

Creating a National Resource Kit of Laws, Policies and Programmes for Persons with Disabilities

Quarterly Programmatic Report (February 15, 2014 to May 15, 2014)

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Highlights

- During this quarter (February 2014 to May 2014) draft chapters containing central schemes and notifications, and landmark judgements were published for comments and feedback. With this we have completed the first draft of the National Resource Kit that consists of central and state-wise policies, schemes and notifications and landmark judgements.
- As part of the collaboration with the office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD), chapters were restructured to make it in sync with the format of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill 2012. Chapters for all 29 states, 6 union territories and central notifications were completed and shared with the office of the CCPD for feedback. The office has forwarded the individual chapters to respective states for comments. Responses received from four states have been shared with CIS.
- The office of the CCPD has shared a standard template for presenting state-wise data and has required all state chapters to be presented in the new template. Two states have been completed and submitted for comments.
- CIS is collaborating on a project undertaken by the University of Michigan and National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) to develop a web resource on policies and schemes for persons with disabilities in India. Information compiled for the National Resource Kit will be mirrored on this website.

The following report covers activities from mid-February 2014 to mid-May 2014:

Summary

We gathered information and prepared draft chapters on central government policies, schemes and notifications, and on landmark judgements. Both these chapters have been published for comments.

Based on the template discussed with the office of the CCPD, chapters have been restructured for Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, NCT of Delhi, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Puducherry. These are published on the website and have been shared with the office of the CCPD for feedback.

The office of the CCPD has subsequently shared the state chapters with the respective states for comments. Goa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Lakshadweep have responded with comments. The office of the CCPD has shared a standard template for presenting information for each state and has required that the state chapters be presented in the standard format. The chapters on Goa and Tripura have been reworked and submitted to the CCPD for feedback.

National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH-Trivandrum) is <u>working on a project with the University of Michigan to create a web resource of policies, schemes and notifications for persons with disabilities</u>. CIS is collaborating on this project and will contribute the information on state and central policies, schemes and notifications that have been compiled for the National Resource Kit project.

Government Communication

CIS had sent RTI application to the Department of Disability Affairs – Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to seek information on the central schemes for education and employment. Response has been received from the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) on some of the schemes on education and employment that are being implemented through them.

The Chapters

The following chapters were published in this quarter:

- <u>Central Schemes and Notifications</u> (by Anandhi Viswanathan and CLPR, April 27, 2014).
- Summary of Judgments on Disability Rights (by CLPR, May 15, 2014).

The below given chapters were restructured based on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill 2012:

- Arunachal Pradesh (by CLPR)
- Assam (by CLPR)
- Bihar (by CLPR)
- Goa (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Jharkhand (by CLPR)
- Karnataka (by CLPR)
- Kerala (by Anandhi Viswanathan)

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- Madhya Pradesh (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Maharashtra (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Manipur (by CLPR)
- Meghalaya (by CLPR)
- Mizoram (by CLPR)
- NCT of Delhi (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Nagaland (by CLPR)
- Odisha (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Punjab (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Rajasthan (by CLPR)
- Sikkim (by CLPR)
- Tamil Nadu (by CLPR)
- Tripura (by CLPR)
- Uttar Pradesh (by CLPR)
- Uttarakhand (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- West Bengal (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands (by CLPR)
- Chandigarh (by CLPR)
- Dadra & Nagar Haveli (by CLPR)
- Daman & Diu (by Anandhi Viswanathan)
- Puducherry (by Anandhi Viswanathan)

The entire restructured chapters can be accessed here.