ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED BY GOVT TO PERS WITH DISABILITIES & SPL CHILDREN

1. **National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC)**. NHFDC gives financial and vocational support to Disabled Dependents of Army Personnel, the details are given as under :-

   (a) Term Loans at concessional rate of interest (4% - 8%) to PwDs for starting their self employment ventures.

   (b) Education loan (@4% interest rate) to Students with Disabilities at concessional rate of interest for pursuing higher studies.

   (c) Concessional loans (@4%-6% rate of interest) to PwDs for purchase of aids and appliances for enhanced prospects of employment / self employment which incl:-

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<td>Setup small business in service / trading sector</td>
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   (d) **Facilitating Free of Cost Skill Training of PwDs with Stipend Support**. Upto 2 lakhs.

   (e) **Scholarships to students with disabilities for pursuing professional courses**. Upto 10 lakhs for studies in India and upto 25 lakhs for studies abroad.

2. **Schemes Sponsored by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment Person with Disabilities (Divyagjan)**.

   (a) **Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)**.

      (i) Objectives of this schemes are as under :-

      (aa) To create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

      (ab) To encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016.

      (ii) The model projects under revised DDR Scheme are as under:-

      (aa) Pre-Schools and Early Intervention and Training.
(ab) Special Schools for Persons with Disabilities for Mental Retardation, Hearing & Speech Impaired, Visually Challenged and Cerebral Palsied Children.

(ac) Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Person.

(ad) Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally Ill persons.

(ae) Home-Based Rehabilitation and Home Management.

(af) Community Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR).

(ag) Low Vision Centres.

(ah) Human Resource Development.

(b) **Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids / Appliances (ADIP).** The main objective of the Scheme is to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances to promote physical, social, psychological rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities by reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhance their economic potential. The aids provided through this scheme are:-

(i) Kits for visually impaired.
(ii) Smart Canes.
(iii) Common Assistive Daily Living kit.
(iv) Kit for fin asst for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
(v) Assistive Devices for Hearing Impaired.
(vi) Assistive Devices for Orthopedically Impaired.
(v) Motorised Tricycles and Wheelchairs.

(c) **District Disability Rehabilitation Centres** Provision of supportive and complementary services for promoting education, vocational training and employment of Persons with Disabilities through:

(i) Imparting orientation training to teachers, community and families.

(ii) Training to Persons with Disabilities for early motivation and early stimulation for education, vocational training and employment.

(iii) Identifying suitable vocations for Persons with Disabilities, keeping in view local resources and designing and providing vocational training and identifying suitable jobs, so as to make them economically independent.

(iv) Providing referral services for existing educational, training and vocational institutions.
(d) **Education Facilities**

(i) Pre Matric and Post Matric Scholarships.

(ii) Central Sector Plan Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities.

(iii) National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (NFPwD).

(e) **National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.**

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(f) The National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities - Major Activities under different Schemes & Programmes of the National Trust are as under :

(i) DISHA (Early Intervention and School Readiness Scheme).

(ii) VIKASS (Day Care).

(iii) SAMARTH (Respite Care).
(iv) GHARAUNDA (Group Home for Adults).
(v) ‘NIRAMAYA’ Health Insurance Scheme.
(vi) SAHYOGI (Caregiver training Scheme)
(vii) GYAN PRABHA (Educational support).
(viii) PRERNA (Marketing Assistance).
(ix) SAMBHAV (Aids and Assisted Devices).
(x) BADHTE KADAM (Awareness and Community Interaction).