



ANNUAL REPORT

2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13



**Office of the
Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities,
Lower Lachumiere,
Temple Road, Shillong -793001**

Introduction:

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of rights, and Full participation) Act, 1995 was approved in the Parliament in the year 1995 and received assent of the President of India in 1996. The Central Government, State Government and Local Bodies were given responsibilities to make the persons with disabilities productive to the nation (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights, and Full Participation). The Act consists of 14 Chapters to enable the protection of rights of persons with disabilities, to provide basic facilities and to involve them in all development activities according to their capabilities and to bring them to the mainstream of Society. The National Policy recognises that persons with disabilities are an important resource of the country and seeks to create an environment that provides them (equal opportunities, protection of rights, and full participation).

In Meghalaya, the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has been established in the year 2003 vide Notification No. SW (S) 69/2001/122, dt. 11.8.2003.

As per 2011 census, the State recorded 44317 Persons with Disabilities with 23326 male Persons with Disabilities and 20991 female Persons with Disabilities. Out of 44317 Persons with Disabilities 6988, constitutes of the visually impaired, 5312 disabled in movement, 2353 hearing impaired, 2340 mentally impaired and 2332 mentally retarded. The 2011 census further shows that there are more male persons with disabilities than females.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 1995 IN THE STATE.

❖ Chapter -I (PRELIMINARY) (Section 1-2)

The State Government is implementing the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995. Definition of disability, as defined in the Act has been adopted by the State Government and medical certificates to the persons with disabilities are being issued by the designated medical authorities in all the districts.

❖ Chapter –III (Section 13-21)

Section of the Act	Action Point	Progress in Implementation
13	Constitution of State Coordination Committee	The State Coordination Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister Social Welfare, Meghalaya
17	Meeting of the State Coordination Committee	2010-2011 - 15.09.2011
19	Constitution of State Executive Committee	The State Executive Committee has been constituted in the state under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department
21	Meeting of the State Executive Committee	2009-2010 - 5.04.2010

❖ **Chapter IV: Prevention and Early Detection of Disabilities (Section 25)**

The office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with SRC, SSA and Social Welfare Department has conducted surveys to identify at risk cases of Persons with disabilities. Awareness/ Assessment camps were held periodically for early identification and awareness to parents of persons with disabilities. Medical officers and staffs in all PHCs are trained on prevention and early detection of disabilities. Measures for pre-natal, pre-natal, post-natal care of mother and child are being taken and convergence approach between the Health Department and Social Welfare Department has been adopted. Action is being taken for creating awareness on health, hygiene, sanitation through the periodical awareness and sensitization by camp approach and also with the help of MRWs and CBRWs & Anganwadi Workers. The State Resource Centre is the nodal agency working jointly in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Social Welfare and develops network through DSWOs, Nodal Officers of DDRCs / DRCc, CBRWs & MRWs Anganwadi Workers in reaching out the rehabilitation programmes for the disabled.

**Disability Certificate Issued & Detected by
State Medical Board & District Medical Board (2009-2010)**

District	No. of Disability Certificate issued	No. of Persons with Disabilities Detected
East Khasi Hills District	6093	5786
West Khasi Hills District	1601	4947
Ri-Bhoi District	1343	1743
Jaintia Hills District	3102	1410
East Garo Hills District	753	2432
West Garo Hills District	2628	3055
South Garo Hills District	527	1339
Total	16,047	20712

**Survey Report of Persons with Disabilities Age and Discipline wise
2010-2011.**

Age group (yrs)	O.H	Blind	Low Vision	H.H	M.R	Mental illness	Leprosy Cured	LCH	Total
0-3	675	471	-	460	623	-	2	12	2243
Above 3-6	1234	607	1	712	457	2	-	8	3021
ABOVE 6-18	3197	1365	20	1668	920	16	4	31	7221
Above 18-59	3390	1797	14	2150	1037	2	2	43	8435
60 & above	527	625	2	569	406	-	-	4	2133
Total	9023	4865	37	5559	3443	20	8	98	23,053

Disability Certificate Issued Age and discipline wise for the year 2010-2011

Age group (yrs)	O.H	Blind	Low Vision	H.H	M.R	Mental illness	Leprosy Cured	LCH	Total
0-3	430	228	-	217	380	-	2	12	1269
Above 3-6	991	362	1	469	214	2	-	8	2047
ABOVE 6-18	2952	1122	20	1425	677	16	4	31	6247
Above 18-59	3147	1552	14	1911	794	2	2	43	7465
60 & above	282	382	2	324	160	-	-	4	1154
Total	7802	3646	37	4346	2225	20	8	98	18182

