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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

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

(ANNUAL REPORT YEAR 2019-20)

REPORT AS ON 31.03.2020

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1	Name of State /UTs:	MAHARASHTRA STATE																																																							
2	Population of the State /UTs (Indicate the year of Census/Survey):	11,23,72,972 (As per Census 2011)																																																							
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5	Whether Medical Authorities have been notified for issuance of Disability	Yes, vide Government Resolution dated 14.09.2018, the Public Health																																																							

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	Certificates in each District and PHC/CHC of the State / UT:	Department, Government of Maharashtra, has issued guidelines to establish Medical Authorities for issuance of Disability Certificates in each District and PHC/CHC on the State.
6	Number of Districts and PHCs/CHCs where Medical Authority Has not been constitutes :	Not Applicable.
7	Total number of Disability Certificates issued in the State/UTs:	In Maharashtra State has issued 2,91,800 (UDID Card Generated) Disability Certificates as on 31.03.2020.
8	Number of Disability Certificates issued during the Financial Year (i.e. 01.04.2019 -31.03.2020):	Total Number of Disability Certificates issued during the financial year 2019-20 (i.e. 01.04.2019 -31.03.2020): are 1,67,917 (UDID Card Generated)

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

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Chapter 2 : Right and Entitlements			
1.	3	Whether steps taken to equality non-discrimination, non-deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.	That, vide Government Resolution dated 20.02.2019, the policy named "MAHARSHRA STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY-2018" has been framed and it has come into force w.e.f. 20.02.2019. (Hereinafter called as "The State Policy.") The State Policy demarcates equality non-discrimination, non-deprivation and reasonable accommodation for Persons with benchmark disabilities.
	4	Whether measures taken to ensure that women and children enjoy their rights, and freely express their views equally with others.	That, vide Government Resolution dated 20.02.2019, the policy named "MAHARSHRA STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY-2018" has been framed and it has come into force w.e.f. 20.02.2019.
	5	Whether steps taken to provide persons with disabilities access to	That, vide Government Resolution dated 20.02.2019, the policy named "MAHARSHRA STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY-2018" has been framed and it has come into force w.e.f. 20.02.2019.

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		a range of in house, residential and community support services.	<p>As regards Section 4 and 5 of the Act, 2016, the measures to be taken are embedded in the said State Policy, conferring equal rights to women with disabilities with others in the following manner :-</p> <p>a) The State Government and the local authorities shall endeavor to protect and safeguard women and children with disabilities from desertion, neglect, inhuman treatment.</p> <p>b) The State will provide additional pre-natal and post-natal leave to women employees with disabilities along with necessary facilities.</p> <p>c) The State will endeavor to give preference to register complaint at police stations to women with disabilities, arising out of atrocities at work place and in families against insult, harassment, misbehavior, sexual assault, abuse, violence, exploitation, etc.</p> <p>Moreover, Women and Child Development Department has framed and launched Women Policy 2014 & Child Policy 2014. After enactment of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, said department has included actions required to be taken by State government for the welfare of women with disabilities and Children with disabilities. Said inclusion took place vide Government Resolution dated 30th July, 2019.</p>
	6	Whether measures taken for protection of persons with disabilities from cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment.	<p>Vide Circular dated 29.07.2019, the Home Department of the State has issued directions to all police machineries to give special treatment to PwDs, in case of abuse, violence and exploitation, etc. In furtherance thereof, the State Commissioner has also issued certain guidelines to the Director</p>
	7	Whether steps taken to protect persons with disabilities from abuse, violence and exploitation.	

