Annexure - I

Some important Strategies and Recommendations Given under the Tenth Five-Year Plan (2002-2007) by Steering Committee in the Field of Social Welfare and Working Group on Empowering the Disabled

1. Disability Sub-plan: To ensure better allocation, there must be disability sub-plan by, or under, different central departments or ministries to earmark funds activities concerning persons with disabilities in its area of operation.

2. Convergence between Ministries, State Governments and NGOs: All activities or programmes for persons with disabilities must be carried out in close coordination between various service-providing agencies in the community.

3. College of Rehabilitation Sciences: The proposed college is to provide comprehensive training in special education and rehabilitation for a highly specialized cadre of specialists.
4. National Programme of Vocational Training and employment (NPVTE): On the lines of the NPRPD, it is proposed to initiate a NPVTE by including continuous identification of new self-wage employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, skill development, employment-linked vocational rehabilitation training, marketing supports, etc.

5. National Institute for Multiple Disabilities (NIMD): The proposal to establish a NIMD is being procrastinated over since the past five years even though seeding allocations have been made in the Union budget. Likewise, there is a recommendation to merge all the national institutes under one umbrella scheme to bring about synergy and co-ordination in their activities.

6. Design and Development of an Interactive Website on Disability-impairments: It is recommended that a government-sponsored interactive website be launched for providing information on various aspects of disability-impairments.
7. Strengthening Existing NPRPD: There is a proposal to expand and strengthen the NPRPD by earmarking financial outlays exclusively in order to extend coverage across more districts throughout the country.

8. Role of NGOs: While continuing to patronize or assist NGOs, their activities are to be strictly monitored and evaluated in order to ensure the spread of quality services for persons with disabilities across the country.
Annexure - II

Concession/ Exemption in Customs and Excise Duty

The details of concession/exemption available to persons with disabilities in customs and excise duties as under:-

A) 1) Braille writers and Braille writing instruments
    2) Handwriting equipment Braille Framers, Slates, Writing Guides, Script Writing Guides, Styli Braille Erasers.
    3) Canes, Electronic aids like the Sonic Guide
    4) Optical, Environment Sensors
    5) Arithmetic aids like the Taylor Frame (arithmetic and algebra types), Speaking or Braille Calculator.
    6) Geometrical aids like Combined Graph and Mathematical Demonstration Board, Braille Protractors, Scales, Compasses and Spar Wheels.
    7) Electronic measuring equipment, such as calipers, micrometers, comparators, gauges, gauge blocks, levels, Rules, Rulers, and Yardsticks.
    8) Drafting Drawing aids, tactile displays.

B. Orthopedic appliances and wheelchair.

C. Artificial electronic larynx and spares thereof.
D. Artificial electronic ear (Cochlear implant)

E. 1) Talking books (in the form of cassettes, disc or other sound reproductions) and large-print books, Braille embossers, talking calculators, talking thermometers.

2) Equipment for the mechanical or the computerized production of Braille and recorded material such as Braille computer terminals and displays, electronic Braille, transfer and pressing machine and stereo typing machines.

3) Braille paper for the production of Braille books.

4) All tangible appliances including articles, instruments, apparatus, specially designed for use by the blind.

5) Aids for improving mobility of the blind such as electric orientation and obstacle detection appliances and white canes.

6) Technical aids for education, rehabilitation, vocational training and employment of the blind such as Braille typewriters, Braille watchers, teaching and learning aids, games and other instruments and vocational aids specifically adapted for use of the blind.

7) Assistive listening devices, audiometers
8) External catheters, special jelly cushions to prevent bed sores, stair lift, and urine collection bags.

9) Instruments and implants for severely physically handicapped patients and joints replacement and spinal instruments and implants including bone cement.

10) Braille printer or Braille embosser or Braille display, specially designed for computer systems.

11) Audio, cassettes, if recorded with material from books, newspaper or magazines, for the blind exempted from customs duty and additional customs duty.

12) The following goods namely-
   a) All tangible appliances for the blind;
   b) Hearing aids and other audio-visual aids for the education for the deaf;
   c) Vocational aids for the blind and the deaf;
   d) Articles including instruments, apparatus, appliances, machinery and spares or component parts or accessories thereof required for the purpose of giving training or imparting instructions to the blind and the deaf Phonographs and cassette players for playing talking books, magnetic tapes and cassettes for the production of talking books, electronic reading
machines, television enlargers and optical aids
Exempted from customs duty and additional customs
duty.

13) The following goods for physically disabled persons,
and parts of such goods namely.
i) Crutches;
ii) Wheel Chair and parts thereof;
iii) Walking frames;
iv) Tricycles;
v) Braillers;
vi) Artificial limbs Exempted from customs duty and
excise duty

14) Orthopedic appliances, including crutches, surgical belts
and trusses, splints and other fracture appliances, artificial
parts of the body, other appliances which are worn or carried
or implanted in the body, to compensate for a defect of
disability Exempted from excise duty

15) Braille watches and Braille, one-day alarm clocks are
exempted from customs duty.
On our examination of Shri /Smt...........................aged about ......yrs, Son/ Daughter / Wife / Husband of...............
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............... it is certified that:
1. He/ She is a physically (Orthopaedically, Visionary, Hearing) disabled / mentally challenged person with.........

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...(nature of Disability).........................................................................

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2. The disability reportedly is congenital / caused by injury / disease not likely to respond to any sort of treatment.

3. His / Her percentage of permanent / partial disability is calculated as ............ % ( ................................. percent ) & having chances of variation the case requires review after ............... yrs.

4. He / She being mentally challenged person with a IQ of .............. hence falls under the category of Mild/Moderate/severe / Profound.

5. The assessment has made as per instruction issued by the Govt. of India vide no – 16-1/97-NI. 18.02.2002.

6. He / She can/cannot travel without assistance of an escort.

7. He / She may be provided with ......................(Name of the Prosthetic Aids and appliances) which will increase his / her mobility and functional dependence.
8. Special remarks, if any .................................................................
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Signature of the members of the board Sigr / LTI candidate
(with rubber stamp)

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2. Sigr / LTI taken in
   presence of

3.

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Sigr. of Medical Superintendent
& Chairman