

Scheme of Integrated Education for The Disabled Children

This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched in 1974 by the Department of Social Welfare and after transferred to Dept. of Education in 1982. Under the scheme handicapped children are sought to be integrated in normal school system.

The Hearing Handicapped (mild and moderate impaired only) are provided following allowance and facilities under this scheme:

- a. Books and stationery allowance of Rs.400/- p.a.
- b. Uniform allowance of Rs.50/- p.a.
- c. Transport allowance of Rs.50/- per month (if a disabled child admitted under the scheme residing in a hostel of the school within the school premises, no transportation charges would be admissible).

Disabled children residing in school hostels within the same institution where they are studying may also be paid boarding and lodging charges as admissible under Govt. rules/schemes.

Where there is no State scheme of scholarships to hostellers, the disabled children, whose parents income does not exceed Rs.3000/- per month, may be paid actual boarding and lodging charges subject to maximum of Rs.200/-p.m.

For further details/procedures please contact the nearest authority of State Department of Social Welfare

The 'National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation' has been incorporated by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India on 24th January, 1997 under section 25 of the companies Act., 1956 as a company not for profit. It is wholly owned by Government of India and has an authorised share capital of Rs.400 crores (Rupees Four Hundred crores only).

Objectives:

- a. Promote economic development activities for the benefit of the persons with disabilities.
- b. Promote self-employment and other ventures for the benefit/economic rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities.
- c. Assist individuals with disabilities or group of individuals with disabilities by way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects.
- d. Grant concessional finance in selected cases for the persons with disability in the country in collaboration with Government Ministries/Departments at State level to the extent of the budgetary assistance granted by the Government of India to the company.
- e. Extend loans to the persons with disability for pursuing general/professional/technical education for training at graduate and higher levels.
- f. Assist in the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of persons with disability for proper and efficient management of production units.
- g. Set up training, quality control, process development, technology, common facility centers and other infrastructural activities for the proper rehabilitation/upliftment of the handicapped persons in support of their economic pursuits.

- h. Assist the State level organisations to deal with the development of the persons with disability by way of providing financial assistance and in obtaining commercial funding or by way or refinancing.
- i. Work as an apex institution for channelising the funds through State Finance Corporation for the Handicapped or through corresponding Corporations authorised by State Govts./Boards set up by Union Government/State Government/Union Territory Administrations and Voluntary Organisations. The NHFDC will receive proposals for financial assistance through above mentioned organizations and sanction loans and margin money to the beneficiaries for disbursement through these organizations.
- j. Assist self-employed individuals/group of individuals or registered factories/companies/cooperatives of disabled persons in marketing their finished goods and assist in procurement of raw materials.
- k. To develop, operate and implement specific pilot programmes, projects and schemes in India in support of promotion of the self employment, economic activities of the handicapped persons with a view of introducing innovations, technological up-gradation and bridging the critical gaps of infrastructure, input supply, output processing and marketing.
- l. To undertake and/or support technically, managerially or financially research and evaluation studies, techno-economic and related surveys, preparation and appraisal of project reports and documents, feasibility and other studies for developing viable programmes, projects, schemes for the benefit of handicapped.

- m. To establish, maintain, subscribe or to subsidise or become member of training institutions, research laboratories research institutions and experimental experiments.

Scheme for Financing Projects:

The corporation can assist a wide range of income regenerating activities. Infrastructure development schemes alone will not qualify for financing unless it leads directly to income generation.

For a disabled person living below the income/economic criteria, the proposals should be such which generate adequate income to the disabled person to rise above the economic criteria limit.

1. Self employment in Small Business e.g. Service/Trading sector:

Loan will be provided for self employment of disabled persons in service sector or for trading activity. The Small Business, project or activity for which financial assistance has been sought, will have to be operated by the disabled person himself and employing at least 15 % disabled persons in his venture.

Maximum loan available under this scheme is Rs.2.50 lakh.