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			<p>General of Police regarding Accessible Police Stations for Women and Children with Disabilities.</p> <p>As per Clause (ii) of sub section (2) of Section 6 of the Act, 2016, the State Government has constituted a Committee for Research on Disability vide Government Resolution dated 03.11.2018, to prevent inhuman treatment against PwDs in case of medical procedure.</p>
	8	Whether steps taken for equal protection and safety in situation of risk armed conflict humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.	The State Government has prepared and enforced 'Maharashtra State Disaster Management Plan, 2016'. In which Strengthened disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction planning and Strengthened implementation of measures on providing timely and appropriate support to persons with disabilities in responding to disasters are targeted.
	9	Whether provisions in rule has been made that no child with disability is separated from parents on the ground of disability except on an order of competent court.	Yes, Vide Circular dated 30.07.2019, the Women and Child Development Department of the State has issued guidelines to all concerned to take special and preventive measures for women and children with disabilities in this regard.
	10	Whether steps taken to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information about reproductive health and family planning.	In the said State Policy, the Government will ensure proper care of disabled women who conceives and She will deny permission for abortion without her free consent. The Government will also deny for any medical treatment on her without her free consent.
	11	Whether steps taken to ensure that all polling stations and material related to electoral process are understandable and accessible to persons with disabilities	The State has ensured that, all polling stations are accessible to persons with disabilities and all material related to electoral process is easily understandable and accessible by them. The Accessible Elections provisions envisaged by Election Commission of India are followed by the State Government.

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	12	Whether steps taken to ensure the access to justice by Persons with disability.	The State Policy also provides suitable support measures for persons with disabilities specially those living outside family and those disabled requiring high support for exercising legal rights. Further, vide Government Resolution dated 03.03.2018, the State Government has established eleven Special Courts in eleven Districts with suitable infrastructure for persons with disability.
	13	Whether measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others along with right to inherit property.	Vide Circular dated 30.07.2019, issued by Revenue and Forest Department of the State provides equal status to PwDs to own or inherit property.
	14	Whether concept of limited guardianship have been introduced.	Yes, It is introduced in proposed State Rules. Till then, as per the provisions of National Trust Act, 1999 Local Level Committees in the districts headed by District Magistrates will act for the purpose of limited guardianship.
	15	Whether step taken to designate authorities for community mobilization and social awareness.	In the State, there are 36 districts. In these 36 districts, Medical Social Worker and Counseling Assistants are already working for the said purpose. They are assigned duties and responsibilities in their respective districts to mobilize the community and create social awareness to support disabled persons in exercise of their legal capacity. Moreover, a separate wing in the name and style as "DISABILITY – LEGAL ADVISE AND GUIDANCE CENTRE" is functioning at each district.

3. Education : (Section 16-18):

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Chapter 3 : Education			
2	16	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall endeavor that all their recognized /funded Educational Institution to provide Inclusion Education to CWD's.	As per the said State Policy, the State will give first preference to Inclusive Education to children with special needs. The Government will also arrange
	17	<p>Measures to be taken by Appropriate Government and Local authorities for purpose of Section 16.</p> <p>i) Admit them without discrimination and provide education and opportunities for sport and recreations activities equally with other:</p> <p>ii) Make building campus and various facilities accessible:</p> <p>iii) Provide reasonable accommodation according to the individual's requirements;</p> <p>iv) Provide necessary support individualized or otherwise in environments that maximize academic and social development consistent with the goal of full inclusion;</p> <p>v) Ensure that the education to persons who are blind or deaf or both is imparted in the most appropriate languages and modes and means of communication;</p> <p>vi) Detect specific learning disabilities in children at the earliest and take suitable pedagogical and other measures to overcome them;</p> <p>vii) Monitor participation, progress in terms of attainment levels and completion of education in respect of every with disability:</p> <p>viii) Provided transportation facilities to the children with disabilities and also the attendant of the children with disabilities having high support needs;</p>	<p>programs and give training to teaching staff in all aided, unaided special school, normal schools and vocational training centers. The government will take assistance from NGO's and Parents as volunteers for the said purpose. At present, the State Government runs 850 aided and around 729 unaided special schools and training centers.</p> <p>The Government is running Inclusive Education Program for Children with disabilities through School Education Department in the State since 1978. This scheme is being controlled and monitored by the Director, Primary Education and the Director, Secondary Education. Presently, it has been renamed as SCHEME OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR DISABLED AT SECONDARY STAGE (APANG SAMAVESHIT YOJANA (SECONDARY LEVEL)) i.e. (IEDSS) since 2009. Under said scheme, around 20 lakhs Children with Special Needs (CWSNs) have been intervened and out of these 15 lakhs student between the age group of 06 to 14 have been admitted in the normal schools at primary level. Since, said scheme was applicable at primary level, it was necessitated to make it applicable at secondary level. Therefore, with effect from 31.08.2009 and as per the directions and policy of the Government of India, the said scheme has been made applicable</p>