**Survey Report of Persons with Disabilities Age and Discipline wise
2011-2012.**

Age group (yrs)	O.H	Blind	Low Vision	H.H	M.R	Mental illness	Leprosy Cured	LCH	Total
0-3	769	565	94	554	717	54	56	66	2875
Above 3-6	1333	701	95	810	553	56	54	66	3668
ABOVE 6-18	3299	1464	114	1769	1031	70	58	91	7896
Above 18-59	3499	1894	108	2249	1135	56	56	98	9095
60 & above	624	723	96	666	502	54	54	58	2777
Total	9524	5347	507	6048	3938	290	278	379	26,311

**Disability Certificate Issued Age and discipline wise
2011-2012.**

Age group (yrs)	O.H	Blind	Low Vision	H.H	M.R	Mental illness	Leprosy Cured	LCH	Total
0-3	502	293	65	286	451	48	50	69	1764
Above 3-6	1086	433	67	561	295	50	48	65	2605
ABOVE 6-18	3125	1196	94	1533	889	63	51	123	7074
Above 18-59	3324	1629	80	2015	905	50	50	95	8148
60 & above	365	460	68	393	225	48	48	53	1660
Total	8402	4011	374	4788	2765	259	247	405	21,251

**Survey Report of detected Persons with Disabilities
2012-2013**

District	Total No. PwDs detected till 31 st March 2012	No. of PwDs from 1 st April 2012 to 31 st March 2013	Total No. of PwDs detected till 31 st March 2013	Remarks
East Khasi Hills District	6354	7883	14237	
West Khasi Hills District	5193	213	5406	
Ri-bhoi District	2355	824	3179	
Jaintis Hills	2002	3029	5031	
East Garo Hills	2863	364	3225	
West Garo Hills	4671	467	5138	
South Garo Hills	2873		2873	
Total	26,311	12778	39089	

**Disability Certificate Issued Age and discipline wise
2012-2013.**

Age group (yrs)	O.H	Blind	Low Vision	H.H	M.R	Mental illness	Leprosy Cured	LCH	CP	Total
0-3	531	313	65	307	484	49	50	92	2	1893
Above 3-6	1157	455	73	641	362	50	50	138	1	2927
Above 6-18	3487	1281	119	1818	1336	63	55	315	3	8477
Above 18-59	4137	1844	150	2571	1341	54	58	347		10502
60 & above	430	523	86	457	238	49	52	69		1904
Total	9742	4416	493	5794	3761	265	265	961	6	25,703

❖ Chapter V: Education (Section 26 -31)

The Department of School Education and Literacy has taken up the education for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) through SSA. The programme is named as Integrated Education for Disabled (IED). The deserving CWSN have been supplied with aids/appliances such as wheelchairs, crutches, walking aid, prostheses, orthoses etc as well as therapeutic equipments for the institutions working for the welfare of persons with disabilities. Other activities under IED are networking with other departments and NGOs, Training of Teachers, Village Education Committees (VECs), Head of Schools and local leaders, Community Awareness, Parental training, Provision of Braille Text Books, Transport/Escort Allowances, arrangement for surgical corrections, development of Individualised Educational Plan (IEP), Exposure Visits & Tour and Observation of World Disabled Day (3rd December) .