Indicative areas of financing are:

- a. Shops or Stores of any type
- b. Workshops or repair shops or service centres
- c. Health centre/Beauty parlour
- d. Computer centre (training & job work)
- e. Studio/Photography
- f. Printing press
- g. Telephone/Fax/Email booth
- h. Tailoring

- i. Travel agency
- j. Xerox centre
- k. Transport service
- l. Poultry farming
- m. Handicraft
- n. Brassware
- o. Dealership
- p. Franchise
- q. School for disabled
- r. Weaving
- s. Book Binding
- t. Leather work
- u. Physiotherapy
- v. Music schools
- w. Computer hardware Dealership
- x. Dealership of petroleum products
- y. Candle and chalk making

2. Assistance to Disabled Entrepreneurs:

Loan may be provided for manufacturing, fabrication and production activity. The disabled person will be the owner/chief executive of the company and employing at least 15% disabled persons.

Maximum amount of loan provided under the scheme is Rs.20.00 lakh.

Illustrative list is given below:

- a. Ancillary products manufacturing
- b. Software development and marketing
- c. Fisheries
- d. Dairy farming
- e. Diamond cutting and polishing
- f. Food processing
- g. Garments Manufacturing
- h. Potteries
- i. Furniture manufacturing including moulded furniture
- j. Plastic moulding
- k. Agro based industry
- l. Herbal products
- m. Packaging

Any other suitable manufacturing/processing activity besides above

3. Assistance to Disabled for Higher Studies or Professional Training:

Towards the fulfillment of the overall objectives of empowerment and development of disabled persons in the country, the Corporation provides financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries in two components viz., educational /training grants and loans (In pursuance of objective (5) & (6) of MOA).

Financial assistance from the corporation would flow towards training and Education requirements of the disabled groups under both formal and non-formal education/training, which would impart useful knowledge and skill. Formal training would equip the beneficiary to improve his/her chances of employment and self-employment through completing appropriate vocational/academic

courses leading to the certificate /diploma or other qualification. While higher education (under graduate, post-graduate and doctoral studies) applications would be considered for loan whereas applications for technical education/ training leading to diplomas and certificates will be considered as grants, which would meet the beneficiary's expenses towards both tuition fees and hostel facilities provided no other financial assistance or concession(s) is available from any other source for this purpose.

Channelising Agencies are required to furnish lists of recognised institutions identified for imparting training in these areas, which will be approved by the Corporation.

Additionally, technical training including non-formal training wherever required will not form part of the project and the expenditure incurred therein will not form part of a loan.

4. Assistance for Agricultural Activities:

Loan assistance is provided to disabled persons for:

- a. Agriculture production and related field such as irrigation, purchase of agriculture machinery, horticulture, sericulture etc.
- b. Purchase of equipment for agriculture services such as custom service (pesticide, spray, harvesting etc.) custom hiring of agriculture machinery.
- c. Agriculture marketing (through co-operative societies/Association of disabled farmers), Setting up grading and packing houses, purchase of transport vehicles for marketing of agriculture produce etc.
- d. Purchase of land for agriculture purpose by individual disabled person or by co-operative societies of disabled persons.
- e. Commission agents at Mandi Samities.

- f. Small business such as retail outlets for marketing Organic fertilizers, Pesticides/insecticides. Improved variety of seeds, farm machinery etc. Maximum loan available under this scheme is Rs.5.00 lakh.

5. Scheme to Promote Manufacturing/Production of Assistive Devices for Disabled persons:

Loan Assistance is provided for setting up small scale industry for manufacturing aids and appliances developed under R & D programmes of Government/academic institutions of repute for disabled within the country. The company should employ disabled persons.

Maximum loan available under this scheme is Rs.25.00 lakh.

6. Assistance for Skills & Entrepreneurial Development Programmes:

- a. Financial assistance in the form of loan is provided to the channelising agencies, reputed NGO's, RRTC's and recognised technical institutions for imparting skills and entrepreneurial development training to disabled persons. Financial assistance is also provided for setting up vocational training centres including computer training centre, exclusively for imparting skills and entrepreneurial development training to disabled persons.
- b. The proposals for loan should necessarily indicate placement/self employment opportunities to the disabled after training.
- c. Financial assistance in the form of loan will also be available for upgradation of skills of disabled workers and entrepreneurs who have set up units with the financial assistance from NHFDC.

