

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
SECTOR DISABILITY
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q-1 What facilities and avenues are available to the persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Education Sector?

Reply:-

To provide better education to Disabled students in the state following steps have been taken by the State Govt.

- a) 3% reservation in Educational Institutions is provided to the Students with Disabilities.
- b) Scholarships are being provided in the range of Rs. 150/- to 450/- per month to the disabled students depending on the level of their Class.
- c) Free education to disabled children having 40% or more disability.
- d) 9 special schools are being run in the state as per detail given below:-

| Sr. NO. | Name of the School/Home | Being run by |
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| 1 | School for Deaf & Dumb, Dhalli | HPCCW |
| 2 | School for Blind, Dhalli. | HPCCW |
| 3 | School for Orthopaedically Handicapped, Sakoh. | HPCCW |
| 4 | Home for Disabled Children, Sundernagar (girls) | Department of SJ&E, H.P. |
| 5 | Prem Ashram, Una \ (a school/home for Mentally Retarded. | Sisters of Charity (NGO) |
| 6 | School for Blind, Kullu. | National Association for Blind, Kullu (NGO) |
| 7 | Special School for MR at Nahan | Aastha (NGO) |
| 8 | Special School for MR. at Bilaspur | Chetna (NGO) |
| 9 | Special School for MR at Mandi | Sahyog (NGO) |

e) Inclusive education is provided to Children with Special needs(CWSN) having mild & moderate disability (upto 40%) in all Elementary schools in the state.

f) Non formal education in all blocks by Anganwari workers

Q-2 What are the steps taken up by state Government regarding reservation in employment ?

Reply:-

- a) For class I & II in 8 departments, posts have been identified
- b) All posts in class III & IV have been given 3% reservation and unless exempted by the cabinet (in exceptional cases) these posts are filled up from amongst PWDs.
- c) Special employment exchange has been setup in Labour and Employment Department.
- d) The State Government has allowed upper age relaxation to the extent of 5 yrs

Q-3 What measures have been taken up by state Government to provide social security to PWDs ?

Reply :-

- a) To provide social security, Disability Rehabilitation Allowance @ Rs. 200/-p.m. to 21856 PWDs is being provided.
- b) 3% reservation is provided in all the poverty alleviation schemes such as Swarn Jyanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna, IAY and RGAY to Persons with Disabilities. PWDs can avail benefit from these schemes through Deptt. of Rural Development.
- c) Loans for self employment are provided to PWDs on easy interest rates. For more information in this context, PWDs can contact H.P.Minority Finance Development Corporation , Shimla.
- d) Scheme for Marriage Grant has been introduced under which Rs.8000/- is granted to PWD couple (one or both of them can be disabled) with 74% disability and an amount of Rs.15, 000/- with disability more than 74%.

Q-4 What steps have been taken by the State Government for medical assessment of PWDs ?

Reply:-

Following steps have been taken by the State Government in this context.

- a) At distt. level Hospitals Medical Camps are organized on every Saturday.
- b) At Sub Division level where specialist are available, camps for medical assessment are organized on 1st Saturday of every month.

Q-5 How grievances of PWDs are sorted out?

Reply :-

State Government has set up well defined and effective machinery for the

benefit of disabled at various levels.

- a. Pr. Secretary (SJ&E) to the Government of H.P. has been designated as Commissioner (Disability) who possesses the powers of civil court.
- b. Director, Social justice & Empowerment has been designated as Joint Commissioner (Disability)
- c. The State Govt. has also designated the Deputy Commissioners in all the 12 districts as Deputy Commissioner (Disability)
- d. All Distt. Welfare Officers have been designated as Distt. Officers (Disability)
- e. Second Monday of every Month has been earmarked specifically for redressing the grievances of PWDs by the respective Deputy Commissioners in all the distt..
- f. Nodal officers have been designated (By name) in all the departments

Q-6 What steps have been taken by the Board of School Education to facilitate education of the PWDs?

Reply.

Following steps have been taken by the Board of School Education for the suitable modification in examination system

a) The blind, deaf & dumb examinees have been exempted from appearing in 8th Class examination. Such examinees have also been exempted from appearing in Mathematics paper for matriculation examination.

b) In place of Mathematics, these students are required to offer one substitute subject and the marks obtained in the same are proportionately accepted for Mathematics.

The blind, deaf and dumb students of 8th & 10 the Class have completely been exempted from payment of examination fee and blind students are also given half an hour extra time for taking examination

c) The blind, deaf & dumb examinees can offer only one language from amongst English, Hindi and Sanskrit. Such students shall have to offer two substitute subjects in place of the two languages and the marks obtained in the substituted subjects shall proportionally be acceptable for the exempted subjects. The students can offer Music (Vocal) & Music (Inst) in place of the exempted subjects.

d) The blind examinees have been exempted from taking practical examination in the Matriculation Examination.

e) The blind/ orthopaedically disabled students have been provided the facility of writer. In such cases prior permission from the Secretary of the Board is required

Q- 7 What measure have been taken by the State Government to provide Barrier free environment to PWDs.

Reply:-

- A) Provision for ramps and other barrier free features is being made in the building plans of all new proposed buildings.
- B) Ramps and Handrails have been sanctioned for 4231 primary and upper primary schools in the state. Once completed, 27 Education Blocks will have barrier free elementary schools.
- C) All primary schools in Kullu district have been incorporated barrier free features

Q-8 What is the procedure for getting Disability Relief Allowance?**Reply:-**

To get DRA one can contact Tehsil Welfare Officer / District Welfare Officer of the concerned district with following documents

1. Bonafied Himachali Certificate.
- 2.. Disability certificate.
3. Income certificate to show that the income of applicant is less than Rs. 6000 and that of the parents/ guardians income is less than 11,000/- per annum.

Q-9 Is there any scheme for PWDs to provide them aids and appliances?**Reply:-**

To provide Aids and Appliances to the PWDs, ADIPS scheme is being implemented in the State through following agencies:-

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| 1 | DRDA, Kangra |
| 2 | DRDA, Bilaspur |
| 3 | Bharat Vikas Parishad, Nagrota Bagwan. |
| 4 | DRDA, Shimla |
| 5 | DRDA, Hamirpur |
| 6 | IRCS, Una |
| 7 | DRDA, Sirmour |
| 8 | IRCS , Mandi |
| 9 | Viklang Opkar Kendra, Nalagarh. |
| 10 | DRDA, Chamba |
| 11 | IRCS, Kinnaur |
| 12 | DRDA, Solan |
| 13. | CRC, Sundernagar |