

POLICY NOTE

DEPARTMENT FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS 2012 – 2013

INTRODUCTION

This Government is always keen on extending on priority the implementation of welfare schemes for differently abled persons in Tamil Nadu.

In order to provide effective rehabilitation services to the differently abled persons, during 1993 a separate Directorate for the Rehabilitation of the Differently Abled Persons was formed by bifurcating the Directorate of Social Welfare. A comprehensive State Policy for the Welfare of the Differently Abled Persons was released for the first time by this Government during 1994. As per the provisions of the Persons with

Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, this Directorate was upgraded as Office of the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled during 1999 and an Officer in the cadre of Indian Administrative Service was appointed as the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled Persons.

In order to ensure the differently abled persons to lead a dignified life on par with others, Government of Tamil Nadu has evolved a number of policies and various welfare schemes.

BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

The Government, under the able leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in her earlier regime amended the development control rules of the Chennai Metropolitan area to ensure provision of a barrier free environment for differently abled persons.

The Government is taking necessary steps to amend the relevant acts to provide ramps, lifts, barrier free toilets etc as per the National Building Rules in all corporations, municipalities and panchayats.

INCREASING THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

The Government is committed to ensure 3 percent reservation in employment for differently abled persons. **A committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government and with Secretaries of various departments as members to oversee the implementation of 3 percent reservation in all Government employment. A Meeting was conducted and follow up actions are being taken.**

As per the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister action is being taken to establish vocational training centres with residential facilities through Voluntary Organizations in order to create employment opportunities for Differently Abled Persons in private sector.

The thrust areas of Government are as follows

- ❖ Prevention of disabilities;
- ❖ Early detection and intervention;
- ❖ Rehabilitation measures;
- ❖ Providing Special Education;
- ❖ Development of professionals for rehabilitation;
- ❖ Provision of assistive devices;
- ❖ Education and economic empowerment including self-employment;
- ❖ Creation of barrier free environment
- ❖ Social security.

Strategies to achieve Thrust areas

- ❖ Creation of data base on differently abled persons.
- ❖ Creation of Infrastructure facilities.
- ❖ Free and compulsory Primary Education.
- ❖ Vocational Training for private jobs
- ❖ Creation of Awareness

POPULATION OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS IN THE STATE

As per the 2001 Census data, total population of differently abled persons in India is 2,19,06,769 and population of differently abled persons in Tamil Nadu is 16,42,497.

The statistics of differently abled persons in Tamil Nadu taken by the Government of India in 2011 Census is yet to be released.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND FULL PARTICIPATION) ACT, 1995

Tamil Nadu leads among other States in implementing various provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995

was enacted to give equal opportunities to the differently abled, to protect their rights in order to integrate them with the society and to enable them to have full participation in the normal life. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled has been appointed in Tamil Nadu to monitor the implementation of the Act, besides acting as the Head of the Department for the Welfare of the Differently Abled Persons.

3. RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WORKING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

a) Recognition of Special Schools for Differently Abled Persons

Permission to start Special School and Recognition for running Special School for the differently abled students are given by the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled as per the provisions of Tamil Nadu Recognised Private Schools

Regulation Act, 1973. So far, 294 institutions have obtained recognition.

b) Registration of Voluntary Organisations under Persons with Disabilities Act

It is mandatory for all NGOs who provide various services to the differently abled persons to get registered under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Chennai is the only competent authority to register the NGOs under section 52 of the Act. So far, 185 institutions have obtained registration certificates.

c) Registration of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres

Tamil Nadu Registration of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres for Mentally ill Persons Rules, 2002, was notified to regulate the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres for the Mentally ill persons. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres are

mandatory to register under this Rule. Strict compliance of the Rules will prevent unauthorized Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres being established, besides it will help the general public to identify the authorized and registered institutions.

4. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (UNCRPD)

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), which India signed on 30.03.2007, was ratified and came into force on 03.05.2008. It covers rights such as equality, non-discrimination and equal recognition before the law; liberty and security of the person; accessibility, personal mobility and independent living; right to health, work and education; and participation in political and cultural life. Under the UNCRPD, a number of obligations have been accepted by Government of India to provide facilities, options and opportunities to persons with disabilities to live their lives with dignity.

This Government has been consistently taking efforts to ensure the implementation of various provisions of the convention.

5. NATIONAL TRUST

The National Trust Act was enacted in 1999 for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, with the main objective to enable and empower persons with these disabilities to live as independently and as fully close to the community to which they belong. In order to fulfill this objective, Local Level Committees (LLC) have been formed in Districts to implement effectively the programmes of the National Trust with District Collector as the Chairman of the Local Level Committee. An amount of Rs.10000/-per annum is allotted to each of the Local Level Committee to take up activities, which includes awareness generation, appointment of legal guardians, sensitization of Non-Governmental Organisations and highlighting the

salient features of National Trust. So far, 32 Local Level Committees have been formed.

6. ISSUE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS, PASS BOOKS AND DISABILITY CERTIFICATES

1) Simple Procedure to issue Disability Certificates

The task of issuing National Identity Cards to all the eligible differently abled persons in the State is given top priority by the State Government.

The Government has amended the Tamil Nadu Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Rules, 2002 dated.17.6.2011. As per the amendment made in the Chapter II, the Government has simplified and streamlined the procedure for issue of disability certificates to eligible differently abled persons.

Procedures for issue of Disability Certificates have been simplified by permitting the doctors working in the Government Hospitals, Government Primary Health Centres, Government Institution and local

hospitals to issue Disability certificates. Steps are being taken to issue National Identity Card, Pass Book and Certificates at the earliest.