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			<p>at secondary level. As per the State Government Policy vide Government Resolution dated 31.08.2009, following directions have been issued under said scheme:-</p> <p>a) This scheme will be applicable for the CWSNs above the age of 14 years.</p> <p>b) This scheme covers Secondary Inclusive Education up to 12 standards.</p> <p>c) The State Government will incur expenses of Rs.3000/- per year per disabled student.</p> <p>d) Rs.200/- shall be provided to disabled girl students.</p> <p>e) Free Uniform, reading allowances for blind students, aid and appliances to be provided to severe disabled students with free of costs, free residential accommodation, special educators, and security with caretakers, etc.</p>
	18	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall take measures to promote, protect and ensure participation of PwDs in adult education and continuing education programmes equality with others.	The State Government is running a scheme of adult education and continuing education programs equally with others in the State.

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

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Chapter 4 : Skill Development and Employment			
3	19	Appropriate Government and local authorities formulate scheme and programmes including provision of loan at concessional rate to facilitate Vocational Training and Self	Vide Government Resolution dated 29.07.2004, the State Government has started Special Employment and Self-employment Centers in all 36

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	Employment of PwDs.	<p>districts. The concerned special cell enroll names and qualifications of the disabled and maintain registers in this regard and also recommend them wherever there is a vacancy.</p> <p>The State Government has started following schemes and programs for extending loans at concessional rates to facilitate vocational training & self-employment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).</p> <p>a) Financial Assistance for Rehabilitation of trained disabled.</p> <p>b) Scheme of Seed Capital – The State Government provides financial assistance up to Rs.1,50,000/- for their Small Scale Industry. Out of which Subsidy at the rate of 20 % of said total project expenses or Rs.30,000/-, whichever is higher is being provided. And rest of 80 % funds will have to be raised by the concerned disabled person from Nationalized Bank in the nature of loan. I say that, said 80 % loan amount is being provided at prevailing rate of interest.</p> <p>c) Maharashtra State Handicapped Finance Development Corporation - Under said scheme, the Government has established “Maharashtra State Handicapped Finance Development Corporation” an undertaking, through said financial institution, following schemes are framed and functioning for the rehabilitations of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>i) Direct Personal Loan</p>
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			<p>Scheme.</p> <p>ii) Fixed period Loan Scheme.</p> <p>iii) Women Empowerment Scheme.</p> <p>iv) Micro fund Scheme.</p> <p>v) Educational Loan.</p> <p>vi) Vocational Education and Training Loan Scheme.</p> <p>vii) Self-Employment Scheme for Mentally ill, Cerebral Palsy and Autism.</p> <p>viii) Scheme for Financial Assistance to the parent organization of Mentally Retarded persons.</p> <p>ix) Loan Scheme for Construction under Self-Employment.</p> <p>x) Loan Scheme for NGOs working in the field of disability.</p> <p>xi) Loan Scheme for aid and appliances for disabled persons.</p>
	20	Government establishment shall ensure non-discrimination in employment of PwDs.	The State Government has issued various guidelines from time to time to its sub-ordinate offices. In the State Policy, said provision is also incorporated.
	21	Every establishment (Government/Private shall notify Equal Opportunity Policy for PwDs.	The State Government has framed and brought into force a "STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 2019", vide Government Resolution dated 20.02.2019, in which, equal opportunity policy for PwDs is enshrined.
	22	Every establishment shall maintain records of PwDs and compliance of Section 21.	The State Government has issued time to time guidelines to its every establishment for maintaining records of PwDs with their respective departments.
	23	Government establishment shall appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer: i) Provision of filling complaint with	Vide letter dated 31.07.2019, the Chief Secretary of the State has instructed to all Heads of Administrative Departments to

