

**Government of West Bengal**  
Panchayats & Rural Development Department  
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Kolkata, The 2nd February, 2007.

From : Shri B. K. Dasgupta, Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.

To : 1)TheSabhadhipati .....ZP/MP  
2)The Chairman, Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council,  
3)The District Magistrate, .....

Sub: Annapurna and Antyodaya Anna Yojana-Inclusion of persons with disabilities as beneficiaries

Sir,

I am directed to refer to memo No. 56/Com. dated 17.01.2007 on the above noted subject from Shri S. Gupta, Commissioner (Disabilities), West Bengal under Women & Child Development and Social Welfare Department wherein it has been stated that as per Section 40 of the PWD (Persons with Disabilities) Act, 1995, at least 3% of the beneficiaries in any Scheme must belong to the category of persons with disabilities as those are mostly Poverty Stricken in our country.

In view of the above, I am further directed to request you to kindly take necessary step; in respect of extending benefits of the Schemes "Annapurna" & Antyodaya Anna Yojana" to the Poor Pwds who are of course (i) in prescribed norms of the above two Schemes, as per the provisions of Section 40 of the Pwd Act, 1995.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Joint Sectary to the  
Government of West Bengal