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Copy of D.C. letter No. 16-8/97-MI.I dated 13.10.97
received from the Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry
of welfare, New Delhi.

Subject :- Petition before Committee on Petitions,
Rajya Sabha Regarding condition of handicapped
persons in the country.

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I am writing in connection with the reservation
for person with disabilities in Govt. jobs. As per Persons
with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights
and Full Participation) Act, 1995 not less than 3% of all
vacancies in all Government and PSU employment should be
reserved for person with disabilities. Out of this 1% each
shall be for persons with visual, hearing and locomotor
disabilities. As against this provision, the actual results
achieved so far are quite unsatisfactory. Hon'ble Committee
on Petitions, Rajya Sabha have expressed their concern on
this unsatisfactory situation and have desired that all
concerned must ensure that the targets in this direction are
achieved within a fixed timeframe. It has also been desired
to appraise them about the monitoring mechanism which is in
operation so far to ensure the implementation of various
provisions of the PWD Act and various concessions/facilities
which are meant for people with disabilities.

Hon'ble Committee have also desired that suitable
disciplinary action may be initiated against the defaulters.
May I request you to please launch vigorous drive to identify
the vacancies and recruit person with disabilities against
them so that the minimum reservation of 3% as envisaged in
the Act is achieved as quickly as possible. A detailed report
may also kindly be made available on all these points for
information of the Hon'ble Committee.

Kind regards.
