

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA



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INTRODUCTION

- Any restriction or lack of ability to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being resulting from an impairment is termed as Disability.
- Any loss or abnormality of psychological, physiological or anatomical structure or function is termed as impairment, e.g., loss of a finger, loss of conduction impulses in the heart, or loss of certain chemicals in the brain leading to Parkinsonism. Not all impairments lead to disability; for example the loss of Pinna of the ear would not lead to loss of hearing but merely result in a cosmetic deficiency.

PUNJAB

1) Concerned Officer:

The Principal Secretary

Department of Social Security and
Development of Women & Children,
Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.

2) Reservation in Government Job:

3% government jobs are reserved for the
physically handicapped persons.

1% vacancies of each for the blind, deaf and
orthopaedically handicapped and comparable
posts.

3)Age relaxation:

For the purpose of appointment to Class III and Class IV posts under the Punjab Government, the upper age limit is relaxed up to 10 years for the physically handicapped persons.

4)Scholarship/Stipend:

Scholarships are granted from Class 1st to Class VIIIth by Education Department and from Class IXth onwards by Social Welfare Department. The rates vary from Rs.50/- to Rs.170/- for day scholars and upto Rs.240/- for hostelleRs.

5) Disability Pension/ Social Security Pension:

Disability pension @Rs.100/-P.M. is granted to Physically handicapped persons from the age of 18 years and above who are disabled to the extent of 40% and are residents of Union Territory of Chandigarh and their family income does not exceed Rs.150/-p.m.

6) Bus Concession/Rail Concession:

50% concession is provided to hearing impaired whose loss is above 55% by Punjab Road Transport Corporation (PRTC).

7) Assistance for self employment:

Punjab Financial Corporation gives loan of Rs.2 lakh where the disabled person is required to contribute only 10% as against 25% from others.

8) Unemployment Allowances:

Unemployment allowances @Rs.150/- p.m.for undergraduates and Rs.200/-p.m. for graduate sand above is being paid. In the case of deaf persons, this is being given from the date of registration in the employment exchanges.

9) Incentive for marriage between disabled and non-disabled is not implemented in the state of Punjab.

10) Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme: Punjab State is not implementing this scheme.

11) Assistance for purchase of aids and appliances:

- The scheme taken up to enable the handicapped persons to lead as normal life as possible.
- Upto 5 years of age Cochlear Implant is free and after the surgery Rs.45000 is provided by the govt for the Speech Therapy of the child.

12)Other Concessions/facilities:

- Rehabilitation centre for handicapped Children is being run by the Indian Council for Child Welfare, U.T.Branch, Chandigarh. Handicapped children are treated free of cost for one time in this center. The center is having the facilities of consultant Doctors, Speech Therapists, Prosthetic Technicians, Clinical Psychologists, Medical Social Workers and Trained Teachers.
- Bhavan Vidyalaya, Jaisukhpal Hathi Sadan, Sector 27,Madhy,Marginal Chandigarh imparts education to those children with low I.Q and are slow in learning.
- Institution for Deaf and Dumb Children,Sector 11, Chandigarh is also being run by a voluntary organisation and it imparts primary education which includes speech therapy and vocational courses.

HARYANA

1) Concerned Officer:

The Director

Social Defence and Security,

Haryana, Chandigarh

2) Reservation in Govt Jobs:

Same as in Punjab

3) Age Relaxation:

Same as in Punjab

4) Scholarship/Stipend:

For deaf and dumb it provides stipend of Rs.100 for Std I to IV and Rs.120 for Std V to VIII students.