NATIONAL POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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INTRODUCTION

- Formulated in February 2006
- Deals with physical, educational & economic rehabilitation of persons with disabilities
- Focuses upon rehabilitation of women and children with disabilities, barrier free environment, social security, research etc.

Prevention of Disabilities

Since disability, in a large number of cases, is preventable, the policy lays a strong emphasis on prevention of disabilities.

 It calls for programme for prevention of diseases, which result in disability during the period of pregnancy and thereafter

Rehabilitation Measures

- Rehabilitation measures can be classified into three distinct groups:
- Physical rehabilitation, which includes early detection and intervention, counselling & medical interventions and provision of aids & appliances.
- Educational rehabilitation including vocational education.
- Economic rehabilitation for a dignified life in society.

Women with disabilities

 Special programmes will be developed for education, employment and providing of other rehabilitation services to women with disabilities

 Special educational and vocation training facilities will be setup

Children with Disabilities

- Ensure right to care, protection and security for children with disabilities.
- Ensure the right to development with dignity and equality creating an enabling environment.
- Ensure inclusion and effective access to education, health, vocational training along with specialized rehabilitation services to children with disabilities.

Collection of regular information on Persons with Disabilities

- The National Sample Survey Organization has been collecting information on Socio-economic conditions of persons with disabilities on regular basis once in ten years since 1981.
- The Census has also started collection of information on persons with disabilities from the year-2001.

Social Security

 Central Government has been providing tax relief to persons with disabilities and their guardians.

The State Governments / U.T. Administrations have been providing unemployment allowance or disability pension.

Sports, Recreation and Cultural life

• The Government will take necessary steps to provide them opportunity for participation in various sports, recreation and cultural activities.

THANKS