As per this notification / amendment, the Medical Authority and person to issue disability certificate shall be as specified below:

S. No.	Type of disability	“Medical Authority” for the purpose of the issue of disability certificate	Person to issue certificate of disability
1	Locomotor disability by way of only of amputation or complete permanent paralysis of limbs	Hospitals/Institutions /Primary Health Centres run by Government/ Local bodies	Any medical practitioner working in the Hospitals/ Institutions/ Primary Health Centres run by Government/ Local bodies

2	Multiple Disability	District Hospital/ Other hospitals/ Institutions run by the State Government or Local Bodies having relevant medical specialist and testing facilities	Medical Board consisting three members of whom one will be specialist dealing with relevant disabilities
3	Disabilities not mentioned at Serial number 1& 2 above	Hospitals/ Primary Health Centres Institutions run by Government/ Local bodies	A specialist dealing with the relevant disability as specified in the table No. 2 given below

The details of the Specialist who may issue disability certificate for persons with disabilities not mentioned at Serial number 1& 2 above is as follows:

S. No	Category of disabilities	Specialist
1	Cerebral palsy	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation or Orthopaedics or Pediatrician or Paediatric Neurologist or Psychiatrist
2	Hearing impairment	Specialist in the field of E.N.T

3	Leprosy Cured person	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation or Orthopaedics or Dermatologist
4	Locomotor disability- other than amputation or complete permanent paralysis of limbs	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation or Orthopaedics.
5	Mental Illness	Psychiatrist
6	Mental Retardation	<u>For Children</u> with Mental Retardation below the age of 12 years - Pediatrician or Paediatric Neurologist or Psychiatrist <u>For adults</u> above the age group of 12 years- Psychiatrist
7	Low Vision /blindness	Specialist in the field of Ophthalmology.
8	Autism	Psychiatrist or Pediatrician or Neurologist

2) Procedure for obtaining National Identity Card and Pass Book

The Differently Abled person after getting disability certificate with percentage of disability 40% and above shall go to the respective District Differently

Abled Welfare Office for registration. The District Differently Abled Welfare Officer will register and issue the National Identity Cards with pass book after affixing seal in the family card. After getting National Identity Cards, they can register as members of Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for differently abled persons and avail various social security and welfare schemes of Welfare Board.

So far, 8,52,555 disability certificates and National Identity cards have been issued to differently abled persons in Tamil Nadu.

7. EARLY DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

In order to benefit the hearing impaired children hailing from southern districts and Chennai and its suburban areas, Early Diagnostic Centres for Hearing impaired children were started at Thoothukudi and State Resource-cum-Training Centre, Chennai respectively. So far 4000 infants have been screened at these centres

EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

8. EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

Early Intervention Centres for Infants and Young children with Hearing Impairment are functioning in 32 Districts. These Centres are managed by NGOs. The main objective of the scheme is to identify infants and young children with hearing impairment and provide early intervention services. It also provides required training to parents and families of such children for social adjustment to facilitate the maximum development of the children with hearing impairment. Children below 2½ years with hearing impairment, without any additional disabilities are admitted in these Centres, so that when they reach 5 years of age, they develop adequate verbal language skills and will be ready for admission into the 1st standard in regular Schools.

Teaching, learning and play materials had been provided at the Early Intervention Centres for the Hearing impaired children and their parents.

Special types of Hearing aids for both ears have been provided for these children . 517 children with hearing impairment in the age group of 0-3 years are attending Early Intervention Centres for the Hearing impaired children.

A sum of Rs.93.98 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

9. EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN

The main objective of this scheme is to identify at least 50 infants and young children with Mental Retardation in the age group of 0-6 years in each district and to provide early intervention services and training parents and families to optimize their potential

in the developmental areas of movement, communication, self development, socialization and understanding. These Early Intervention Centres have been established through Non Governmental Organisations in 32 districts.

Teaching, learning and play materials had been provided at the Early Intervention Centres for the Mentally Retarded children.

A refresher course is being conducted for special educators of Early Intervention Centres for the Mentally Retarded children.

1491 Mentally Retarded Children have benefited under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.170.88 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

10. EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN

So far, Early Intervention Centre for Visually Impaired were established in 5 districts. During the year 2011-2012, these centres were established in 20 more districts. Hence, at present these centres are established in 25 districts and are managed by reputed NGOs.

The aim of the Centres is to develop skills of Visually Impaired Children, mainstream them in regular school and to provide guidance and counseling service to their parents and family members. 460 Visually Impaired Children have benefited under this Scheme.

A sum of Rs.16.90 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCES FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENTS

11. SPECIAL EDUCATION

With an objective to provide special education. Special schools are run by Government, catering to the needs of differently abled students who require special education due to visual impairment, hearing impairment, mental retardation and severely affected lower and upper limb, There are 23 Government Special Schools – 10 for the Visually Impaired, 11 for the Hearing Impaired, 1 for the Severely Locomotor disability and 1 for the Mentally Retarded.

Differently abled children studying in Government Special Schools are provided with special education, boarding, lodging and two sets of uniform.

Teaching and learning materials, vessels, furniture and play materials are also provided to all Government Special Schools.

Special education is provided to differently abled children also through 54 Government aided special schools. Salary grant for the posts sanctioned by the Government, feeding charges and free supply of books are provided by the Government to promote special education throughout the State. The feeding charges of Rs.450/- p.m per child has been provided to the differently Abled students studying in Government and Government aided special schools.