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		Grievance Redressal officer ii) Grievance Redressal officer to maintain of complaints. iii) If not satisfied by action taken by the Grievance Redressal Officer, PwDs May approach District Level Committee.	appoint 'Grievance Redressal Officer' in their each and every establishments. The State Commissioner has also informed the same to all concerned. Almost departments and its allied offices have issued Government Resolutions, Circulars, etc. in this regard.
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5. Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation : (Section 24-30):

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Chapter 5 : Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation			
4.	24 and 25	Appropriate Government and local authorities within limit of its economic capacity and development formulate necessary Social Security and Health Measure.	The State Government has already included measures for social security and healthcare in the said State Policy. Pursuant to the said State Policy, various departments of State Government will formulate schemes as per prevailing procedure and rules. Further, the State Government runs pension scheme under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for disabled viz. Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension Scheme. Those persons with disabilities, who are not covered under National Scheme, are covered under State sponsored Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana Scheme. The State Government is already implementing Sugamya Bharat Yojana funded by the Ministry of Disabilities Affairs, Government of India for barrier free access to the disabled.
	26	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall make Insurance Schemes for Employees with disabilities.	Since 1982, the State Government is running Group Insurance Schemes ("GIS") for all its employees. In said scheme, all employees including employees with disabilities of the State are covered.

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	27	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall undertake rehabilitation measures.	The State Government has started following schemes and programs for loans at concessional rates to facilitate vocational training & self-employment of PWD's.
			<p>a) Financial Assistance for Rehabilitation of trained disabled.</p> <p>b) Scheme of Seed Capital – The State Government provides financial assistance up to Rs.1,50,000/- for their Small Scale Industry. Out of which, Subsidy at the rate of 20 % of said total project expenses or Rs.30,000/-, whichever is higher is being provided. And rest of 80 % funds will have to be raised by the concerned disabled person from Nationalized Bank in the nature of loan. I say that, said 80 % loan amount is being provided at prevailing rate of interest.</p> <p>c) Maharashtra State Handicapped Financial Development Corporation - Under said scheme, the Government has established “Maharashtra State Handicapped Financial Development Corporation” an undertaking, through said financial institution, following schemes are framed and functioning for the rehabilitations of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>i) Direct Personal Loan Scheme.</p> <p>ii) Fixed period Loan Scheme.</p> <p>iii) Women Empowerment Scheme.</p> <p>iv) Micro fund Scheme.</p> <p>v) Educational Loan.</p> <p>vi) Vocational Education and Training Loan Scheme.</p> <p>vii) Self-Employment Scheme</p>

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

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study of behavioral patterns of mentally challenged children. • A study of personality development of elderly mentally retarded females. • A study of factors affecting the personality of Mongolian children. • A case study of response of mentally challenged children to different media of communications. • An exploratory study on the problems of elderly mentally challenged persons. • Urban slum services for the mentally challenged. • A perspective study of relationship between mentally challenged and its siblings. • Study of children having speech problem. • Study on types of mentally challenged children taking admission in schools. • A socio-economic study of school dropout students. <p>b) <u>BALKALYAN SANSTHA, PUNE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as recreational and cultural center for differently abled children. • Inspiring number of activities such as swimming, dancing, music, art, craft, sports, indoor games, gymnastics, etc. <p>c) <u>ETC CENTRE, RUN BY NEW MUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, MUMBAI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing various therapies like dancing, music for individual developments of differently abled children. • Group development therapy.
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			<p>d) <u>DISTRICT REHABILITATION CENTRE, VIRAR, (PROJECT BY GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is govt. agency working in the State of Maharashtra. • It develops various assistive devices like Jaipur Foot, Calipers and Hearing aids as per individual requirements. • It arranges various camps in all over Maharashtra with experts and provides assistive devices to the disables as per their requirements with free of costs. <p>e) <u>CHUNOUTI PROJECT IN MDC HOMES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, MUMBAI is running said research project in the aided Homes for Mentally Challenged children. • Under the said project, expert committee visits such homes at such intervals with experts like; special educators, counselors, occupational and physiotherapists and it suggests recreational, rehabilitation measures for Mentally Challenged children.
	29	Appropriate Government and local authorities take measures to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to have a cultural life and participate in recreational activities.	The State Government through special schools funded by the State Government undertakes various cultural activities and training in various arts, forms for Children and persons with disabilities.
	30	Appropriate Government and local authorities to promote and protect the rights of PwDs to participate in sports activities.	Presently the State Government is running yearly Scheme of State level Competition for persons with disabilities. During 2018-19, State level competition was arranged in Amaravati district & State Level Sport Competition for

