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Simplified Process of Obtaining the Disability Certificate

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri D. Napoleon informed Rajay Sabha today in a written reply that the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Rules, 1996 have been amended and simplified. The amended rules enable a simplified and decentralized procedure for issue of disability certificate. Disability certificate can now be issued by a single Doctor in respect of obvious disabilities at the level of Primary Health Centre (PHCs)/ Government Medical Practitioner, Community Health Centres and Hospitals at the Sub-Divisional level. In case of non obvious disabilities, certificate can be issued by a specialist. Only in case of multiple disability, a multi member Board is required. Further, Disability Certificate is to be issued as far as possible within 7 days from the date of application but in any case not later than one month.

He further informed that State Governments have also been requested to make similar amendments in their Persons with Disabilities Rules and notify their medical authorities accordingly.