Year	Whether free education in appropriate environment for CwDs available	No. of districts where at least one Special School is running	No. of Spl Schools set up during the year	No of CwDs in regular schools	Details of scheme of scholarship for children with disabilities	No. of Institutes/ Schools made modification for barrier free access	Whether provision for free of cost books equipments for CwDs if yes details	Whether examination system and curriculum modified in accordance with the special needs of CwDs and facilities for extra time/ scribe etc..	Whether free transport facility is available?
2009-10	Yes	6Nos	Not available	7496	Educational Scholarship = 707 Book Grant =327 Uniform grant =232 Conveyance Allowance = 133 Unemployment Allowance =15	711Nos of schools (covered under the year plan of 2009-10) and 300 out of 350 proposed approval for 2010-11	All enrolled CWSN are provide with free textbooks.	Yes, Action already taken up by the MBOSE	Yes , vide notification No.TPT.185/43 5, dt. 28.11.'08
2010-11	Yes	6Nos	Not available	8101	Educational Scholarship = 882 Book Grant =240 Uniform grant =194 Conveyance Allowance = 98 Unemployment Allowance =22	300 out of 350 approved Nos of Schools 2010-11	Yes, including Braille Text Books	Yes, Action already taken up by the MBOSE	Under SSA and amount of 300/- pm for ten months was sanctioned for escort, Transport allowances for 1300 CWSN,.
2011-12	Yes , upto 18 years	6Nos	Not available	8134	Educational Scholarship = 1122 Book Grant =508 Uniform grant =327 Conveyance Allowance = 247 Unemployment Allowance =45	140 Nos. Of Schools) and 1 college	Yes, for all CWSN at par with other general students, except for free Braille Text Books the State could not provide due to high cost in printing (private agency) whereas, provision of Large print Text Books the State is in the process of re-typing of text books as per the State board prescribed syllabus	10minutes per hour for disabled and 15 minutes per hour for copyist	Under SSA and amount of 500/- pm for ten months was sanctioned for escort, Transport allowances for 1657CWSN.
2012-13	Yes , upto 18 years	6Nos	Not available	8074	Educational Scholarship = 1222 Book Grant =426 Uniform grant =224 Conveyance Allowance = 260 Unemployment Allowance =67	506	Yes, Braille Text Books for blind children and adapted teaching learning materials for HI,VI,CP and MR etc by SSA	10minutes per hour for disabled and 15 minutes per hour for copyist	Under SSA free transport facility are being provided only for 1754 severe CWSN

Social Welfare Department

Sl. No.	Type of course	Rate per month for day scholars	Rate per month hostellers	Reader allowance visually handicapped only per month
1	2	3	4	5
1	Pre-Primary and Primary standard upto class III	Rs. 100/-p.m	Rs. 180 p.m	--
2.	Middle and High School upto Class VIII	Rs. 120/-p.m	Rs. 220/- p.m	--
3.	Class IX,X, Pre-University Course	Rs. 200/-p.m	Rs. 340/- p.m	Rs. 150/- p.m
4.	B.A/ B.Sc/ B.Com etc.	Rs.300/-p.m	Rs.440/-p.m	Rs.200/-p.m
5.	B.E/B.Tech/MBBS/LLB/B.Ed/Diploma in Professional and Engineering studies etc./ In-Plant training	Rs.420/- p.m	Rs.580/- p.m	Rs.300/-p.m
6.	M.A/M.Sc/M.Com/ LLM/ M.Ed. etc	Rs. 420/-p.m	Rs.580/-p.m	Rs.300/- p.m

Rate of Book Grant

a.	Class I to Class – III not exceeding	Rs. 200/- per annum
b.	Class IV to Class – VI not exceeding	Rs. 300/- per annum
c.	Class VII to Class – X not exceeding	Rs. 450/- per annum
d.	Class XI to Class – XII not exceeding	Rs. 600/- per annum
e.	For graduate level	Rs. 800/- per annum
f.	For post graduate level not exceeding	Rs. 950/- per annum

Uniform Grant

a.	Class I to Class – III not exceeding	Rs. 150/- per annum
b.	Class IV to Class – VI not exceeding	Rs. 250/- per annum
c.	Class VII to Class – X not exceeding	Rs. 350/- per annum

Conveyance Allowance

a.	Rate	Rs. 100/- per month
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Unemployment Allowance

Enhancement Rate per month w.e.f 2008-2009	Rs. 500/- per month
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Health Department

Meritorious Scholarship

Scholarship for meritorious students with disabilities (40% or more) pursuing higher education granted by State Society for Implementation of Rehabilitation Services of Persons with Disabilities (SSIRPD) (Health Department)	The rates of the monthly scholarship for the different categories / streams of higher education are as given below:- Class XI, XII -- Rs. 2000/- Graduate Level (General , Honours, etc.) – Rs. 3000/- Post Graduate and Under Graduate -- Rs. 4000/- Professional and Technical Courses Graduate Level Professional & -Rs. 5000/- Technical Courses, MPHIL, PHD etc
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Distribution of Aids / Appliances By State Resource Centre Civil Hospital Shillong:

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
506	518	814	444

❖ Chapter VI: Employment Section (32-41)

State Government vide Notification No. PER (AR) 150/88/452, dt. 30.10.06 has provided **3% job reservation** i.e 1% each for person with disabilities with (a) blindness or low vision (b) hearing impaired and (c) locomotor disabled or cerebral palsy

Identification of posts in Grade III & IV have also been notified vide Notification No. PER(AR)150/88/Pt/282, dt. 25.01.12

Relaxation of upper age limit for entry into Government Service for Persons with Disabilities has been notified vide O.M. No.PER (AR)150/88/455, dt. 10.12. 2007 with the following proviso:

