

**SPECIAL SCHEMES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
FOR DIFFERENTLY- ABLED PERSONS**

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The Directorate of Social Welfare, has issued a circular asking Heads of Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies of Corporations etc to comply with Section 37 Special Schemes and Development Programmes for Persons with Disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 49 of 2016)

The said Section provides for five percent reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes and development programmes, with appropriate priority to women with benchmark disabilities; Five percent reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes with priority to women; and five percent reservation in allotment of land on concessional rate, where such land is to be used for the purpose of promoting housing, shelters, setting up of occupation, business, enterprise, recreation centres and production centres.

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