A sum of Rs.3344.43 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

12. READERS ALLOWANCE

The Government is providing Readers Allowance along with scholarship to the Visually impaired students who are studying from standard 9 up to post graduation level. The quantum of Readers Allowance is given as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Standard	Readers Allowance
1	9th to 12th Std	Rs.1500/-
2	Under Graduate Courses	Rs.2500/-
3	Professional and Post-Graduate Courses	Rs.3000/-

A sum of Rs.19.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

13. SCHOLARSHIP

The State Government is providing scholarship to differently abled students who are pursuing education from standard 1 up to Post- Graduate level. The quantum of scholarship is as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Standard	Amount (per annum)
1.	I std to V std	Rs.500/-
2.	VI std to VIII std	Rs.1500/-
3.	IX to XII std	Rs.2000/-
4.	Under Graduate Courses	Rs.3000/-
5.	Professional and Post-Graduate Courses	Rs.3500/-

A sum of Rs.306.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

14. CASH PRIZE TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED FIRST THREE RANKS IN THE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

In order to encourage the Visually Impaired students, who have studied in Tamil Medium and secured first three ranks at the State and district level in 10th and 12th Standard Public Examinations, cash prizes and assistance for higher studies are awarded as follows:

State Level

Category	For 10th Standard	For 12th Standard
First Rank	Rs.12,000	Rs.18,000/-
Second Rank	Rs.9,000/-	Rs.12,000/-
Third Rank	Rs.6,000/-	Rs.9,000/-

District Level

Category	For 10th Standard	For 12th Standard
First Rank	Rs.6000/-	Rs.12,000/-
Second	Rs.4,500/-	Rs.7,500/-
Third Rank	Rs.3,000/-	Rs.4,500/-

Assistance for Higher Education:

Category	For 10th Standard	For 12th Standard
To pursue Higher education	Rs.4,000/-	Rs.6000/-
To purchase Braille Books	Rs.3,000/-	Rs.4,000/-
Hostel Fees (for 10 months)	Rs.20,000/-	Rs.30,000/-

A sum of Rs.67.38 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

15.CASH PRIZE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED FIRST THREE RANKS IN THE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

In order to encourage Hearing Impaired students, who have studied in Tamil Medium and secured first three ranks at the State and district level in 10th and 12th Standard Public Examinations, cash prizes and assistance for higher studies are awarded as follows:

This benefit so far given only to the Visually Impaired. Since this scheme has been extended to Hearing Impaired also with effect from 2011-2012.

State Level

Category	For 10th Standard	For 12th Standard
First Rank	Rs.12,000	Rs.18,000/-
Second Rank	Rs.9,000/-	Rs.12,000/-
Third Rank	Rs.6,000/-	Rs.9,000/-

District Level

Category	For 10th Standard	For 12th Standard
First Rank	Rs.6000/-	Rs.12,000/-
Second Rank	Rs.4,500/-	Rs.7,500/-
Third Rank	Rs.3,000/-	Rs.4,500/-

Assistance for Higher Education:

Category	For 10th Standard	For 12th Standard
To purchase Text Books	Rs.1,000/-	Rs.3,000/-
Hostel Fees (for 10 months)	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,000/-

A sum of Rs.35.70 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

16. SCRIBE ASSISTANCE

The visually impaired students who are studying in standard 9 to standard 12 in special schools are permitted to engage scribe to attend school

examinations and a sum of Rs.100/- per paper is paid to each scribe. About 500 students studying in the following Special Schools can avail this benefit every year:-

- 1) Government Higher Secondary School for the visually impaired, Poonamallee, Chennai.
- 2) Government Girls Higher Secondary School for the visually impaired, Tiruchirappalli.
- 3) Government High School for the visually impaired, Thanjavur.
- 4) Little Flower Convent Higher Secondary School for the visually impaired, Chennai.
- 5) St. Louis Institute for the visually impaired, Chennai.
- 6) Indian Association for the visually impaired Higher Secondary School, Madurai.

A sum of Rs.11.50 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

17. PROVIDING CD PLAYERS WITH CDs CONTAINING LESSONS TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS

In Order to meet the learning needs of the visually impaired students Government is providing CD players with Head phones and lessons in CDs for standard X and XII to students studying in Government Special Schools for the Visually impaired at Poonamallee, Tiruchirapalli and Thanjavur. 149 visually impaired boys/girls have benefited under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.4.35 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

18. SPECIAL DIPLOMA COURSES FOR THE TEACHERS

Apart from regular teachers training course, special school teachers require special skills to train differently abled students having different categories of disabilities and varying degree of disabilities and therefore, training programmes are conducted for

them to provide skills to educate differently abled students. The duration of the programme is ten months. The details of the Training Programms are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Institution	Nature of Training	No. of Trainee Teachers
1	Government Higher Secondary School for the visually impaired, Poonamallee, Chennai.	Junior Diploma in teaching the visually impaired	20
2	Balavihar Training School, Kilpauk, Chennai.	Junior / Senior Diploma in Teaching the mentally challenged	20
3	Little Flower Higher Secondary School for the hearing impaired, Chennai.	Junior/Senior Diploma in teaching the hearing impaired	50

Rs.400/- per month is given as stipend to the trainees.

In addition to the above courses run by the State Government, some Non-Governmental Organisations are also conducting Diploma Courses which are recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India for Special School teachers .

A sum of Rs.12.29 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

19. ASSISTANCE TO DIFFERENTLY ABLED LAW GRADUATES

Every year 25 differently abled Law graduates are given financial assistance of Rs.3000/- each for enrolment in Bar Council as Lawyers and for purchase of Law books.

A sum of Rs. 0.75 lakhs has been provided in the Budget estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

20. TRAINING FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS THROUGH DISTRICT DIFFERENTLY ABLED WELFARE OFFICES

With an objective to generate employment opportunities for the differently abled persons, the following Training Programmes are conducted.

Sl. No.	Training	Period	Nature of Disability	No. of Trainees	Place of Training
1	Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (DMLT)	2 years	Orthopaedic and hearing impaired	48	12 Government Medical College Hospitals
2	Cell Phone Service and Maintenance	3 months	Orthopaedic	456	Government/ Aided Polytechnics
3	Computer Training	6 months	Visually impaired	10	Regional Centre of National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Poonamallee.

A stipend of Rs.300/- per month is paid to the trainees.

A sum of Rs.26.33 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

21. TRAINING FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS

The Book Binder Training Programme for the Visually Impaired persons with a duration of one year is conducted at the Government Industrial Training Centre for the Visually Impaired at Poonamallee. This Training programme is conducted for 22 Visually Impaired persons which includes boarding and lodging.