1. Direct Recruitment to Group C & D - Relaxable by 10 years (15 yrs for STs/ SCs)
2. Direct recruitment to Group A & B posts - Relaxable by 5 yrs (10 yrs for where recruitment is made other than STs/ SCs) through open competitive examination

The number of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) registered in the Employment Exchange in the State are as follows:-

As on Dec-2010

(1).	East Khasi Hills District	--	145
(2)	West Khasi Hills District	--	34
(3)	Jaintia Hills District	--	73
(4)	Ri-Bhoi District	--	7
(5)	South Garo Hills District	--	9
(6)	West Garo Hills District	--	43
(7)	East Garo Hills District	--	42
	Total	=	353

Employment Statistics pertaining to Persons with Disabilities Registered with Employment Exchanges in Meghalaya ending December 2011.

	Registration	Vacancies Notified	Submission	Placement	Live Register
Shillong	13	-	20	-	177
Sohra	-	-	-	-	-
Nongstoin	1	-	-	-	24
Mairang	2	-	-	-	21
Jowai	4	-	-	-	59
Khliehriat	-	-	-	-	-
Nongpoh	1	-	-	-	7
Baghmara	6	-	-	-	20
Tura	6	-	-	-	48
Williamnagar	-	-	-	-	-
Ampati	-	-	-	-	-
Resubelpara	-	-	-	-	6
Total	33	-	20	-	364

The Live Register of the number Persons with Disabilities candidates registered with the Employment Exchange as on 31.12.2012 is as follows:-

Sl.No	Name of District	Total No. of Registration (01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012)	Total No. in the Live Register (as on 31.12.2012)
1.	East Khasi Hills (covered by Divisional Employment Exchange, Shillong and Sub-Divisional Employment Exchange, Sohra)	25	202
2.	West Khasi Hills (covered by District Employment Exchange, Nongstoin and Sub-Divisional Employment Exchange, Mairang)	17	60
3.	West Jaintia Hills (covered by District Employment Exchange, Jowai)	7	86
4.	East Jaintia Hills (covered by District Employment Exchange, Khliehriat)	3	3
5.	Ri-Bhoi (covered by District Employment Exchange, Nongpoh)	-	7
6.	South Garo Hills(covered by District Employment Exchange, Baghmara)	9	20
7.	East Garo Hills(covered by District Employment Exchange, Williamnagar)	1	55
8.	West Garo Hills(covered by District Employment Exchange, Tura)	26	71
9.	South West Garo Hills (covered by District Employment Exchange, Ampati)	3	3
10	North Garo Hills(covered by District Employment Exchange, Resubelpara)	1	7
	Total	92	514

Poverty alleviation schemes

3% reservation for persons with disabilities is being ensured in all poverty alleviation schemes under C& RD Department. Persons with Disabilities benefited are:

2009-10

Name of the Scheme (s)	Total Beneficiaries	No. of PwDs benefitted
IAY	256	256
SGSY	21	21
NREGA	518	518
IGNDPS	--	--

It has been reported by the Community and Rural Development Department the Number of PWDs beneficiaries covered did not reach the target i.e 3% of the total beneficiaries covered. Under SGSY very few PWDs beneficiaries come forward to take up schemes. Under IAY the beneficiaries are selected on the basis of the waiting list prepared from BPL list 2002. The number of PWDs beneficiaries is very small.

2010 -11 upto December 2010

Name of the Scheme (s)	Total Beneficiaries	No. of PwDs benefitted
IAY	12694 Nos	200Nos
SGSY	6308	122
NREGA	3.99 lakh house hold	514 Nos PwDs employed
IGNDPS	1341 Nos	1341Nos

2011-12

Name of the Scheme (s)	Total Beneficiaries	No. of PwDs benefitted
IAY	314377 (Household)	219
SGSY	12596	338Nos
NREGA	4747	375
IGNDPS	1341 Nos	1341Nos

2012-13

Name of the Scheme (s)	No. of PwDs benefitted
IAY	The percentage of utilization for the year 2012-13 (upto Jan '13) is Rs. 122.71 lakhs for constructing 253 new houses.
SGSY	The percentage of utilization for the year 2012-'13 (upto Jan '13) is Rs. 0.75 lakhs benefitting 15 beneficiaries.
NREGA	-
IGNDPS	The percentage of utilization for the year 2012-13 (upto Jan '13) is Rs. 12.35 lakh benefitting 1470 beneficiaries.

