

## **Two New Composite Regional Centers**

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Keeping in view of the location of existing Composite Regional Centers (CRCs) and other rehabilitation Institutions of the Central Govt. (i.e. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment & Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) as well as number/percentage of persons with disabilities in South & West zones of the country, it has been decided to set up two new CRCs one in Kozikode, Kerala and the other at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The establishment cost of these CRC is Rs. 26.37 crores. A new CRC at Ahmedabad has been sanctioned on 31.3.2011. The CRC at Kozikode (Kerala) held up as the details reg. land and temporary structure to house the Centre are awaited From the State Govt.

At present there are six CRCs functioning at Sundernagar (Himachal Pradesh), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Patna (Bihar) and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh).

The scheme of setting up of Composite Regional Centres is a part of overall strategy to reach infrastructure and capacity building at Central, State and District levels and below for awareness generation, training of rehabilitation professionals, service delivery etc. It was thought that initiative from the Central Government is necessary by supporting establishment of CRCs in order to speed up the process of establishing rehabilitation services and sharing with the State Government the innovative model of services developed by National Institutes, Regional Rehabilitation and Training Centres, DDRCs, etc. and also to do capacity building, to establish, strengthen and upgrade rehabilitation services to reach unreached disabled population. Centres were proposed to be set up at locations where the existing infrastructure for providing comprehensive services to disabled were inadequate and where such centres are needed the most.

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