Employment opportunities have been given to 76 Visually Impaired persons who have trained in this course at Government Central Press.

A sum of Rs.5.84 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

22. TRAINING IN 'FITTER' TRADE FOR HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS IN GOVERNMENT ITI, GUINDY

A Special Training wing has been established for the Hearing Impaired persons in Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Guindy. At present 19 persons are given training in the **Fitter** trade for a period of 2 years. A stipend of Rs.300/- per month is given to the trainees during the training period.

A sum of Rs. 2.58 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

23. VOCATIONAL TRAINING WITH BOARDING AND HOSTEL FACILITIES

In order to enhance the employability of differently abled persons, Vocational Training Centres has established in 12 districts through Non Governmental Organisations, Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered to extend vocational training centres with

boarding and hostel facilities in the remaining 20 districts through Non Governmental Organisations for providing specific skills required for the identified vocational trades. 2400 differently abled persons will be benefited under this scheme in their respective districts.

A sum of Rs.38.38 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

24. SECONDARY GRADE TEACHERS TRAINING (DIPLOMA IN TEACHER EDUCATION) TO ORTHOPAEDICALLY CHALLENGED

With a view to generate employment opportunities, Secondary Grade Teachers Training Course is conducted for the differently abled persons (orthopaedically challenged) at the Government Higher Secondary School for the Visually Impaired at Poonamallee. Every year, 50 Orthopaedically Challenged students are admitted to this two years Course.

A sum of Rs.6.71 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

25. GOVERNMENT REHABILITATION HOME WITH SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED WOMEN AT POONAMALLEE

Visually Impaired Women in the age group of 18-40 years (45 years in the case of SC/ST) are admitted in the Government Rehabilitation Home with Sheltered Workshop for the visually impaired women and given training in Chalk-Piece making and Weaving. On completion of this training, they are given job in the Home itself and paid salary based on their performance. 40 women have benefited every year.

A sum of Rs.18.88 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

26. STATE RESOURCE CUM TRAINING CENTRE

The State Resource cum Training Centre was established at Chennai. All categories of differently abled persons are provided with specialized services and information under one roof by various NGOs. Disability Certificates are issued to all categories of differently abled persons .

National identity cards, Certificate for availing Railway concession, income tax exemption, 75 % bus concession with escort etc are issued to the differently abled persons with out any charges.

During the year 2011-2012, disability certificates have been issued to 7378 differently abled persons.

Early Intervention Centers for Hearing Impaired, Cerebral Palsy, Visually Impaired and Mentally Retarded have been established at this center. Children with disabilities in the age group of 0-5 years are being admitted in the Early Intervention Centers. Various Training Programmes are conducted at this center.

Early Diagnostic Centre for Hearing Impaired Children was also established. 93 Children are benefited by this centre.

Disability Information Line has been established by the AYJ National Institute for Hearing Handicapped (AYJNIHH), Mumbai. Differently Abled Persons can access telephone numbers of 24744737 / 24745233 for any information.

A sum of Rs.24.45 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

27. RESERVATION POLICY FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS:

The State Government is determined to implement the Policy of Reservation for the differently abled persons effectively. 3% vacancies / seats arising in all State / Public Sector undertakings and Educational Institutions under Managements (Government, Aided, Local Bodies) have been reserved

for the differently abled persons. Of these vacancies, 1% has been reserved for Visually Impaired, 1% for Speech and Hearing Impaired and 1% for Orthopaedically disabled. In the Education Department, in the teaching posts, 2% of vacancies have been reserved for the Visually Impaired persons and 2% of vacancies in non-teaching posts have been reserved for hearing impaired persons.

The state is following the roster pattern of the Government of India while filling up 3% vacancies in Government Departments / Undertakings for differently abled persons. Further, the vacancies earmarked for differently abled persons which were not filled up due to non-availability of differently abled persons in the recruitment year for a period of 3 years will be carried forward.

28. SPECIAL RECRUITMENT DRIVE:

Through special recruitment drive, action is being taken for filling up of the identified and reserved posts

for the Differently Abled persons and it is also being monitored.

The following action plan has been formulated:-

- 1) To issue instructions to all appointing authorities including Public Sector Undertakings, Educational Institutions/Universities to reserve 3% vacancies for differently abled in employment .
- 2) To collect information about backlog of reserved vacancies.
- 3) To report the vacancies (including backlog) to recruiting agencies such as Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Teachers Recruitment Board and Department of Employment and Training etc.,
- 4) The recruiting agency to notify the vacancies and process the applications received from the Differently Abled Persons.
- 5) Recruiting agencies to finalize the lists of selected candidates and communicate to departments concerned
- 6) Appointing authorities to issue appointment orders to the selected candidates.

All recruiting agencies have been instructed to implement the above action plan by which special

recruitment drive has been thoroughly expedited. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled has been appointed as the Nodal Officer to follow up this issue with the concerned authorities to ensure compliance.

325 differently abled persons have been appointed through Special Recruitment Drive conducted by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES

29. MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE TO SEVERELY AFFECTED DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

A sum of Rs.1000/- per month is being given as maintenance allowance to Severely Affected Differently Abled persons. It is sent directly to the residence of the beneficiaries through money order. The number of Severely Affected Differently Abled Persons (severely affected) availing maintenance allowance is 11269.

A sum of Rs. 1386.77 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

30. MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE TO PERSONS WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Persons with Muscular Dystrophy are being paid a sum of Rs.1000/- per month as maintenance allowance as it is being given to severely affected differently abled persons and persons with mental retardation. Total number of beneficiaries under the scheme is 1000.

A sum of Rs.120.78 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

31. MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE TO MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS

Mentally Retarded persons with percentage of disability 60% and above are given with maintenance allowance of Rs.1000/- per month. There is no age or income limit or restriction on the number of beneficiaries. The Maintenance Allowance is sent to the residence of the beneficiaries through money order.

