Recently, a case of denying right to 'get medical assistance', allegedly by NIA to Father Stan Swamy, who is disabled under by parkinson disease was in the news.

Though there is no universal defination of disability, the broad picture of 2011 census says there are 2.68 crore (2.2% of population) are disabled in India.

And Government being obliged to provide them assistence under Article 41 of the constitution.

hence, India subscribed to UN convention of person with disability and their rights. In 2016, government brought Right of person with Disability Act, 2016 to address their problems like

i) Discrimination - in education, medical etc. to provide them equal status (14)

(ii) _social stigma_ - The act provide designated agencies and _National/state_ commissions to raise, _policies_, _awareness_ to reduce social _stigma_ of these people.

(iii) _Accessible India campaign_ in 2015, by PM was launched to make _public places_ more inclusive to make _Sugmaya Bhaat_

(iv) _NDMA directory concerning disabled called Disable included Desaster management_ to provide extra care for them.

(v) _PM - vaya-vandana yojna_ to provide assistence to _aged/old_ citizen of the country by providing - _wheelchair, ear_ instruments etc.

(vi) ~~Disa~~ _National social Assistance programe_ provides _ensurance_ cover between ~~ad~~ aged _18 and 60_.

challenge and way forward

Though _multiple schemes_ are these, they still _remain_ passive and

insensitive because

(i) Accrediation - Institutions like NHRC & commission do not give rating to institutes in according to disability inclusive which is need of the hour.

(ii) Budgetary provision to make infrastructure like toilets, ladder, loolying busses etc is miniscle.

corporate social Responsibility, fines etc need to be diverted towards such provision.

(iii) Insensitivity - among people, government officials & family members towards disabled people & enfringment of their rights.

This is due to lack of value education.

A survey shows 99% people are disabled at old age due to cataret which is worse for illeterate.

Thus education and literacy should be binding & not be the exception.