❖ Chapter VII: Affirmative Action (Section 42 & 43)

Scheme for preferential allotment of land for certain purposes:

Under the Meghalaya Industrial & Investment Promotion Policy 2012 which came into being on 21.12.2012 physically challenged persons pay only 50% of the applicable lease rent if allotted land/shed/shop in industrial Area/ Estate/ Growth Centre.

❖ Chapter VIII: Non-discrimination (Section 44-47)

In Public Transport

- Free/concessional buses passes are allowed to persons with disabilities vide notification No. TPT.185/83/435, dt.28.11.08.
- The Government has designated District Transport Officer to take appropriate action in respect of Notices under Section 44 of the PWD Act, 1995. This is as per the Govt. Notification issued by the Transport Department No. TPT.73/99/501, dt. 13.2.2009.

Barrier Free Environment

2009-2010 – 1416 Nos of schools are architecturally barrier free

2010-2011 – Building bye laws had been framed by State Government with provision for creation of Barrier free environment.

2011-2012 – Approximately 40 buildings have been modified under SIPDA and 141 Nos of Schools and colleges in the State are architectural barrier free with availability of ramps , accessible toilet etc.

2012-2013 – Section E has been incorporated under Building Bye Law 2011 to make all buildings barrier free. (i) 5 Nos of buildings modified to ensure Barrier Free Access, (ii) 49 Nos Government building provided with ramps (iii) 506 Nos of Schools under SSA provided with ramps and (iv) 43 Nos under Meghalaya Urban Development Authority to be provided with Barrier Free Environment.

❖ **Chapter X : Recognition of institutions for PWDs Section (50-55)**

The competent authority under Section 50 has been appointed. The designation, address, telephone, etc. of the authority is

Director, Social Welfare, Meghalaya,
Lachumiere, Shillong,
Phone: 0361-2229826, Fax- 2225187,
Mobile: 9863021317

❖ **Chapter XII: Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities
Section 60-63&65**

Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities was set up in the year 2003. The composition of the office is as under:-

- 1 – Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities – (sanctioned post)
- 1 – Asstt. Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities – (sanctioned post)
- 1 – Upper Division Assistant (sanctioned post)
- 1 – Private Secretary (sanctioned post)
- 1 – Peon (sanctioned post)
- 1 – Driver (sanctioned post)
- 1 – Chowkidar (wages)
- 1 – Cleaner (wages)

Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. to NGOs working for persons with disabilities are as per details below:-

2009-2010 – 6 NGOs amounting to Rs. 6.00 Lakhs

2010-2011 – 5 NGOs amounting to Rs. 5.00 Lakhs

2011-2012 – 3 NGOs amounting to Rs 5.00 Lakhs

2012-2013 – 5 NGOs amounting to Rs. 5.00 Lakh

Inspection of NGOs and Schools for Children with disabilities

2009-10: Number of inspections – 6

2010-11: Number of inspections – 7

2011-12: Number of inspections – 3 was made on fund released by Ministry of Sport & Youth Affairs under the grants for engagement of coaches on contract basis and purchase of consumable and non-consumable Sports Equipment under the scheme of Sports and Games for the Disabled.

Access Audit of Public Buildings / Places – 30Nos

Summary of initiatives taken by the State for successful implementation of PWD Act:-

2009-2010 - Workshop and convergence organized at District level between Governments Officials and NGOs and Media workshop, Regular Assessment Camp in collaboration with Health, Social Welfare and Education.

2010-2011

Major issues taken up with State Government Department/ Organisation	Outcome
<p>1. The office of the Commissioner in collaboration with State Channelizing Agency (Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd) could organise and awareness and interactive programme on NHFDC scheme during September 2010 to parents, disabled persons, NGOs and Special Educators, professional, Government Officer .</p> <p>2. Awareness on United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) & Disability certification in collaboration with NIEPMD, Chennai. The National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple disabilities, Chennai had given financial support for organised an Awareness programme on UNCRPD & Disability Certification.</p> <p>3. Employment and 3% reservation of posts taken up with recruiting agencies</p> <p>4. Barrier free environment in Public Buildings</p>	<p>1. A major breakthrough in extending financial assistance to persons with disabilities in the form of term loan. After understanding the concept of scheme, applicants came forward to avail benefit, and at least 8 PwDs were provided financial assistance by State Channelizing Agency toward the 3rd and 4th quarter of the year 2010-2011, which could not be started earlier.</p> <p>Many Government officials have become aware of UNCRPD</p> <p>Recruiting agencies at District levels responded to the need.</p> <p>State Government has modified main entry to Secretariat of Additional Building to provide accessibility to persons with disabilities. Instruction issued by Administrative Officer PWD (B) Department to all District units on monitoring and access audit.</p>

