

Department of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizen

INTRODUCTION

The Dept. of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens was created in the year 1988. The Dept. is headed by the Director, who is assisted by Deputy Director, Asst. Director and the Gazetted Manager.

The Staff of the Directorate including the Ministerial staff are mainly on deputation from other Depts. The staffing pattern is as follows :

1. Superintendents	: 5
2. FDAs	: 10
3. SDAs	: 10
4. Stenographers	: 2
5. Typists	: 2
6. Drivers	: 3
7. Group D	: 3

The Deputy Directors of the Dept. of Women & Child Development and District Disabled Welfare Officers are the implementing officers at the Dist. level. At District level, the staffing pattern for the implementation of Welfare of Departmental schemes is as follows.

1. District Disabled Welfare Officers	: 29
2. Programme Assistants	: 29
3. Typists	: 29
4. Group D	: 29

The Dept. of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizen strives for the welfare of persons with disabilities and Senior Citizens and enables disabled persons to get the benefits of the different schemes in order to bring them to the mainstream of the society. The disabled persons are categorised as here under :

- I. Orthopaedically Handicapped
- II. Visually Impaired
- III. Hearing Impaired
- IV. Mentally Retarded
- V. Multiple Disabilities
- VI. Leprosy cured handicapped
- VII. Mentally Ill.

A comprehensive Act called the Persons With Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act - 1995 has come into force from 07-02-1996. The State Govt. has constituted the State Co-ordination Committee as per the Sec.13 of the Act. The State Govt. Also appointed the Commissioner for persons with disabilities as per Sec.60 of the Act. The State Govt. has constituted the State Executive Committee as per the Sec.19 of the Act.

Action has taken to implement the Act bringing the disabled persons to the mainstream of the society.

The different programme for the welfare of the persons with disabilities are as under. :

II. EDUCATION:

1. A) Schools for the Hearing Impaired:

The Dept. runs 4 residential special schools for Hearing Impaired children at Gulbarga, Mysore, Bellary and Belgaum. In these schools free food, shelter,

education is provided to students. Belgaum school for Hearing impaired is run exclusively for girls.

B) Schools for the Visually Impaired: The Dept. also runs 4 residential special schools for the Visually Impaired Children at Gulbarga, Mysore, Davangere and Hubli. These Schools provide free food, shelter and education to children. Davanagere school for visually impaired is set up exclusively for girls.

C) About 151 voluntary organisations are running special schools for the hearing impaired, orthopaedically, visually handicapped and mentally retarded children all over the State. The Govt. of Karnataka gives Grant In Aid upto 100% towards salaries of the teaching staff and 50% towards the salaries of the non-teaching staff and for the maintenance of special schools, VTC run by 30 voluntary organisation as per the Grant in Aid Code of 1982. The other 121 voluntary organisations are recommended to Govt. of India for grants under the scheme of "Financial assistance to voluntary organisations for the disabled persons".

2. Scholarships to physically handicapped:

The disabled students studying from Std. I to University education are eligible for scholarships under this scheme. Income limitation has been relaxed during the year 2001-02.

The rates of the scholarships are as under:-

Scholarship to persons with disabilities	Monthly	Hostellers	Reader allowance to Blind students	Conveyance allowance to orthopaedically handicapped persons.
1 to 5 Std.	50	25	25	25
6 to 10 Std.	100	25	25	25
PUC	150	140	75	50
Degree Courses	200	180	75	-
BA / MBBS / LLB Diploma in profesion	250	240	100	

and Engineering				
M.A/ M.Sc/ M.Com,; LLM and Equalent	300	240	100	

1. Braille Printing Press:

Braille books required for the Visually Impaired students are printed and supplied by the Govt. Braille Printing Press at Mysore. The Braille books are supplied throughout the state. The Braille press was computerized during the year 1999-2000.

2. Sound Library for the Blind:

For Visually Impaired students of PUC and BA degree courses in humanities subjects are given audio cassettes and tape recorders through the principal of the institution full of cost.

3. Scheme of Incentive Award to Merited Disabled students

Incentive Awards are given to merited disabled students who secure 60% and above marks in public exams. The scheme has been extended to TCH., B.Ed., and M.Ed students also.

4. Teachers Training Centre for Special Education:

To train teachers in special education for visually impaired and hearing impaired training centres have been established at Mysore with the assistance of NIVH & NIHH Candidates who have passed T.C.H are eligible to undergo two years diploma course.

II. EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

1. 5% Reservation in Government Services.

The Govt. has provided 3% reservation in A & B posts and 5% reservation in group C&D posts in all Govt. services and published the posts identified for different categories of disability in the govt. depts.

2. Industrial Training Centre, Mysore:

The objective of the Centre is to impart vocational training courses to blind persons. The institution is run by the voluntary organisation with 100% grant from the State Govt. The Centre imparts training to 25 students every year in Light Engineering, plastic moulding, cane, wiring etc.

