

Lakshadweep

Introduction

The Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Culture is responsible for welfare of persons with disabilities in Lakshadweep. The union territory has an estimated population of 1678¹ persons with disabilities in a total population of 64,429² people. Lakshadweep implements two schemes under Skill Development & Employment, three schemes under Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation & Recreation and has notified authorities for disability Certification and certifying Organisations & Individuals for Persons with Disabilities.

1. General Entitlements

1.1 Lakshadweep is yet to implement schemes / policies in this category.

2. Women & Children with Disabilities

2.1 Lakshadweep is yet to implement schemes / policies in this category.

3. Education

3.1 Lakshadweep is yet to implement schemes / policies in this category.

4. Skill Development & Employment

4.1 Guidelines issued for identification of special jobs for persons with disabilities. The village dweep Panchayat is responsible for the implementation of this scheme. The Island Level Committee³ is responsible for identification of special jobs for persons with disabilities based on the nature of the disability and selection of candidates for these positions.

4.2 Guidelines issued for provision of kiosks to promote self-employment. The government will construct one kiosk per hospital for persons with disabilities. Allottees eligible for one time grant of Rs. 10,000 for purchase of utensils and perishables.

Sr. No.	Issuing Authority	Notification No.	Details
1	Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Culture		Guidelines for identification of special jobs based on type of disability Age between 18 – 60 years Preference to applicants from low income groups
2	Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Culture		Guidelines for allotment of kiosks at hospitals

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

2. <http://www.census2011.co.in/census/state/lakshadweep.html>

3. Constituted vide notification No. 14/8/2006-SJEC/262 dated: 18. 09. 2007

			One time grant of Rs. 10,000 for purchasing utensils and perishables
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5. Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation and Recreation

5.1 Unemployment allowance is provided to persons with disabilities in the following scale:

Sr. No.	Maximum Qualification	Allowance per month
1.	Up to Secondary School Leaving Certificate / Matriculation / Higher Secondary Certificate	Rs. 500
2.	Up to Diploma in professional courses / Graduation in Arts / Science or equivalent	Rs. 800
3.	Up to Graduation / Post Graduation in Professional Courses / Post Graduation in Arts / Science or equivalent, research scholars in Arts / Science or equivalent	Rs. 1000

5.2 Disability pension of Rs. 500 per month provided to persons with disabilities as per Lakshadweep (Old aged, Destitute, Widow, Handicapped and Invalid) Pension (Amendment) Rules 2009.

5.3 Constitution of local level committees (LLC) to implement the provisions under the National Trust Act 1998.

Sr. No.	Issuing Authority	Notification No.	Details
1	Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Culture		<p>Unemployment allowance (see table above for details)</p> <p>Age range 18 - 40 years</p> <p>Natives of Lakshadweep by birth and citizens of India</p> <p>Should have registered with the employment exchange and be on their live list for the last two years</p> <p>Should not be in receipt of any other monetary assistance</p> <p>Documents required: Residence certificate Disability certificate Educational qualification certificate Transfer certificate from institute last studied Identity card issued by employment exchange</p>
2	Directorate of Social Welfare and	F.No.17/7/2006-SW &	Disability pension of

	Tribal Affairs, Kavaratti Island	TA Dated: 12.01.09	Rs. 500 per month
3	<u>Directorate of Social Justice, Empowerment and Culture, Kavaratti Island</u>	<u>F. No. 14 /13 / 2000 – S/JEC Dated: 11.01.2003</u>	Local level committee to implement the National Trust Act 1998

6 Accessibility

6.1 Lakshadweep is yet to implement schemes / policies in this category.

7 Certification

7.1 Guidelines for issuance of disability identity cards provides for issuing of ID cards to all disabled persons.

Sr. No.	Issuing Authority	Notification No.	Details
1	Department of Social Justice, Empowerment & Culture		Guidelines for issuance of disability ID cards Minimum 40% disability Medical certificate of disability

8 Schemes & Grants for Organisations and Individuals for Persons with Disabilities

8.1 Constitution of Island Level Committees to Scrutinise, certify and recommend applications from individuals and voluntary organisations working with persons with disabilities under the chairmanship of Sub Divisional Officers or Deputy Collectors of the concerned islands.

Sr. No.	Issuing Authority	Notification No.	Details
1	Department of Social Justice, Empowerment & Culture	<u>F. NO. 14/8/2006-07 – S/JEC / 262 Dated: 18.9.2007</u>	Committee for certifying applications from organisations / individuals for persons with disabilities

9 Disability Authorities

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

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