

# **DISTRICT DISABILITY REHABILITATION CENTERS**

The district disability rehabilitation centre (DDRC) scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India is being implemented since 1999-00. It basically seeks to provide comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities at the grass root level through creation of the infrastructure and capacity building at district level for awareness generation, rehabilitation, training guiding of grassroots level functionaries.

## **DDRC Scheme.**

- DDRC is an initiative to facilitate comprehensive services to persons with disabilities in the rural areas.
- These units have a group rehabilitations professionals for providing services like identification of persons with disabilities, awareness generation, early detection and intervention, provision/fitment, follow up and repair of assistive devices, therapeutic services e.g. physiotherapy, speech therapy etc and facilitation of disability certificate, bus passes and other concession/facilities for persons with disabilities.
- Best results can be achieved if this unit works in coordination with Department of health, Education, WCD, rural development and revenue.

## **Roles and responsibilities.**

- DDRCs is a joint venture of Central and State Government .Their roles can be summarized as follows:

### *Role of Central Government.*

- Funding for manpower deployed and contingencies as well as equipments required for DDRCs For initial three years through implementation of PWD Act Scheme (5 yrs for NE states and

J&K). Later through Deendayal scheme DRS for rehabilitation on tapering basis.

- Technical inputs through training to staff of Districts, implementing agencies and DDRCs

*Role of state Govt. /District Admin.*

- Provision of rent-free, well-connected building/space having provisions of electricity and water. The support system e.g. telephones facility, furniture, etc for running the District Centres is also to be provided by State govt. Space required is approx 150 sq m. Funds from MPLAD etc could be explored for improvement /construction of infrastructure.
- Identification of implementing agencies, deployment of manpower.
- Overall supervision, coordination and evaluation.
- Monitoring and coordination of activities of DDRCs, its convergence with other activities of district.

**District Management Team (DMT)** under chairmanship of District Collector is the main decision making body. Important Functions are:

1. Selection of registered implementing agencies.
2. Deployment of Manpower and their service conditions.
3. Monitoring, coordination of activities of DDRC, even after handover.
4. Convergence with other activities of district.
5. Finalization of charges for various services provided through DDRCs and identifying other means of resource generation.
6. Security of assets of DDRC and material received under ADIP etc.
7. DMT also needs to make an attempt to make DDRC self sustaining in long run. Hence it needs to fix nominal charges for various services provided through DDRCs. Attempts should

also be made for resources generation through donations and other means.