2011-2012

Major issues taken up with State Government Department/ Organisation	Outcome
1. Identification of post	Under process
2. Launching of Chief Minister's Social Assistance to the Disabled	11.06.2012

2012-2013

Major issues taken up with State Government Department/ Organisation	Outcome								
1. Chief Minister's Social Assistance to the Disabled	6500 beneficiaries have been earmarked for pension scheme and additional 850 sanctioned by the Government for 2012-13								
2. Identification of posts	Notification No.PER(AR)150/88/Pt./282, dt. 25.01.'12.								
Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act(SIPDA)	<p>3(Three) Proposals was submitted to the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No.CPWD/BFE/1/2005/405, dt. 5.09.'12 for making government website accessible from the State Informatics officer NIC & establishing New Early Diagnostic Centre & Intervention Centre at District Head Quarters from West Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and East Khasi Hills. No.CPWD/BFE/1/2005/460, dt. 27.11.12 – making Government Website accessible from the State Informatics Officer NIC & construction of Ramps at different government buildings at Jowai. No.CPWD/BFE/1/2005/489, dt. 31.01.'13 – for establishing New Early Diagnostic Centre & Intervention Centre at Tura. 								
3. Scholarship for meritorious students with disabilities (40% or more) pursuing higher education granted by State Society for Implementation of Rehabilitation Services of Persons with Disabilities (SSIRPD) (Health Department)	<p>The rates of the monthly scholarship for the different categories / streams of higher education are as given below:-</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Class XI, XII</td> <td>-- Rs. 2000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graduate Level (General , Honours, etc.)</td> <td>-- Rs. 3000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post Graduate and Under Graduate</td> <td>-- Rs. 4000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional and Graduate Level Professional & Technical Courses, MPHIL, PHD etc</td> <td>--Rs. 5000/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Class XI, XII	-- Rs. 2000/-	Graduate Level (General , Honours, etc.)	-- Rs. 3000/-	Post Graduate and Under Graduate	-- Rs. 4000/-	Professional and Graduate Level Professional & Technical Courses, MPHIL, PHD etc	--Rs. 5000/-
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Number of cases

Year	No. of complaints received during	No. of suo motu cases taken up by the State Commissioner during	No. of case disposed off.	No. of complaints pending
2009-2010	4	Nil	4	0
2010-2011	8	Nil	8	0
2011-2012	6	Nil	6	0
2012-2013	13	1	13	0

❖ **Chapter XIII: Social Security and other schemes (Section 66-68)**

Schemes for Persons with Disabilities

Sl. No	Schemes		Funds Allocated	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	<u>Scholarships;</u> <u>Educational</u> Under Social Welfare : Scholarship to the disabled students- Scholarship is given to the disabled student pursuing higher studies in recognized schools, colleges and institution from Nursery upto Post Graduate levels. The rate of scholarship vary according to the level of education Reader allowance is also given to visually impaired students studying from Class IX onwards.	2009-10	Rs.9.00 lakhs (Plan) Rs. 2.00 lakh Non-Plan	
		2010-11	Rs.9.00 lakhs(Plan) Rs. 4.50 lakhs (Non-Plan)	882 nos of beneficiaries
		2011-12	Rs. 12 lakhs (Plan) Rs. 3.00 lakhs (Non Plan)	905 nos of beneficiaries 217 nos of beneficiaries
		2012-13	Rs. 33.00 lakhs	1222 nos of beneficiaries
2.	<u>Assistance;</u> <u>Educational Support Materials</u>	2009 -10	4.00 lakhs	Book Grant -327 Uniform Grant- 232 Conveyance

