology, Products and Issues” under SIPDA Scheme (now renamed as Financial Support to Study and Research on Priority Areas of Disability Sector and for Research & Development of Suitable Products, Aids & Appliances for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities).

- Section 25 (2) (a) and (b) of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act 2016 provides that “the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall take measures and make schemes or programmes to promote healthcare and prevent the occurrence of disabilities and for the said purpose shall:
 - Undertake or cause to be undertaken study, investigation and research concerning the cause of occurrence of disabilities;
 - Promote various methods for preventing disabilities.

Further, Section 28 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides that, “the appropriate Government shall initiate or cause to be initiated research and development through individuals and institutions on issues which shall enhance habilitation and rehabilitation and on such other issues which are necessary for the empowerment of Persons with disabilities.

- In line with the above provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 this Department started a scheme of “Research on disability related technology, products and issues ” in the year 2015-16 with following two components:
 - Research and Development of assistive technology and devices for rehabilitation and education of PwDs.
 - Study/survey on issues related to disability sector.

➤ While considering revision of R&D scheme for next five years, it was decided that R&D sub-scheme may be continued as a sub-scheme under SIPDA as “Financial support to Study and Research on priority areas of disability sector and Research & Development of suitable product, aids & appliance for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities”. Following major changes were made under this scheme:

(i) The objectives of the Scheme were re-aligned as under keeping in view the provisions under RPwD Act, 2016:-

- To promote and support Study and research for facilitating evidence based policy decision relating to the priority areas of disability sector;
- To promote research concerning prevalence of disability and measures for prevention thereof;
- To promote and support research and development for enhancing habilitation and rehabilitation and such other issues which are necessary for the empowerment of persons with disabilities (PwDs);
- To promote research and development for the application of science and technology to the development of indigenous products, aids & appliances for empowerment of PwDs.

(ii) To facilitate smooth and early consideration and decision on the proposals received under the scheme, the meeting of Steering Committee will be held on short intervals to scrutinize, consider and approve the proposals under the scheme. Further, every year the Steering Committee will identify the priority areas/themes for inviting proposal in identified areas / themes during a particular year.

(iii) A uniform fund release pattern has been adopted wherein funds will be released in three installments of 40%, 40%, and 20%.

- A revised guideline on R&D sub-scheme has been approved by the IFD.
- **Operational Arrangements for Implementing the Scheme.**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will administer the scheme for which there will be following 03 Committees:

- Scrutiny-cum-Technical Committee which will screen, scrutinize and evaluate the project proposals received and shortlist them for placing them before the Steering