For the year 2011-2012, 12,974 additional persons have been benefited. The total number of beneficiaries under the scheme is 77,112.

A sum of Rs.9107.18 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

32. UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE TO ALL CATEGORIES OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED UNEMPLOYED PERSONS:

Unemployment allowance is given to all categories of differently abled persons as detailed below:

Educational Qualification	Rate of Unemployment Allowance (per month)
i) Graduates/Post	Rs.450/-
ii) 12th Standard	Rs.375/-
iii) 10th Standard and below	Rs.300/-

Eligibility Criteria

- a) Age: Age should be between 18 to 40 years (45 years in the case of SC/ST). On completion of this age or till they get job whichever is earlier will be given allowance..
- b) Should have been in the live registers of District Employment Offices for a minimum period of one year.

22,235 differently abled persons have been benefited during 2011-12 under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.1150.08 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

33. MARRIAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

To encourage persons marrying differently abled persons, apart from the financial assistance of 25,000/-, 4 grams of gold coin for making “Thirumangalyam” for bride is being given to them. Moreover, the differently

abled persons having completed graduation / diploma is being given a sum of Rs.50,000/- and 4 grams of gold coin for making "Thirumangalyam" for bride as marriage assistance.

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Rate of Marriage Assistance	
		Graduates / Diploma Holders	Others
1.	Assistance to normal person marrying visually impaired	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.25000/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.25000/- 3. Gold Coin -4Grams	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.12500/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.12500/- 3. Gold Coin – 4 Grams

2.	Assistance to normal person marrying persons without one arm / one leg	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.25000/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.25000/- 3. Gold Coin- 4 Grams	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.12500/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.12500/- 3. Gold Coin - 4 Grams
3.	Assistance to normal person marrying speech and hearing impaired	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.25000/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.25000/- 3. Gold Coin -4 Grams	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.12500/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.12500/- 3. Gold Coin - 4 Grams

4.	Assistance to differently abled person marrying differently abled person.	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.25000/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.25000/- 3. Gold Coin – 4 Grams	1. Cash assistance for marriage expenses Rs.12500/- 2. National Savings Certificate worth Rs.12500/- 3. Gold Coin– 4 Grams
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So far, the target of beneficiaries under this scheme was 490. Since the number of pending application become more, as a special case orders were issued to clear all the pending applications from 2002-03 to 2011-2012, numbering 3,308 by making additional allocation of Rs.6.75 crores.

More over, under the scheme , by removing the ceiling completely, in future, all who have applied will receive the marriage assistance with out any delay.

A sum of Rs.219.54 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

34. HOMES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED FOR MEN:

In order to provide care and protection to Mentally Retarded persons above the age of 14 years, 7 Homes have been established for both men and women through NGOs. During the year 2011-2012, additional 10 Homes for men have been started at (1) Chennai, (2) Cuddalore, (3) Ramanathapuram, (4) Salem, (5) Sivagangai, (6) Thanjavur, (7) Namakkal, (8) Erode, (9) Tuticorin and (10) Kanyakumari Districts. The sanctioned strength in each home is 40. Vocational Training is also imparted to them to develop their skills in certain vocational trades. 750 Mentally Retarded persons have benefitted under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.204.44 lakh has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

35. HOMES FOR THE ADULT MENTALLY RETARDED GIRLS

Under this Scheme, 4 Homes are run by the Government through NGOs. During the year 2011-12 additional 10 Homes have been started at (1) Chennai, (2) Dindigul, (3) Coimbatore, (4) Krishnagiri, (5) Trichy (6) Tirunelveli, (7) Theni (8) Thiruvannamalai, (9) Kancheepuram and (10) Madurai Districts. Each home has strength of 40 and provides vocational training to inmates. 520 Mentally Retarded persons have benefitted under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.152.08 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

36. GRANT-IN-AID TO SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED

The Government provides grant-in-aid assistance to Voluntary Organisations to run Day Care Centre for the mentally challenged children in

Kattumannaarkoil and Theni. Under this scheme 85 Mentally Retarded Children have benefited.

A sum of Rs.45.39 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

37. SALARY GRANT TO SPECIAL EDUCATORS AND PHYSIOTHERAPISTS WORKING IN MENTALLY RETARDED SCHOOLS

The Government has sanctioned salary grant to 600 Special Educators and Physiotherapists employed by NGOs for providing special education and training to Mentally Retarded persons besides the salary paid to them by respective Non Governmental Organisations. The Government pays Rs.5000/- per month per person as salary.

A sum of Rs.360.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

38. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGISTERED NGOs RUNNING MENTALLY RETARDED HOMES

In order to encourage and support the registered NGOs rendering service to Mentally Retarded persons, the Government is providing financial assistance towards feeding charges for inmates, construction of building or payment of rent based on need basis. During 2011-2012, feeding charges were provided to 4245 differently abled students, rent subsidy was given to 47 special schools and a sum of Rs.5 lakhs each was given as building grant to 18 special schools.

A sum of Rs.200.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

39. DAY CARE CENTRES FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

Day Care Centres for mentally challenged children are functioning in 3 places at Theni District, benefiting 90 children. The Government is providing grant-in-aid

assistance to Non Governmental Organisations to these centres.

A sum of Rs. 9.40 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

40. "RESCUE SCHEME" – TO RESCUE MENTALLY ILL PERSONS AND ADMIT THEM INTO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND REHABILITATION HOMES

Mentally ill persons wandering in the streets and other public places are rescued and admitted in Psychiatric Hospitals / Rehabilitation Homes for the Mentally ill, duly following the procedure. This scheme is implemented through Non Governmental Organisations. 500 mentally ill persons have been rescued and admitted into hospitals for mentally ill persons/rehabilitation homes during 2011-2012.