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			the year 2019-20 were canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic.
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6. Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities : (Section31-37):

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Chapter 6 : Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities			
5.	31.	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disabilities between 6-18 years age shall have right to free education in a neighborhood school.	The State Government is providing free education to children with benchmark disability through its 850 special schools funded by the State Government. Presently, in normal schools 298439 and in special schools and workshops, 64624 students with disabilities are taking education. These children with disabilities are being provided books and uniforms and other educational material with free of costs. Special schools provide free books and equipment for children with disabilities and also children studying in inclusive education are provided through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
	32.	Government Higher Education Institution to reserve at least 5 percent seats for PwDs.	The Government of Maharashtra through its Higher & Technical Education Department has issued Government Resolution dated 25.06.2018 reserving 5% seats to student with benchmark disabilities in higher and technical education.
	33	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall :- i) Identify posts for PwDs ii) Constitute expert committee with representation of PwDs for above purpose iii) Periodic review of identified post not later than every 3 years.	Vide Circular dated 05.12.2019, the Social Justice and Special Assistance Department has called relevant proposals from all the Administrative Departments of the State and its allied offices for identification of posts suitable for PwDs. The Government is also

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			reconstituting Experts' Committee as per mandate of RPWD Act, 2016 and it is in process.
	34	<p>Appropriate Government and local authorities in Government Establishment shall reserve at least 4% total vacancies for PwDs.</p> <p>i) Blindness and low vision -1%</p> <p>ii) Deaf and hard of hearing, locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy -1%</p> <p>iii) Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness -1%</p> <p>iv) Unfilled Vacancies to be carried over for two successive years before passing it on to others.</p>	The Government Resolution dated 29.05.2019; the State Government has issued comprehensive guidelines for reservation of 4% post in government and semi-government establishments.
	35	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall provide incentive to employers in private sectors to ensure at least 5 % of their workforce is composed of PwDs.	For implementation of the said provision of the Act, proposal is under consideration with Industries Department of the State Government.
	36	Appropriate Government and local authorities shall ensure that every establishment shall furnish information regarding vacancies occurred or to occur for PwDs to employment exchange.	Vide Government Resolution dated 29.07.2004, the State Government has started Special Employment and Self-employment centers in all 36 districts. The concerned special cell enrolls names and qualifications of the disabled persons and maintains registers in this regard. The Special Cell also recommends them wherever there is a vacancy. These centers are in force.
	37	<p>Appropriate Government and local authorities shall Make schemes in favour of PwDs:-</p> <p>i) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant</p>	The "STATE POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" includes the said provisions. Vide Government Resolution dated 25.06.2018, the Rural Development Department and

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		<p>schemes -5%</p> <p>ii) Priority to women with benchmark PwDs for reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes -5%</p> <p>iii) Reservation in allotment of land on concession rate for promoting housing, Shelter, setting up of occupation, Business, enterprises, Recreation center, and Production center -5 %</p>	<p>vide Government Resolution dated 10.05.2018, the Government has reserved its 5 % funds for the welfare of Disabilities in their respective local bodies.</p>
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7. Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with Support Needs : (Section31-37):

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Chapter 7 : Special Provisions for Persons with Disabilities with Support Needs			
6.	38.	On requisition and upon consideration government may provide PwDs with high support needs. Assessment Board to access the case referred and send a report to the authority certifying the need of high support.	The said provision has already been included in the said State Policy.