3. Hostels for disabled employees and Trainers:

The Dept. runs two Hostels for working and trainee disabled persons separately for men and women at Bangalore. Persons with disability whose income is less than 60,000 per annum are eligible to get admission to these hostels. Accommodation is provided upto 50 in this hostels.

4. Assistance for self employment for Disabled : (ADHARA)

Under this Scheme, Rs.35,000 will be sanctioned to eligible disabled beneficiaries to set up petty shops. Out of Rs.35,000 an amount of Rs.20,000 is given towards working capital as loan which is repayable and Rs.15,000 worth kiosk is given to each beneficiary. This scheme is implemented through the Chief Executive officer of Zilla Panchayat of the concerned districts.

5. Supply of Telephone Booths / coin booth to Disabled persons:

Under this scheme, Telephone booths / coin booths are supplied to the disabled persons to enable them to set up gainful self-employment.

vi) Training and Employment scheme:

As there is demand for employment from all corners of state from persons with disability Dept. has framed a scheme to enable disabled youths in the age group of 18 - 45 to under go training in computer and VCT for a period of 6 and 3 months.

vii) Hostel for disabled employees, Trainees and students:

To encourage disabled female is education and employment dept. is implementing scheme for disabled female employees, trainees and students. For which a budget provision of Rs.200.00 lakhs is make which is implemented in 27 districts during 2007-08.

viii) Scheme of SHG's to PWDs :

During 2006-07 Dept. is implementing scheme of spoorthy Savsaya yojane in 27 Dists. of state. In the first phase it is implemented in one taluk of each districts with 10 groups constituting PWDs. These groups are involved in various economic activities.

SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES:

1. Monthly financial assistance to disabled persons Disabled persons whose family income is less than Rs.6000 per annum are entitled for maintenance allowance of Rs.400 per month. The Tahasildar of respective Taluks are the sanctioning authorities. 427000 disabled persons are receiving benefit under this scheme.

2. Social Service Complex:

The scheme provides protection and shelter with health care to the destitute aged, infirm and disabled persons. This Centre is situated in Bangalore. There are 70 beneficiaries in Social Service Complex and they are provided free food, shelter and medical facilities.

3. Voluntary Organisations for the cause of old, infirm and disabled :

Under this scheme, the old and infirm persons are given food, shelter and clothing at the old age homes run by Non Governmental Organisations with the financial assistance from State and central Govts. 27 old age homes are run under state GIA in all the Dist. except Udupi.

4. Insurance Scheme for mentally retarded persons, Parents / Guardians:

The parents of mentally retarded persons are insured with Life Insurance Corporation of India and Dept. pays the premium amount every year. After the death of the parent, an amount of Rs.20000/- will be paid to the nominated guardian for the maintenance of the mentally retarded persons from LIC.

IV. PUBLIC AWARENESS SCHEMES:

1. World Day of Disabled:

Every year the World Day of Disabled is observed on 3rd of December all over the State. The observance of this day creates public awareness.

2. Public Awareness programme :

Departmental quarterly magazine and brochures are printed under this scheme.

3. Setting up of the Counselling and Placement Service Centre

This Centre provides information to persons with disabilities about the facilities and the schemes and services available under the State and the Central Govt. The details of institutions providing special education, vocational training and information about procuring quality aids and appliances is given to disabled and others.

V.REHABILITATION SCHEMES:

1. Aids and Appliances to disabled persons:

Under this scheme, aids and appliances are distributed to the disabled persons. If the income of the family is less than Rs.11,500 per annum in rural areas and Rs.24,000 in urban areas, full assistance is admissible.

2. Medical Relief Fund for the corrective surgeries for the prevention of disabilities:

Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for conducting corrective surgeries for prevention of disability by Govt. hospitals, Sanjay Gandhi Accident Relief Hospital, Bangalore or by reputed private hospitals.

VI. OTHER SCHEMES:

1. National Awards:

The Govt. of India has instituted the National Awards for the welfare of the disabled. The Govt. of India has instituted National Awards in the following fields:

1. Best Employees with Disabilities.
2. Best Employers of persons with disabilities.
3. Best Placement Officers for persons with disabilities.
4. Best Individual working for the cause of persons with disabilities.
5. Best Technological innovation in the cause of the disabled and adaptability of innovation to provide cost effective technology.
6. Best Institutional Award working for the cause of persons with disabilities.
7. Outstanding creative persons with disabilities.
8. Outstanding creative Child.

2. State Awards:

The Govt. of Karnataka has instituted State Awards for the best work done for the cause of disabled for one institution and 6 Individuals. This Dept. invites the applications from eligible individuals and institutions. The applications were scrutinized by the Committee headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development and selects the eligible candidates. These awards are presented on the World Day of Disabled (December 3rd) every year Teachers in Special Education are also awarded with the State Awards.

3. Scheme for the promotion of cultural activities and sports for persons with disabilities:

Under the Scheme " Sadhane ", the disabled sports men / women are given encouragement and under the scheme " Prathibhe " encouragement is given to disabled artists.