A sum of Rs.12.40 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

41. HOMES FOR MENTALLY ILL PERSONS

11 Homes for mentally ill persons are established through Voluntary Organizations to provide food, shelter, medical assistance and rehabilitation services to 50 inmates in each home in Thoothukudi, Ramnad, Erode, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruvarur, Vellore and Salem districts. 530 mentally ill persons are being benefited under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.100.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

42. DAY CARE CENTRES FOR PERSONS WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Muscular Dystrophy is a hereditary disease which gradually reduces the function of the muscles and totally affects the individual. This disease needs continuous physiotherapy. Day Care Centres have been established in Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Vellore and Coimbatore in order to provide

physiotherapy and guidance to persons with Muscular Dystrophy. These Day care Centres are managed by Non Governmental Organisations with Government assistance and 141 persons have been benefited under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.38.70 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

43. AIDS AND APPLIANCES

The Department for the welfare of the differently abled is providing various Aids and Appliances to needy persons according to their disabilities through District Differently abled Welfare Offices as follows:-

Sl.No.	Type of Aids & Appliance	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Tricycles	518
2.	Wheel chairs	548
3.	Goggles	1108
4.	Hearing Aids	650

5.	Solar rechargeable batteries	650
6.	Folding sticks	1108
7.	Braille Watches (Male / female)	988
8.	Calipers	229
9.	Crutches	614
10.	Artificial limbs	102
11.	Modular Limb	176
12.	Special Wheel Chairs to Cerebral Palsied persons	666
	TOTAL	7,357

The above aids and appliances are given to differently abled persons to enable them to perform their day to day activities independently by overcoming the disabilities.

A sum of Rs.110.20 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

44. SUPPLY OF PETROL SCOOTERS TO THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

Petrol Scooters with retro fitment were given to 400 both limbs affected differently abled students / self employees / employees. From the year 2011-2012, instead of battery operated scooters, petrol scooters are provided. In addition to a sum of Rs.80 lakhs allotted in the 2011-2012 Budget Estimate, an additional amount of Rs.120 lakhs has been allotted. 400 persons are being benefited under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.80.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

45. BEHIND THE HEARING AIDS TO HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS

At present, only body level hearing aids are given to hearing impaired persons. Hearing Impaired persons hesitate to wear body level hearing aids and as a result their hearing ability is affected. Hence, behind the Ear model hearing aids is being provided to 1000 hearing

impaired students studying from standard VI up to college level from the year 2011-2012 and a sum of Rs.100 lakhs has been sanctioned for this scheme.

46. TRAVEL CONCESSION TO THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS IN STATE OWNED TRANSPORT CORPORATION BUSES

The State Government is implementing the scheme for providing different types of travel concession without charges to various differently abled persons to travel in the State owned Transport Corporation buses as detailed below: -

- i) The Visually impaired persons are permitted to travel without charges in the Government Transport Corporation buses upto 100 Kms from their residence without any condition.
- ii) All other differently abled persons are permitted to avail travel concession in order to pursue their education, visit hospitals, training centres and undertake employment, with certain conditions.
- iii) The visually impaired and orthopaedically affected differently abled persons are permitted to travel to their native places and back within the State once in a year in Express buses.

- iv) The Persons with mental retardation are permitted to travel with one escort, without charges and without ceiling on income.
- v) All categories of differently abled persons are permitted to avail 75% concession to travel any place in the State in all types of buses except AC buses without any restrictions on the number of trips. 75% concession is also given to the escorts who accompanies the differently abled person who can not travel alone.

10,23,752 trips were performed by differently abled persons under these schemes.

A sum of Rs.708.21 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

SELF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMMES

47. SELF-EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

Effective steps are being taken to assist the differently abled persons to avail loans from Nationalised Banks towards their self-employment

ventures, and micro enterprises including setting up of bunk stalls. Subsidy equal to 1/3 of the loan amount or Rs.3000/- whichever is less, is provided by the Government. Bunk stall subsidy of Rs.5,000/- or 1/3 of the loan amount whichever is less is given to the differently abled persons, who desire to install Bunk stall in public places, except Chennai Corporation areas. 1050 persons have benefited under these Schemes.

The State Government is taking effective steps to provide assistance for self-employment ventures through schemes sponsored by the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, Government of India. A sum of Rs.8.00 crores have been given as a Block Government Guarantee by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

A sum of Rs.40.50 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme

48. 100% FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS MARGIN MONEY FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS UNDER PRIME MINISTER'S EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME

The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme aims at enhancing employment opportunities in rural as well as urban areas through setting up of new self-employment ventures/projects/micro enterprises. The maximum cost of the project admissible is Rs.25 lakh under the manufacturing sector and Rs.10 lakh under business/ service sector. To avail a loan under this scheme the borrower should bear 5% of the margin money. This amount will be paid by the State Government as grant.

Beneficiaries for grant of margin money will be selected by the Selection Committee headed by the District Collector. District Differently Abled Welfare Officers should collect applications from differently abled persons and recommend to the Selection Committee. For the selected beneficiaries, financial

assistance towards 5% margin money will be sanctioned totally free. The money will be drawn by the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer and disbursed through District Industries Centre / Khadi Village Industries Commission. 38 beneficiaries have benefited under this scheme.

A sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

49. DISTRIBUTION OF MOTORISED SEWING MACHINE

Due to advancement in Science and Technology, motorized sewing machines are provided to locomotor handicapped and speech and hearing impaired to improve their employment opportunities. 1593 differently abled persons have been provided with priceless motorized sewing machines.

A sum of Rs.73.85 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

50. “VAZHIKATTUM THITTAM” FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

The main aim of the scheme is to provide, community based rehabilitation to Differently Abled persons. This scheme is implemented in all the 32 districts through NGO's. In each gram panchayat one Welfare Worker is appointed. In other areas, one Welfare Worker is appointed for every 6000 normal population, for every one lakh normal population, one Welfare Organizer for Differently Abled person is appointed. The role of Welfare Worker for the Differently Abled person and Welfare organizer for the Differently Abled person is to create awareness, identification, assessment and to provide rehabilitation service to the differently abled persons.