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

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 8 : Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments			
7.	39.	Government to encourage support and promote awareness campaigns and sensitization programs to ensure that Rights of Persons with Disabilities are protected.	There are 36 districts in the State. In these 36 districts, Medical Social Worker and Counseling Assistants are deployed for the said purpose. They are assigned duties and responsibilities in their respective districts to mobilize the community and create social awareness to support PWD's in exercise of their legal capacity. Moreover, a separate wing in the name and style as "DISABILITY – LEGAL ADVISE AND GUIDANCE CENTRE" is

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			functioning at each district level.																																	
	40	Government to lay down standards of accessibility for PwDs.	<p>The "Accessible India Campaign" launched by the Government of India, is being implemented in the State. As per the objectives of the scheme, 180 public buildings from big cities like Mumbai, Pune, Nasik and Nagpur have been selected in the first phase. Out of which, work in 142 public buildings has been completed. The Government of India has sanctioned Rs.3079.90 lakhs under the Scheme for implementation for Persons with Disabilities (SIPDA). However, Rs.1539.95 lakhs was received by the State Government from the Central Government, out of the sanctioned amount of Rs.3079.90 lakhs. Said fund of Rs.1539.95 lakhs had been disbursed for all 142 public buildings.</p> <p>The State Government has identified following 10 most important cities / towns of State under the "Accessible India Campaign".</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No.</th> <th>Name of the City / Town</th> <th>Population as per 2011 Census.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Thane</td> <td>80,70,032</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Ahmednagar</td> <td>45,43,159</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Solapur</td> <td>43,17,756</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Jalgaon</td> <td>42,29,917</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Kolhapur</td> <td>38,76,001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.</td> <td>Aurangabad</td> <td>37,01,282</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.</td> <td>Nanded</td> <td>33,61,292</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.</td> <td>Palghar</td> <td>29,90,116</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.</td> <td>Amravati</td> <td>28,88,445</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.</td> <td>Yavatmal</td> <td>27,72,348</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In the third phase, the Central Government has already given a target to the State Government to make disabled friendly public buildings in these</p>	Sr. No.	Name of the City / Town	Population as per 2011 Census.	1.	Thane	80,70,032	2.	Ahmednagar	45,43,159	3.	Solapur	43,17,756	4.	Jalgaon	42,29,917	5.	Kolhapur	38,76,001	6.	Aurangabad	37,01,282	7.	Nanded	33,61,292	8.	Palghar	29,90,116	9.	Amravati	28,88,445	10.	Yavatmal	27,72,348
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			<p>10 cities by July, 2022. The Government has modified building model bye-laws keeping in view the accessibility for PwDs.</p> <p>There are 2156 disabled friendly Public and Private buses have been provided in the State by the State Government/Urban and Local bodies own transport authorities. Directions have been given to provide accessible buses in the near future.</p>
41	Appropriate Government shall Provide Good Electronics and equipment for easy access to contents available in audio, print and electronic media.		The State Government has 30 websites have already been made disabled friendly and the Director General of Information and Public Relations (DGIPR) of the State Government have ensured to make accessible rest of all Government websites by the end of June, 2020. But said process has affected due to non-availability of experts during Covid-19 pandemic.
43	Appropriate Government shall promote development of products and accessories for General use of PwDs.		The Commissioner of Development of Industries has issued instruction to all concerned vide letter dated 30.07.2019 to ensure development, production and distribution of universally designed products and accessories for General use of PwDs.
44	Establishment mandatorily observe the adherence of building norms to make building design friendly for PwDs.		The Urban authorities, State Agencies have modified their Development Control Rules (DCR) and building bye-laws, to include accessible standards in the public buildings. Completion Certificate or Occupation Certificate of building is issued only after provision of accessibility norms.
45	All Public buildings to be made accessible for Pwds within 5 years.		The Central Government has already given a target to the State Government under Accessible