7. Scheme to Promote Self Employment amongst Persons with Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy and Autism:

Persons with mental retardation, cerebral palsy or autism may not be eligible to seek loan and enter into a legal contract. In such cases following categories of persons are eligible for financial assistance from NHFDC.

- a. Parents of dependent mentally retarded persons.
- b. Spouse of dependent mentally retarded persons.

Persons seeking loan from NHFDC under this category should encourage self employment of the mentally retarded persons. Projects should be identified in such a way that there is direct involvement and participation of the beneficiary in the project.

Indicative areas for financing are:

- iii. Shop or store
- iv. Assembling unit
- v. Workshop or repair shop
- vi. Envelop making unit
- vii. Pickle, papad, wadi making unit
- viii. Home unit for making squash, jam etc.
- ix. Bakery
- x. Xerox Centre
- xi. Tailoring unit
- xii. DTP Centre
- xiii. Screen Printing
- xiv. Poultry
- xv. Dairy Farming
- xvi. Horticulture

xvii. Handloom Unit

xviii. Block, textile printing

Maximum loan available under this scheme is Rs.2.50 lakhs

**For Application Form for Financial Assistance and Further Details Please Contact:
National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation
(Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India)
Red Cross Bhavan, (opp. Mini Secretariat)
Sector – 12, Faridabad – 121 007 (Haryana)**

State Govt.schemes

Andhra Pradesh

(Andhra Pradesh Vikalagula Cooperative Corporation was set up in the year 1981 in the International year of the disabled to look after the welfare of the handicapped. A separate directorate for the welfare of the handicapped came into existence in 1983. These two organizations are working for the betterment of the disabled in the state)

1. **Concerned Officer:**

The Secretary to Government Women's Development, Child Welfare, & Labour Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Hyderabad.

2. **Reservation**

- a. In Government Job: In Gr. 'C' and 'D' posts under the Government reservation are provided in direct recruitment for physically handicapped persons as indicated below:

Category of handicapped	Percentage of reservation
Visually handicapped	1%
Orthopaedically handicapped	1%
Hearing handicapped	1%
Reservation for The Handicapped	

b. **In Educational Institutions:**

- 2% seats are reserved in I.T.I's
- 3% seats are reserved in Government B.Ed colleges and T.T.C's
- 1% each in 3 regions of the Engineering Colleges of State of A.P
- ¼ in MBBS course

c. **InFairPriceShop:**

3% reservation is given to PH persons in allotment of fair price shop by Civil Supply Department. Priority is given to PH persons in sanction of ration card.

d. **InHousingBoard:**

2% quota in the houses constructed by the A.P. Housing Board is reserved for handicapped persons under hire purchase scheme. The handicapped beneficiaries are allowed to pay the contribution for allotment of houses in instalments.

3. **Age relaxation:** The upper age limit is relaxed by 10 years for handicapped persons for applying in Government jobs.
4. **Scholarship/stipend:** The State Government awards scholarship to the disabled students (OH VH HH) at the following rate:

Scholarship for The disabled students

1. **Disability Pension:** The State Government has sanctioned disability pension @ Rs.75/-p.m to disabled irrespective of age.
2. **Unemployment allowance:** Rs.50/- p.m. is offered to unemployed disabled persons in the age group of 18 to 60 years and to those whose two limbs are deformed and whose annual income is less than Rs.12,000/-p.a
3. **Conveyance allowance:** The State Government have been allowing conveyance allowance to their employees who are totally blind or Orthopaedically Handicapped at the rate of 10% of basic pay subject to maximum of Rs.175/- The same concession is also applicable to the employees working in the Public Sector Undertakings, State Electricity Board and Universities.

Class	Amount
I to V	Rs.35/-p.m
VI to VIII	Rs.50/-p.m
IX, X and intermediate	Rs.85/-p.m
Degree course	Rs.125/-p.m
PGCourse, Inplant trg. Professional Courses	Rs.170/-p.m

8.Bus Concession: The disabled persons are entitled to free bus journey in the city and in the suburban buses with escorts. In other buses they get 50% concession.

