

<u>Campaign for providing prosthetic limbs & caliper to persons with disability</u> with support of Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur

A disability is any continuing condition that restricts everyday activities. The main categories of disability are physical, sensory, psychiatric, neurological, cognitive and intellectual. Many people with disability have multiple disabilities but physical disability is the most common type of disability. People can lose all or part of an arm or leg for a number of reasons. Common ones include:

- Circulation problems from atherosclerosis or diabetes, and resulting into amputation,
- Traumatic injuries, including from accidents,
- May be due to Cancer,
- May be Birth defects.

Recent technical innovations have combined to make artificial limbs much more comfortable, efficient, and lifelike. Therefore, now days a missing arm or leg can be replace by artificial limb that is called a prosthesis which enable a person to perform daily activities such as walking, eating, or dressing. A persons with disability living in rural areas and in poor economic conditions prevent them from getting themselves a limb that can make them mobile. They cannot afford to come to the big cities where qualified rehabilitation teams are situated; they neglect their handicap and later get resigned to a life of immobility. Sometimes a person who has been using an artificial limb is unable to use it when his prosthesis wears out and becomes irreparable. An artificial limb can make all the difference to them and provide not only a means to mobility but also means to a living.

Therefore to providing artificial limbs to needy persons at their doorsteps, RSLSA has come up with Statewide Campaign *namely* **RSLSA#Help2Enable** with certain following parameters:

- Vision: The vision of the campaign is to ensure physical rehabilitation of disabled persons to enable them to become self-dependent.
- Mission: Provide artificial limbs (Prosthesis) with support of Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur to as many disabled people as possible through our programme/camps to be organised at every District Head Quarter of Rajasthan.



- Types of Limbs provided:
 - 1. Below Knee Prosthesis,
 - 2. Above Knee Prosthesis,
 - 3. Stanford Jaipur Knee,
 - 4. Artificial Hand,
- Caliper and tricycles will also be provided,
- Duration Till all 33 district are covered,
- Beneficiaries Disabled persons in need of artificial limb and equipment,
- Phase two (firstly Identification and Registration; secondly organization of camp with Fitting of Limbs),
- Role of DLSAs Identifying the person, Registration and organizing camps at District Level,

The Campaign will be implemented in phase manner and DLSAs will collect information and carry out registration of persons, who are in need of artificial limbs and equipment. Registration of these persons will be done in prescribed format (enclosed & marked as -1) and DLSAs may involve department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and other institutions/ organisations for identification. After identification and registration of 80-100 persons, DLSA under aegis of RSLSA will organise a camp with support of Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur at District Headquarter for aforesaid purpose.

During the campaign if anyone especially abled person is found with other requirement such as need of disability certificate, benefit under government scheme etc. in that case it shall be the duty of respective DLSA to provide required assistance under whose jurisdiction that person resides. Campaign shall be carried year long and process of identification will be carried whole year wherein camps for implant will be organised periodically soon after receiving the applications of 80-100 persons but in case of urgent need or requirement of limbs by any individual, DLSA may sent the request with application to RSLSA for needful at earliest.

The prosthetic limbs and equipment will be provided with the help of Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur but all other expenses will be borne from grant-in-aid provided by RSLSA.