17053 Welfare Workers of Differently Abled Persons (WWDAP) and 629 Welfare Organisers for Differently Abled Persons (WODAP) were appointed for this purpose by the Non-Governmental Organisations.

A sum of Rs.150.43 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

51. VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND

The scheme to provide compensation to Differently Abled Persons when they become victims of major crimes, like murder, rape and grievous injury. "Tamil Nadu Victim Assistance Fund for Differently Abled Persons" has been created in all districts for this purpose. Rs.1,00,000/- has been allotted to each district.

In the case of murder Rs.10,000/- will be paid to the legal heir and in case of grievous injuries Rs.5,000/- will be paid to victim and in case of rape Rs.5,000/- will be paid to victim.

- a) During the course of the legal proceedings, an allowance at the rate of Rs.200/- per day or Rs.2,000/- as maximum will be given.
- b) A sum of Rs.500/- will be given as travelling allowance per day to the advocate who provides free legal assistance and Rs.300/- per day as sitting fees.

- c) Daily allowance of Rs.300/- (other than other allowances) will be given to the sign language interpreter who assist the differently abled persons with hearing impairment in courts/police stations.

"District Victims Assistance Committee for Differently Abled Persons" is formed and it is headed by District Collector with District Superintendent of Police/City Police Commissioner and District Differently Abled Welfare Officers as Members.

52. TAMIL NADU WELFARE BOARD FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

The Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for the Differently Abled Persons was formed by an enactment of the Legislative Assembly in the year 2007.

The following social security and welfare schemes are being implemented through the Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for Differently Abled Persons.

(1)	Personal Accident Relief:	
	The Compensation provided under the scheme is as follows :	
(a)	Death	Rs.1,00,000/-
(b)	Loss of both lower or upper limb or total dysfunction	Rs.1,00,000/-
(c)	Loss of any one lower or upper limb or eyesight or total dysfunction	Rs.50,000/-
(d)	Permanent total disability other than those specified in items (b) and (c) above	Rs.25,000/-
(2)	Assistance to meet the funeral expenses of a differently abled person	Rs.2,000/-
(3)	Assistance on the natural death of a differently abled person	Rs.15,000/-
(4)	Assistance for education of the son or daughter of a Differently abled Person :	
(a)	(i) if the daughter of the applicant is studying in 10th Standard.	Rs.1000/-
	(ii) if the son or daughter of the applicant had passed the 10th Standard examination	Rs.1,000/-
(b)	(i) if the daughter of an applicant is studying in +1 Standard	Rs.1,000/-

(c)	(i) if the daughter of the applicant is studying in +2 Standard	Rs.1,500/-
	(ii) if the son or daughter of the applicant had passed the +2 examination	Rs.1,500/-
(d)	(i) if the son or daughter of the applicant is studying in regular Bachelor Degree Course, (for every academic year of the course)	Rs.1,500/-
	(ii) if the son or daughter studying in the course and staying in the hostel.	Rs.1,750/-
	(iii) If the son or daughter of the applicant studying in regular Post Graduate Course (for every academic year of the course)	Rs.2,000/-
	(iv) if the son or daughter studying the course and staying in the hostel	Rs.3,000/-

	(e) (i)	If the son or daughter of the applicant is studying a Professional Course in Law or Engineering or Medical or Veterinary Science or Allied Courses, (for every academic year of the course)	Rs.2000/-
	(ii)	if the son or daughter studying in the course and staying in the hostel	Rs.4,000/-
	(iii)	If the son or daughter of the applicant is studying a Post Graduate Professional Course (for every academic year of the course)	Rs.4,000/-
	(iv)	if the son or daughter studying the course and staying in the hostel	Rs.6,000/-
	(f) (i)	if the son or daughter of the applicant is studying in Industrial Training Institute or Polytechnic Course, (for every academic year of the course)	Rs.1,000/-

	(ii)	if the son or daughter studying the course and staying in the hostel.	Rs.1,200/-
(5)	Assistance for Marriage		Rs.2,000/-
	Where both husband and wife have applied or assistance under this clause, one of them alone shall be eligible for such assistance:		
(6)	Assistance for delivery or miscarriage of pregnancy or termination of pregnancy to a differently abled female members		
	(i)	Delivery	Rs.6,000/- (@ Rs.1,000/- per month for six months)
	(ii)	Miscarriage	Rs.3,000/-
	(iii)	Termination of pregnancy	Rs.3,000/-
(7)		Assistance for purchase of spectacles by a differently abled person	Rs.500/-

A sum of Rs.100.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

53. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

International Day of the Differently Abled Persons is observed on 3rd December every year by the State Government in accordance with the Declaration of the United Nations Organisation. The main aim of observing this day is to encourage the differently abled persons to show their skills and abilities in various fields of Arts and Sports. On the International Day of the Differently Abled, "State Level Sports Meet" is also conducted. As many as 5000 differently abled children participate from all over the State. Several sports and games are conducted and prizes are distributed to winners and certificates issued to all the participants. On this day, cultural programmes are also conducted and State Awards are distributed to the Best Employer, Best Social Worker, Best Employee, Best Teacher and Best Institution, who render outstanding service for the welfare of the differently abled persons. Aids and Appliances are also distributed on this occasion. The Government have issued orders granting special casual leave for this day

to all differently abled persons employed in Government Departments / Undertakings to enable them to participate in the function. This facility was extended to Differently Abled persons working in Transport Corporations.