8. Economic assistance for self employment:

- a. Loan amount upto Rs.3000/- with subsidy are provided to the disabled persons for opening a stall. An advance of Rs.500/- is also provided for the opening a booth and nominal rates are charged afterwards.

- b. Subsidy on loan: Free grant upto Rs.3000/- with subsidy to an extent of 30% is given. On direct loans the subsidy rate is 50%. When banks come forward to sanction loan, they will be sanctioned subsidy out of this scheme.
 - c. Implementation of 3% reservation in selection of beneficiaries for self employment in IRDP schemes.
 - d. Loans available to disabled persons at different rate of interest from State Financial Corporation and other Financial Institution
9. **Concession/grace time in exams:** Grace time of 30 minutes is given to the blind in all exams upto secondary level. They are also exempted from drawing diagrams and location of diagrams, language exemption is available for deaf.
10. **Incentive for Marrying a disabled:** An incentive of Rs.3000/- is offered to normal person for marrying a disabled.
11. **Exemption in Professional Tax/Road Tax:** Professional tax exemption is available to completely blind and to crippled persons.
12. **Assistance for purchase of aids and appliances:** Free aids and appliances are given to those handicapped persons whose parent's annual income is not more than Rs.14,400/-. 50% concession is given to those disabled person whose parent's annual income is between Rs.14,000/- to Rs.30,000/-
13. **Other facilities:**
- i. Hostel facilities: Handicapped students are provided free boarding and lodging facility at the rate of not exceeding Rs.210/- p.m. Inmates are paid Rs.100/- per annum for clothing. Diet charges of Rs.240/- p.m. is also provided to the adults in Government Homes for Physically Handicapped.
 - ii. Relaxation of age for admission in I.T.I's: 10 years of age relaxation is given for the disabled students for admission in I.T.I's.

- iii. Financial assistance to law graduates: An amount of Rs.1700/- is given to the handicapped law graduates to enrolment in Bar Council. Financial assistance for purchase of books is also given to them.
- iv. Free tape recorder is given to the blind students and cassettes on loan basis duly enrolling the students in sound library as per the guidelines worked out from time to time.
- v. Readers allowance available for visually handicapped lecturers and teachers on slab basis ranging from Rs.200 to Rs.300/- p.m.
- vi. Reimbursement of tuition fees to the professionals to the extent of Rs.4000/- p.a.
- vii. Training Centres for Teachers of Visually Handicapped: 22 teachers are being imparted training in one academic year with a view to provide qualified teachers to teach the blind under NIVH.
- viii. Residential schools: 4 Residential schools for visually handicapped and another 4 residential schools for hearing handicapped are being run.
- ix. Homes and Hostels: 42 Homes and Hostels for Orthopaedically Handicapped/Visually Handicapped/Hearing Handicapped/Aged Women are being run through out the state.
- x. Separate Institution for Partially Deaf Children: A separate Institution exclusively for the partially deaf children is being run for providing education upto Class VIII.
- xi. Scholarship to Mentally Retarded Children: An amount of Rs.1000/- is being sanctioned as scholarship to M.R children admitted into special school meant for them and whose parents income does not exceed Rs.12,000/-p.a This scheme is limited to children who are not admitted into such special school run by NGOs who are not in receipt of grant in aid from Government of India.
- xii. Reimbursement of tuition fee to Pre-Matric and Post Matric students: Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.25/- p.m. is paid to the handicapped students who are studying in the private

school recognised by the Government and post metric students (IXth and above) are reimbursed tuition fees @ Rs.500/-p.a whose parents/guardian's annual income does not exceed Rs.12,000/-p.a.

- xiii. Scholarship to Research Scholars: An amount of Rs.400/-p.m as stipend and Rs.1000/-p.a towards contingencies is being sanctioned to research scholars for pursuing M. Phil and Ph. D courses.
- xiv. Integrated scheme is being implemented by Education Department in the state in 46 identified schools for deaf and blind.