

**Inviting suggestions relating to the proposed amendment of the  
Persons with Disabilities  
(Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995**

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, is the basic legislation on disability matters, and covers prevention and early detection of disabilities and aspects of rehabilitation like early intervention, education, employment and vocational training, reservation of jobs in the State Sector, non-discrimination, research and manpower and creation of barrier-free environment.

2. Keeping in view the felt need for amendment to the PwD Act, 1995, arising out of the developments in the sector during the last 14 years, adoption of National Policy for Persons with Disabilities in 2006, consultation meetings with stakeholders, State Governments, NGOs, disabled persons, organizations and experts were held in four zonal meetings at Patna, Chennai, New Delhi and Goa in 2006-07.
3. As United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) was ratified by India and has come into effect on 03.5.08, a need was also felt to harmonize the Act with its provisions as well as those of National Trust Act, 1999.
4. Thereafter, draft amendments were deliberated upon in the meeting of the Central Coordination Committee, which is a statutory body under the PwD Act, on 21.7.09 and the suggestions received therein have been examined and incorporated in the draft.
5. The draft amendments developed as a whole, along with an Explanatory Note are placed on the Website ([www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in)) inviting suggestions on the proposed amendments.
6. The suggestions may be sent to Dr. Arbind Prasad, Joint Secretary (DD), on the following address, **latest by 15.10.2009**.

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