Details of State Awards given on the occasion of International Day of the Differently Abled (On 3rd December of every year) are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Award	Nature of Award
1	Best Employer Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
2	Best Employee Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
3	Best Teacher Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
4	Best Institution Award – Welfare of the Differently Abled	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
5	Best Institution – SSA Scheme	10 Grams of Gold Medal and certificate

A sum of Rs.7.00 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

54. STATE AWARDS

To encourage persons rendering distinguished service for the welfare of the differently abled persons, the following State Awards have been instituted by the Government and distributed on Independence Day:-

Details of State Awards given on the occasion of Independence Day are as follows:

S.No.	Name of the Award	Nature of Award
1	Best Employer Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
2	Best Institution Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal, Cash Prize of Rs.50,000/- and Certificate
3	Best Social worker Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
4	Best Doctor Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
5	Best Collector Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal, Certificate and Cash prize of Rs.25,000/-

6	Best District Differently Abled Welfare Officer Award	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate
7	Best District Central-Co-operative Bank	10 Grams of Gold Medal and Certificate

A sum of Rs.2.86 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

55. NATIONAL AWARDS

National Awards are given by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India on the occasion of International Day of the differently abled persons, observed on 3rd December every year.

The Awards are presented to Best Employee, Employer, Placement Officer, Institution, Individual, Creative person, Creative Children, Best Role Model,

Best Barrier free environment, Best Braille Printing Press, Best Agency for implementing National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation Schemes and New Technological Innovations useful for the differently abled persons. Every year, 70 National Awards in 13 categories are given by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

56. GOVERNMENT REHABILITATION HOMES

The concept of Rehabilitation homes for leprosy affected persons indulging in begging was introduced by the Government and 10 Homes were started. These Government Rehabilitation Homes are providing medical assistance and rehabilitation measures to persons suffering from leprosy . These Homes are functioning in the following places.

1. Paranur, Kanchipuram District
2. Ulundurpet, Villupuram District
3. Bargur, Krishnagiri District
4. Pudukottai, Pudukkottai District

5. Manaeripatti, Thanjavur District
6. Y. Pudupatti, Madurai District
7. Mallavadi, Tiruvannamalai District
8. Selliampatti, Dharmapuri District
9. Deviyakurichi, Salem District
10. Vinnapalli, Erode District

Each Government Rehabilitation Home has a sanctioned strength of 400 adults and 25 children. Admission is voluntary after confirmation of the Medical Specialist. The Government Rehabilitation Home, Ulundurpet admits leprosy affected persons indulging in begging and convicted by the Judicial Magistrates.

The patient is admitted along with his or her family members. They will be discharged from the Home either on their fully recovered health condition or based on disciplinary action.

Inmates are provided with free boarding, lodging, clothing, medical facilities and recreation facilities. Able inmates are trained in weaving, cloth weaving, tailoring

and shoe-making. They are paid wages for the goods produced by them.

The feeding charges for inmates is provided at the rate of Rs.25/- per day for adults and Rs.15/- per day for children. A sum of Rs.5/- per inmate is sanctioned as additional feeding charge to prepare special food for the occasion of the celebration of Pongal, Deepavali and Gandhi Jayanthi. Two sets of clothes are distributed every year along with free dhoties and sarees during Pongal festival. Every year, Micro Cellular rubber footwear and mats are supplied. Plates and tumblers are supplied once in 5 years and blankets are supplied once in 3 years. Text books and note books are also given free of cost to the children of the inmates from 1st Standard to 12th Standard.

Inmates are given necessary medical assistance. Funds are allotted to each Home to meet the financial expenditure on the following items:-

Sl. No.	Item	Expenditure allotted per annum
1.	Supply of Special type of shoes and artificial limbs (for needy inmates)	Rs.1000/-
2.	Purchase of Spectacles	Rs.2000/-
3.	Tooth Brush and Tooth Powder	Rs.2500/-
4.	Sports Materials	Rs.1200/-
5.	Musical Instruments	Rs.400/-
6.	Funeral expenses	Rs.500/-

As per the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister, a sum of Rs.522 lakhs was allotted to construct a new buildings of Government Rehabilitation Homes at Paranur, Madurai and Pudukottai.

A sum of Rs.768.57 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

57. GOVERNMENT CARE CAMP, MELPAKKAM

The Tamil Nadu Prevention of Beggary Act was enacted in the year 1945. The Government Care Camp at Melpakkam was started on 1-3-1954 with a sanctioned strength of 950 members (Male 770 and Female 180). The persons convicted by the Judicial Magistrates are kept in the Home and provided with free boarding, lodging, clothing, medical facilities. They are also given training in various trades like weaving, carpentry, pottery and tailoring.

Two towels, two sets of shirts and shorts to the male inmates and two sets of sarees and blouses to the female inmates are supplied once in a year. Apart from this, free dhoties and sarees are supplied on the Pongal Day. Inmates are provided with mats, bed sheets, plates and coconut oil etc. On completion of the conviction period, they are sent back to their native places.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister, a sum of Rs.36 lakhs was allotted to construct compound wall for this home.

A sum of Rs.67.45 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2012-2013 for this scheme.

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MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE**

**PART – II NEW SCHEMES
2012-2013**

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Allotment (Rs.in lakhs)
I	Secretariat Department	
1	Purchase of furniture for the use of Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary to Government, Personal Computer to the Personal Clerk attached to Deputy Secretary to Government and purchase of Photo Copier machine with Fax and Duplicator for the use of all sections of Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Department	6.69
II	Commissionerate for the Welfare of the Differently Abled	
1	Construction of Hostel in Poonamallee for working Differently Abled Persons	80.00
2	Establishment of Regional State Resource cum Training Centre at Trichy through NGO – Outsourcing	60.51
3	Construction of Additional Class Rooms for Government Institute for Mentally Retarded, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai – 47.	60.00

4	Regional Early Diagnostic Centre for the Hearing Impaired in Coimbatore and Trichy	39.00
5	Construction of Additional Class Rooms for Early Intervention Centre at State Resource cum Training Centre at Chennai.	28.80
6	Solar Water Heater for Government Special Schools (Deaf, Blind and Ortho)	15.00
7	Purchase of new car for the use State Commissioner for Differently Abled, Chennai.	10.00
	Total	300.00