

Himachal Pradesh

Introduction

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is responsible for the welfare of persons with disabilities in Himachal Pradesh. The state has an estimated population of 1,55,950¹ persons with disabilities in a total population of 6,856,509² people. The state has brought out a state policy for persons with disabilities and has issued three schemes under Education, four schemes under Skill Development & Employment, two schemes under Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation & Recreation and one scheme under Accessibility.

1. State Policy for Persons with Disabilities

- 1.1 Himachal Pradesh has issued a state policy for persons with disabilities to implement the provisions in the three central laws.

2. General Entitlements

- 2.1 Himachal Pradesh is yet to implement any schemes that fall under this category.

3. Women & Children with Disabilities

- 3.1 Himachal Pradesh is yet to implement schemes specific to women and children with disabilities.

4. Education

- 4.1 Scholarship is provided to students with disabilities.

Sr. No.	Class	Rate for day scholars (per month)	Rate for hostellers (per month)
1	Class 1 – 5	Rs. 150	Rs. 300
2	Class 6 – 8	Rs. 200	Rs. 400
3	Class 9 – 10	Rs. 250	Rs. 500
4	Senior Secondary	Rs. 300	Rs. 600
5	BA / B Com / B Sc	Rs. 350	Rs. 700
6	BE / B Tech / MBBS / LLB	Rs. 400	Rs. 800
7	MA / M Com / M Sc / LL M	Rs. 450	Rs. 900

4.2 The government provides three per cent reservations for students with disabilities in all the educational institutes under the regular budget and programmes of any of the government departments.

4.3 Special schools for visually impaired / hearing impaired students have been set up in Sunder Nagar and Dali.

Sr. No.	Issuing Authority	Notification No.	Details
1	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Scholarship for students with disabilities (refer table above for details) Total family income not exceeding Rs.

1. <http://www.socialjustice.nic.in/statewisedisabled.php>
2. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh

			60,000 per annum Documents required: Bonafide domicile certificate Disability certificate Annual report card of applicant Income certificate of family
2	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	3% reservations in all educational institutes under regular budget and programmes of all government departments
3	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Special schools for visually impaired / hearing impaired students. Sunder Nagar – Girls Dali - Boys

5. Skill Development & Employment

- 5.1 Three per cent reservation is provided in all state government posts from Group 1 to Group 4. Persons with 60 per cent or more disability are given posting of their choice.
- 5.2 Himachal Pradesh offers vocational / technical / livelihood training to persons with disabilities towards promoting self employment.
- 5.3 Himachal Pradesh provides subsidies on loans offered by the HP Minority Financial Development Corporation on self employment projects.
- 5.4 Best employee and best employer awards for persons with disabilities and employers of persons with disabilities.

Sr. No.	Category	Awards and Criteria
1	Best employer	One award of Rs. 25,000 with citation Must employ maximum no. Of persons with disabilities Provides barrier free access and equitable working conditions Provides facilities like housing / transport.
2	Best Employee	Three awards of Rs. 10,000 each and citation: one each for the visually impaired, hearing impaired and the physically disabled

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1	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	3% reservation in all Group 1 – 4 posts Posting of choice for persons with 60% or more disability
2	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Training programmes for self employment Applications invited for training programmes Must be domiciled in Himachal Pradesh Age between 18 – 45 years Total family income not to exceed Rs. 1,00,000 per annum Stipend of up to Rs. 1000 per month is provided
3	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Govt subsidy on loans for self employment projects Subsidy – 20% project cost / Rs. 10,000 (whichever is less)
4	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Awards for best employer and best employee (see table above for details)

6. Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation & Recreation

6.1 The government provides marriage grant for marriage of persons with disabilities.

6.2 Early detection of disabilities is provided through regular screening of children. The examination of children up to age of six years will be done by Anganwadi workers and from six to 12 years will be done by the Health and Family Department.

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1	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Marriage grant for persons with disabilities Disability between 40% - 74% -- Rs. 8000 Disability 75% & above -- Rs.

			15,000 Documents required: Birth certificate Bonafide domicile certificate Disability certificate Marriage certificate Application in prescribed format Signed undertaking that the grant has not been received earlier
2	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Early detection of disabilities through regular screening of children aged below 12 years

7. Accessibility

7.1 The government will organise awareness camps, workshops and seminars to generate awareness on barrier free access and to build a pool of access auditors for developing free access to public spaces.

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1	Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Integrated Scheme for Persons with Disabilities NO.SJF-C(10)-31/2006 DATED SHIMLA-2	Awareness generation for barrier free access Access auditors for creating access to public spaces

8. Certification

8.1 Himachal Pradesh does not implement any scheme under this category.

9. Schemes and Grants for Organisations & Individuals for Disabilities

9.1 Himachal Pradesh does not implement any scheme under this category.

10. Disability Authorities

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

- Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Commissioner for Disabilities.