



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

Quarterly Programmatic Report  
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### **Highlights**

- Chapters for 3 states and 1 union territory were published for comments and feedback. With this we have completed initial drafts for 35 states.
- Chapters for 4 states and 1 union territory were restructured in new template.
- RTI applications were sent to 6 states where information on schemes was available without notification numbers.
- An RTI application was sent to the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment seeking information on central schemes.

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The following report covers activities from mid-November 2013 to mid-February 2014:

### **Summary**

We gathered information and prepared draft chapters for four states (Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Mizoram and Dadra and Nagar Haveli). All these chapters were published for comments.

As part of our collaboration with the office of the Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities (CCPD), chapters for the states of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Lakshadweep were restructured according to a template given by CCPD.

The headings were revised based on the headings in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Bill and the schemes are listed in tables under each head and information is provided in bullets for easier reference.

These chapters are now published on our website and will be shared with CCPD for its feedback.

### **Government Communication**

CIS had solicited feedback from the state disability commissioners and secretaries of relevant departments of 15 states (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, NCT of Delhi, Punjab, Tripura and Uttarakhand) and 4 union territories (Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu and Puducherry) on the information presented in the chapters of all these places.

We received feedback from Tripura.

CIS sent reminders to states we had earlier approached for feedback on information presented in the state chapters (Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Lakshadweep).

By mid-February, we received feedback from Odisha.

CIS sent RTI applications to the disability departments and commissioners of four states (Chhattisgarh, NCT of Delhi, Punjab and Uttarakhand) and two union territories (Daman & Diu and Puducherry). We received replies from NCT of Delhi, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Daman & Diu.

Reminders have been sent to Chhattisgarh and Puducherry.

CIS has sent an 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.

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Since the ministry didn't respond to the application, we sent a reminder.

### Other Activities

1. Response received from Punjab was translated.
2. Response received from Odisha is being converted into electronically accessible format.

### The Chapters

The following chapters were published in this quarter. Links to the chapters given below:

1. Chhattisgarh (by Anandhi Viswanathan, January 31, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1fY4NZ0>
2. Gujarat (by Anandhi Viswanathan, December 31, 2013): <http://bit.ly/Kxbg3b>.
3. Mizoram (by CLPR, February 5, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1eUSvxW>.
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli (by CLPR, February 10, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1mv3YhJ>.

The following chapters have been restructured in the new template:

1. Andhra Pradesh (by Anandhi Viswanathan, January 31, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1lzUFcG>
2. Haryana (by Anandhi Viswanathan, February 12, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1dVOiKI>
3. Himachal Pradesh (by Anandhi Viswanathan, February 12, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1jSk03x>
4. Jammu & Kashmir (by Anandhi Viswanathan, February 13, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1jSk03x>
5. Lakshadweep (by Anandhi Viswanathan, February 13, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1dmvWF5>