	Book grant, Uniform grant conveyance allowance to the disabled students. In compliance with the provision under Persons with Disabilities Act, Schemes for giving Book grant, Uniform grant, conveyance allowance to the disabled students whose parents income is below Rs. 11840/- for urban areas and Rs. 11,000/- for rural areas, are being implemented. The disabled students should secured marks of 40% and above in the final examination, the disabled students who maintained an attendance of 75% of classes in the academic year which are to be duly certified by the Head of the Institution , the head of the institution has to certify the types of transport and rate to be involved per month for the conveyance allowance.			allowance – 133 students
		2010-11	Rs.4.00 lakhs	Book Grant -194 Uniform Grant- 240 Conveyance allowance – 98 students
		2011-12	Rs.6.00 lakhs	Book Grant -508 Uniform Grant- 327 Conveyance allowance – 247 students
		2012-13	Rs.16.50 lakhs	Book Grant -426 Uniform Grant- 224 Conveyance allowance – 260 students
3.	<u>Economic Rehabilitation</u> Vocational training is imparted to the Disabled person through voluntary organization in all seven district-headquarters in different trades like knitting, cane and bamboo work, tailoring etc. The duration of the training period is 1(one) year and a stipend of Rs. 500/- each trained per month is given and Rs.800/- p.m to the Instructor of each trade. The main objective of the scheme is to enable the disabled people to stand on their own feet by taking up self employment venture in the trade they have been trained	2009 - 2010	Rs. 3.00 lakhs (Plan) Rs. 2.00 lakhs (Non-Plan)	30 beneficiaries 39 beneficiaries
		2010-11	Rs. 3.00 lakhs (Plan) Rs. 3.00 lakhs (Non-Plan)	69 beneficiaries
		2011-12	Rs. 3.00 lakhs (Plan) Rs. 3.00 lakhs (Non-Plan)	30 beneficiaries 39 beneficiaries
4.	<u>Marriage Incentive</u>		x	x
5.	<u>Disability Pension</u> Chief Minister's Social Assistance Scheme for the Disabled	2011-12	Yet to be launch	x
		2012-13	Launching of Chief Minister's Social Assistance Scheme for the Disabled on 11.06.2012 and fund allocated is 4.00 crore	6500 beneficiaries
6.	<u>Unemployment Allowance</u> In compliance with the provision under Persons	2009-10	Rs. 4.00 lakhs	15 beneficiaries

	with Disabilities Act, the Department of Social Welfare provides unemployment allowance to educated unemployed disabled Students/ Persons in the age group 21 years to 32 years only unemployed disabled persons who have completed HSLC or equivalent examination and above, registered with employment exchange are eligible for this allowance an un registered unemployed disabled should obtain a certificate to the effect from the Deputy Commissioner of the District concerned	2010-11	Fund met from point 2 (Assistance: Educational Support Material)	22 beneficiaries
		2011-12	Same as above	45 beneficiaries
		2012-13	Same as above	67 beneficiaries
7.	<u>Insurance for Employees with Disabilities</u>		x	x
8.	<u>Aids and Appliances</u>	2012-13	Under funds allotted to State Society for implementation of Rehabilitation Services of Persons with Disabilities (SSIRPD)	444 beneficiaries
9.	<u>Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations</u> Voluntary organization working in the field of welfare of disabled are assisted financially in the form of grant-in-aid towards maintenance of their welfare programmes such as special school, vocation centres etc. The Organization should be a registered organization and should have experience in the field of Disabilities.	2009-10	Rs.6.00 lakhs	6 NGOs
		2010-11	Rs.5.00 lakhs	5 NGOs
		2011-12	Rs.5.00 lakhs	3 NGOs
10.	<u>Human Resource Development</u>	x		x
11.	<u>Infrastructure Development</u>	x		x
12.	<u>Grant-in-aid to Govt. Institutions</u>	x		x
13.	<u>Rehabilitation Treatment to persons with disabilities outside the state</u> The Department provides financial assistance to the ailing disabled for treatment of curable disability. The reason for implementing this scheme is that the persons with disabilities cannot afford to undergo treatment especially when referred outside the State which ultimately left them to become permanently disabled. The main objective of this scheme is to enable the persons with disability to undergo treatment and become normal. This scheme includes treatment of all types of disabilities with a maximum amount of Rs.25, 000/- for treatment outside the State based on the recommendation of the Government Medical Officer and whose income does not exceed Rs.3000/- per month.	2011-12	Rs. 2. lakhs	7 beneficiaries
		2012-13	Rs. 0.25 lakhs	1 beneficiaries

National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) Scheme.

Implementation of NHFDC scheme has taken off the state towards the end of 2010. The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank (MCAB) Ltd is the State Channelizing Agency. Awareness Programme on NHFDC Scheme have been organised by the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank at Shillong, Tura, Jowai and Nongpoh with a view to sensitize the people particularly Persons with Disabilities for creating self employment, Parents and NGOs dealing with Persons with Disabilities, Parents, NGOs working for the Disabled People and all those Government organisations involved in the implementation of the scheme. A committee was formed to review implementation of the scheme .

National Trust

In Meghalaya MEPAD had signed a MOU with National Trust as the State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) for all purposes in carrying out activities under National Trust Act. Hence, implementation of this scheme is to be coordinated by SNAC.