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			India Campaign (AIC) to make disabled friendly public buildings in 10 notified cities by July, 2022.
	46	Service Provider shall provide service in accordance with rules on accessibility within 2 years.	<p>As per section 42 and 46 of the Act, the Government is required to ensure access of information and communication technology to PwDs. In this regard, under Accessible India Campaign (AIC), Information and Technology Department of the State has developed 30 public websites accessible. The Publicity Dept has issued Circular dated 29.07.2019 to work out all public website under accessible domain for PwDs.</p> <p>That Maharashtra State Transport Corporation has provided ramps, user friendly toilets, braille signboards for visually impaired persons at various Bus Station in the State. The said Corporation is also constructing bus Post at Panvel facilitating disabled accessible feature.</p>
	47	Appropriate Government and Local Authorities shall endeavor to develop Human Resources for purpose of this Act.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Commissionerate for PwDs has conducted 15 camps in the State to make aware of provisions of Act, 2016 for sensitization and awareness amongst PwDs. 2. The Government has arranged State level Training Program on 11.01.2020 about the sensitization and awareness as well as duties and responsibilities amongst officers of the State towards PwDs. 3. The Commissionerate has proposed a Training Module to the Government to include it in Government Training Program. 4. The Commissionerate has also proposed to the Education Department, Higher and Technical Education

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

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

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

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		PwDs and Grants to Institutions .	Commissioner for persons with disabilities as a Competent Authority and the Minister for Social Justice and Special Assistance Department as Appellate Authority for the purpose of these provisions.
	50 to 55	Registration of Institutions other than Central Government Institutions. Appointment of Appellate Authority. Grant of Financial Assistance to Registered.	

11. State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee: (Section 66-72):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 11 : State Advisory Board on Disability and District Level Committee			
9.	66.	State Government to appoint State Advisory Committee.	1. Vide Government Resolution 27.02.2018 and 11.09.2018, the Government has constituted State Advisory Board on disability. Business rules of said board have been framed vide Government Resolution dated 27.02.2018. The said Board, in its first meeting, convened on 11.09.2018 made certain recommendations to the Government. 2. As per old enactment, vide Government Resolution 23.09.1999 District level Committee has been formed. The said committee will be continued until formation of new committee as per new enactment.
	72	State Government shall constitute District Level Committee on Disability to perform such function as may be prescribed by it.	

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

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 12 : State commissioner for person with Disabilities			
10.	79	i) Whether the State /UTs Commissioner for PwDs has Independent or additional Charge? (Please indicate Name of the Commissioner, Office address, Whats-up No. Telephone No. Mobile , Fax, E-Mail etc.)	The State Commissioner is working independently in the State. Name of the Commissioner: Mrs. Purna Deshbhratar I.A.S. Office of the The Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities, Maharashtra State, 3 Church Road, Pune 411 001.