4. Identity Cards to disabled persons:

Under this scheme, Identity Cards are issued to disabled persons. Identity cards will be issued to avail different services.

5. Concessional Bus Pass for Disabled Persons:

Under this scheme Govt. is providing concessional bus passes to the disabled persons. During the year 100000 concessional pass were given to Persons with disabilities.

VI. State Policy for Senior Citizens

1. Senior Citizens Policy: The state policy for senior citizens have been evolved with the motto of ensuring better quality of life. The State government has constituted a task force under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to implement the State Policy. Day care centres are established at Bangalore, Hubli-Dharwad, Gulbarga and Belgaum. Help line for senior citizen has been established by NGOs at Bangalore, Mysore, Hubli-Dharwad, Gulbarga, Mangalore, Belgaum Davangere, Shimoga, Bellary and Raichur Dist. with the assistance of police. During this year action is taken to establish help line in Tumkur, Kolar, Bidar and Bagalkote Dist. During the year Rs.49.96 lakhs budget provision has been made under this scheme.

New Schemes :

1. Rural Rehabilitation Scheme:

The main aim of the scheme is to provide comprehensive facilities and benefits to disabled persons where they are living. One village rehabilitation worker is appointed in each grama panchayat. One multipurpose Rehabilitation worker is appointed in each taluk panchayat. Around 5828 disabled persons will get appointment on honorarium basis.

2. Manasa Kendra :

A short stay home for mentally ill persons. 5 Manasa Kendra will be established at Bangalore, Belgaum Raichur and Shimoga. Destitute and wandering mentally ill persons will also be admitted. Health facility, counselling and shelter will be provided.

DETAILS OF BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2008-09 AND 2009-10

Sl. No	Name of the scheme & Head of account	2008-09 Plan	2008-09 Non Plan	2009-10 Plan	2009-10 Non Plan
01.	2235-02-001-0-03 Social Service complex ಸಮಾಜ ಸೇವಾ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ	3.90	24.09	5.72	25.46
02.	2235-02-001-0-05 Directorate for Disabled ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರಿಗಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ	16.27	100.82	23.20	134.17
03	2235-02-101-0-02 Development of Schools for Deaf and Blind ಕಿವುಡರ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂಧರ ಶಾಲೆಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ	0.60	24.25	1.00	24.98
04.	2235-02-101-0-05 Scholarship to Physically Handicapped ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿವೇತನ	20.00	194.69	20.00	202.48
05.	2235-02-101-0-20 Maintenance Allowance for Physically Handicapped ಬಡ ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಧನಸಹಾಯ	--	19200.00	--	31000.00
06.	4235-02-101-0-01 Buildings ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳು	25.00	--	10.00	--
07.	2235-02-104-2-04 Senior Citizens Policy ಹಿರಿಯ ನಾಗರಿಕರ ನೀತಿ	70.00	--	74.94	--

08.	2235-02-101-0-47 Commissioner for Persons with Disability Act 1995 ಅಂಗವಿಕಲ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1995ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಆಯುಕ್ತಾಲಯ	36.68	--	45.19	--
09.	2235-02-101-0-48 Training & allowance to Disabled ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭತ್ಯೆಗಳು	--	312.00	--	324.48
10.	2235-02-101-0-49 Residential Home for Mentally Challenged ಮಾನಸಿಕ ಸವಾಲಿಗೊಳಗಾ ದವರಿಗೆ ನಿವಾಸಿ ಗೃಹಗಳು	--	94.09	--	91.69
11.	2235-02-101-0-50 Disabled Women's Hostel ಮಹಿಳಾ ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರಿಗೆ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್	--	208.00	--	216.32
12.	2235-02-101-0-51 Spoorthy Self Help Group ಸ್ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಸ್ವಸಹಾಯ ಯೋಜನೆ	10.00	--	1.00	--
13.	2235-02-101-0-52 Aids & Appliances to Disabled ಸಾಧನ ಸಲಕರಣೆಗಳು	400.00	--	10.00	--
14.	2235-02-101-0-53 NPRPD Prog. For Disabled ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಯೋಜನೆ	225.00	--	199.00	--
15.	2235-02-101-0-99	288.90	318.72	110.02	333.99

	Welfare of Physical and Mentally Challenged ದೈಹಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನಸಿಕ ಸವಾಲಿಗೊಳಗಾದವರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ				
	TOTAL	1096.35	20476.66	500.07	32353.57

ABSTACT		Plan	Non Plan	Total
2008-09 State Sector	1096.35	20476.66	21573.01	
Dist. Sector	356.75	109.79	466.54	
Total	1453.10	20586.45	22039.55	
2009-10 State Sector	500.07	32353.57	32853.64	
Dist. Sector	367.76	114.21	481.97	
Total	867.83	32467.78	33335.61	