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Cabinet Approves Amendment to Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill 2014

The Cabinet on 6 February, 2014 approved the proposal of the Department of Disability Affairs to incorporate amendments in the proposed Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014, which are:-

- Definition of person with disability in terms of interaction with barriers also;
- High support needs person enabled to take independent and inform decision also;
- Definition of low vision will be notified by the Government;
- The appropriate Government to take necessary steps to ensure reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities;
- No person with disability will be discriminated on grounds of disability;
- Appropriate Governments to ensure that the persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others, in all aspects of life to have equal rights as any other person before law;
- Recognizing legal capacity of person with disability, limited guardianship would be the norm, to enable the person with disability to take joint decision with legal guardian;
- Person with disability would also have the right to appeal against the decision of appointment of legal guardian;
- Disability Certificate to be valid across the country;
- Educational institutions funded and recognized will have to provide inclusive education for children with disability;
- The appropriate Governments to constitute to expert committee with representation of persons with disabilities for identification of posts for Government employment for persons with disabilities;

- Review period shortened from 5 years to 3 years in case of identified posts;
- 5 per cent vacancies reserved for persons with disabilities will be computed against the total number of vacancies in the cadre strength;
- National Commission and State Commission will have power to exempt any post in an establishment from the purview of reservation for persons with disabilities;
- For greater coverage and employability in Government sector, the appropriate Governments to prescribe relaxation for upper age limit for employment of PwDs;
- National Commission shall formulate and enforce regulations.