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		<p>ii) Whether the State /UTs Govt. have been constituted State Advisory Committee to assist State Commissioner as per under section 79 (vii)? Please provide the details :</p> <p>iii) Details of Officers and Staff provided to assist State Commissioner along with other essential Infrastructural facilities:</p> <p>iv) Grant-in-aid disbursed by State Govt. /UTs to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year :</p> <p>v) Number of inspections carried out by the Office of Commissioner, Disabilities for monitoring of funds during last financial years:</p>	<p>Tel. No.020-26122061 / 26126471 Fax No.020-26111590 E-mail- commissioner_disability@yahoo.co.in commissioner.disability@maharashtra.gov.in</p> <p>Vide Government letter dated 03.05.2018, the Government has constituted Advisory Committee for Commissioner.</p> <p>a. Smt. Varsha Gatthoo, Head of Special Education Department, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Impaired, Bandra, Mumbai.</p> <p>b. Shri. Shirang Bijur, Representative of Parent Association.</p> <p>c. Shri. Vijay Kanekar, Representative of Institute.</p> <p>d. Shri. Suresh Patil, Sanvedna Cerebral Palsy Viksan Kendra, Latur.</p> <p>e. Dr. Amrut Bakshi, Schizophrenia Awareness Association, Pune.</p> <p>Deputy Commissioner – 1, Assistant Commissioner – 1, Inspector Gazetted – 5 Account Officer – 1 , Law Officer – 1, Other – 24 Clerical Staff.</p> <p>Grant-in-aid of Rs.608.0646 Cores was disbursed by State Government to NGOs working for persons with disabilities during the last financial year 2019-20.</p> <p>1. Special School & Workshop & Central Assistance Projects are being inspected at least once or twice in year. Before allotting them non salary grant and other grants.</p> <p>2. In the month of October and November, 2019, special</p>
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		<p>vi)Summary for initiatives taken by the State/Uts for successful Implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016 so far and major achievements:</p>	<p>drive inspection of all institutions was taken place by the office of the Commissioner for monitoring of funds, received by them.</p> <p>Best Practices :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under Section 80 and 82 of the Act, 2016, the State Commissioner scrutinizes the grievances of PwDs through its Legal Section. 2. On its scrutiny and if the State Commissioner thinks it fit, holds early hearing in the matter, calling say and explanation of the opposite parties. 3. For the convenience PwDs and opposite parties, the State Commissioner conducts hearings through Video Conferencing, despite attending the office of the State Commissioner. 4. On final hearing through Video Conferencing, the State Commissioner declares his/her verdict in the matter. 5. On receipt of report of non-compliance of directions of the State Commissioner, he/she brings its non-compliance to the Higher Authorities with suggestions to take corrective measures in the matter. 6. The State Commissionarate is developing its own accessible website and it will be activated within short period. On its activation, the State Commissionarate will upload said directions/verdicts on the said website, which will be easily accessible for PwDs. <p>Achievements :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State Commissioner is acting in dual capacity,
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Awareness and Sensitization Programs from State to district level. 3. 'Divyang Chetana Abhiyan' conducted special campaigns for issuance of disability certificates under UDID at tehsil level. 4. Comprehensive Guidelines for assessment and utilization of grants receiving by NGOs. 5. Accessibility of friendly police stations, tourism centers, public places and auditoriums, offices of public utility services, websites and web-based IT services. 6. Rights to Services Act, 2015, made applicable for services for recognition and renewal of certificates, admissions of children with disabilities in special schools and normal schools are covered. 7. Established Learning Disability Centers in 36 districts. 8. Job Affairs with companies in private sector. 9. Newly under consideration of schemes:- Early Detection and Intervention and Prevention, Cornea Collection Center, Cochlear Implantation, State DDRCs in all districts, Rehabilitation Homes for Mentally cured Patients, Experts at Door-steps, Half-way Homes, etc. 10. Comprehensive State Policy for PwDs. 11. Increased amount of grant under Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana for PwDs. 12. Increased amount of grant for maintenance allowance for children with disabilities in special schools, Intellectually Disabled Children's Homes. 13. Web-based survey of PwDs.
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		<p>vii) Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year:</p> <p>a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.:</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto):</p> <p>c) Total number of cases:</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome:</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending:</p>	<p>14. Special Courts for PwDs. 15. Special School Code, 2018. 16. Reserved 5% funds for PwDs in Local Bodies. 17. Reserved 5% funds for PwDs in Skill Development. 18. Reserved 5% seats for PwDs in Higher Education. 19. Reserved 4% seats in all cadres in Government and Semi-government sector. 20. Disha Project for developing curriculum for Intellectual disabled children. 21. Conducting Awareness and Sensitization Campaign for PwDs in the State.</p> <p>Cases handled as per section 80 & 82 of the RPwD Act during last financial year (2019-20):</p> <p>a) Number of complains field by the complaints before State Comm.: 1327</p> <p>b) Number of cases taken up by the State Commissioner on his own motion (suo moto): 05</p> <p>c) Total number of cases: 61</p> <p>d) Number of cases disposed of with directions and positive outcome: 43</p> <p>e) Number of cases where compliance of directions has been received:</p> <p>f) Number of cases pending: 18</p>
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13. Special Court : (Section 84-85):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 12 : Special Court			
11.	84	For speedy trial State Government shall specified for each district a session court to be a Special Court to try Offences under this Act.	Vide Government Resolution dated 03.03.2018, the Government has constituted 11 Special Courts in 11 districts equivalent to District Judge. The Government has also created

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			requisite 55 staff and made available budgetary allocation for the same.
	85	Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.	An appointment of Special Public Prosecutor is under process.

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

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

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

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

17. Miscellaneous : (Section 100-101):

Sl. No	Sub Section	Points	Response
Chapter 17. Miscellaneous			
12.	101	State Government to make RPwD rules for carrying out the provisions	The State Government has drafted proposed State Rules as

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		of this Act within 6 months from the date of commencement of this Act..	per Section 101 of the Principal Act and it is at final stage of approval.
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