

Mizoram

Introduction

The Department of Social Welfare is responsible for the welfare of persons with disabilities in Mizoram. The state has an estimated population of 16,011¹ persons with disabilities in a total population of 1,091,014² people.

1. General Entitlements

- a. The Government of Mizoram provides artificial limb fitting to the needy disabled persons.

2. Women and Children with Disabilities

- a. There are no schemes for women and children with disabilities in the state of Mizoram.

3. Education

- a. Students with disabilities are provided stipends by the government as a means to encouragement them to continue with their education.

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Description
1.	Education stipends	Students in primary, pre-matriculation, secondary and senior secondary school are provided stipends in the range of Rs. 30 to Rs. 80 per month based on their class.

4. Skill Development and Employment

- a. The Government of Mizoram offers Economic Rehabilitation to Handicapped Persons, and provides them with employment opportunities. The Government has introduced payment of stipend to those disabled person that are educated and it provides reservations for Persons with Disabilities in all categories of Government posts. The Mizoram Government has also set up tailoring and shoe making training centres for persons with disabilities, along with hostel and living facilities in the same.

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Description
1.	Economic Rehabilitation to Handicapped Persons Scheme	Grant-in-aid is given in cash to handicapped persons as per individual need. In addition, sewing machines and cobbler tools are given in kind.
2.	Unemployment Allowances	Educated unemployed persons with disabilities who are registered in the

1. <http://socialjustice.nic.in/statewisedisabled.php>

2. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mizoram>

		Employment Exchange for more than 3 years and who could not be placed in any gainful occupation are given a stipend of Rs. 250 per month.
3.	Reservation in Government jobs	The State Government notified 3% reservation in all categories of posts and identified in Group 'A', 'B' 'C' and 'D' for persons suffering from (i) Blindness or Low vision. (ii) Hearing impaired (iii) Locomotor Disability.
4.	Training Centers ³	In the trade of tailoring and shoe making, training centres for persons with disabilities are run by the State Government at Aizawl and Lunglei. Sewing machines, treddle machines and cobbler tools are given free of cost to the trainees after they have completed one year of training. Separate male and female hostel facilities are also provided

5. Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation

- a. The Government of Mizoram provides financial assistance in the form of aids, appliances, pensions etc, to Persons with Disabilities. The State Government has also set up Districts Disability Rehabilitation Centers for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities.

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Description
1.	Disability Pension Scheme	Provides a pension amount of Rs. 250 per month to 200 persons with disabilities of blindness and who are bedridden.
2.	Financial assistance	Financial assistance, prsothetic aids, hearing aids and wheel chairs are provided to identified persons with disabilities. Crutches are given to needy persons with disabilities free of cost.
3.	Rehabilitation Issuing Authority: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with the support of State Government of Mizoram has set up 3 DDRCs in Mizoram. These function with a broad objective of identifying, early detection,

3. <http://socialwelfare.mizoram.gov.in/page/welfare-of-handicapped.html>

		<p>providing assistive devices and providing Orientation Training to teachers, Community members working in the field of disability etc. The 3 (three) Districts Disability Rehabilitation Centres in Mizoram are:-</p> <p>Christian Hospital, Serkawn Lunglei Society for the Mentally Handicapped Kolasib and Mamit District</p> <p>Indian Red Cross Society, Mizoram State Branch</p>
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6. Accessibility

- a. The government of Mizoram is yet to implement schemes and policies under accessibility.

7. Certification

- a. The government provides disability certificates to persons with disabilities.

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1.	Disability Certificates	The Government of Mizoram facilitates the obtaining of the certificate for persons with severe or multiple disabilities. It also provides these facilities to those persons who apply for assistance by inviting the medical authority at Block/ Tehsil/ Mandal level or as admissible so that distance may not act as deterrent and so that such persons do not face harassment.

8. Schemes & Grants for Organisations & Individuals for Disabilities

- a. Under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DRRS) selected projects proposed by NGOs are forwarded to Central Government for consideration to make them eligible for grants-in-aid.

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1.	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DRRS)	Projects/Schemes proposed by NGOs are inspected by the Department of Social Welfare and recommended to the State Level Committee. Selected projects are forwarded to the concerned Ministry of Central Government to received Grant-in-Aid.

9. Disability Authorities

Mizoram has two authorities responsible for the welfare of persons with disabilities:

- a. Department of Social Welfare
- b. Commissioner for Disabilities