NGOs working for Persons with Disabilities.

There are number of NGOs working for the welfare of Disabled People in the form of providing special education, rehabilitation and vocational education. They are also providing awareness through special campaigns.

- Society for the Welfare of the Disabled.
- Bethany Society.
- Dwar Jingkyrmen for special education.
- Ferrando Speech & Hearing Centre.
- Montfort Centre for Special Education.
- Meghalaya Parents Association for Disabled.
- Lynti Jam Welfare Association.

Activities under taken by the office of the Commissioner for

Persons with Disabilities

Apart from the activities under taken by the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities the office has also taken the initiative to collaborate in the under mentioned programmes for the interest of the Persons with Disabilities.

2009-2010

Awareness and Interaction Programme on National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) Scheme for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd. Held on 7.09.10

The programme was aimed to create awareness about NHFDC Scheme among Persons with Disabilities for creating self employment, Parents and NGOs dealing with Persons with Disabilities.

Through this programme, Forty two (42) disabled persons have availed the Loan from Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank for self employment.



Photographs of some of the Beneficiaries under NHFDC Scheme.



Shri. Samlang Mawlang



Shri Derendro Pyngrope



Smt. Ridalin Kharmyndai



Smti. Pynbiangpor Lyngdoh Mawphlang

Awareness and Training Programme on Autism Spectrum Disorder

held on 15.09.10

The programme was aimed to create awareness about Autism among the Special Educators, Resource Teachers of Education Department, Psychiatrists, Rehabilitation Professionals, Parents and NGOs dealing with Persons with Disabilities. Dr. Parasuram Ramamoorthy, Formerly Professor of Theatre Arts, Madurai Kamaraj University and Vice Chair, International Association, Theatre for Autism was a Resource Person for the Programme. In his session, he dealt with various aspects of Autism and different kinds of Intervention Techniques. The session consists of three components, viz. Lectures, Demonstration and Interactions.

This awareness programme is essential for all the Teachers and Parents as they have to deal with the Children with Special needs in a right direction. Since Inclusive Education System introduced by the Government in the State, all Stake holders should be responsible for providing all the support to meet the needs of Children with Special needs. An integrated effort by all concerned is necessary to meet the challenges and requirements of the Disabled Person

Inspection of NGOs working in the field of disability rehabilitation, Social activists, Schools, Training Centres, etc., in the State of Meghalaya have been conducted by the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for construction, co-operation, co-ordination and collaboration for achieving the goal of full implementation of the PWD Act 1995 in the interest for the welfare of the disabled. Further, to help in formulating policies towards achieving the above mentioned goals.



Observation of World Disabled Day in collaboration with State Resource Centre, SSA, NGOs and Social Welfare held on 03.12.10

A procession rally with placards accompanied by the Band Party from Shillong Club to State Auditorium premises was organised and after a short function, departed to SANKER, Mawlai for the main programme. Government and different NGOs working for the Persons with Disabilities participated in the programme to observe the World disabled Day together in one single programme which makes everyone more convenient to participate.

The aim of the programme was to create awareness about the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to sensitise about the New Law.

Talent show by Persons with disabilities was conducted during the programme to encourage Persons with Disabilities in the full participation as productive citizen in the State and State Award for those who have done outstanding services for the Welfare of Disabled Persons was presented.



2010-2011

Two days State level Workshop on the Implementation of United Nations Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and Disability Certification in collaboration with the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai and National Centre for Disability Studies, IGNOU, Delhi held on 16th & 17thFeb. 2011

The aim of this programme was to create the awareness among Government officials from different Head of Department, Medical Officers, Rehabilitation Professionals, Parents, NGOs, Rehabilitation Professionals and Special Educators about the importance on the provisions of the United Convention and Disability Certification which is very essential for Persons with Disabilities.

To simplify and have easy accessibility by the Persons with disabilities especially from the rural areas for getting the certificates, in other words it will also enhance an accurate statistical data bank on the incidence, type, magnitude of the Persons with Disabilities in the State which will help in the overall policy planning including financial allocation sector wise.



Two days State Consultation on the working draft of the rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2011 in association with Bethany Society, Shillong held on 14th & 15th March 2011

To create awareness among Government officials, NGOs, Parents and Persons with Disabilities about the relevance of having the present consultation and how important it was for all concerned to put forth their views and ideas on the provisions of the working draft of the new law to put across the State's perspective on the same.

The consultation aimed towards putting together all the recommendations which had come forth from the discussions form all the participants.

