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The first high-level committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary on identifying suitable workplaces for providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in private companies. In this, meeting Chief Secretary insisted that all private companies should implement the Equal Opportunity policy according to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and report to the government. Further the members informed that there is a urgent need to create awareness among private companies, to identify suitable workplaces to employ differently-abled persons and provide them with appropriate training and also incentive should be given to them for the same. Also accessible infrastructural facilities should be created in the organizations for differently abled persons, and necessary assistive devices should be provided to create an enabling environment. In this regard, it was instructed by the Chief Secretary that Government Department should hold periodical meetings with the private companies to give awareness to them and a disability NGO alliance should be formed with different organisations to create synergy. It was also decided that it should ne taken up on a campaign mode for providing employment in private sector.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretaries, Department of Industry Promotion and Commerce, Labour Welfare and Skill Development. Secretary to Government, Department of Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, Department of Small and Medium Enterprises. Commissioner, Disabled Persons Welfare Department, Labour Welfare Department, Director of Employment and Training, Industrial Safety and Health and various prominent Non-Government Organizations providing services to the differently abled and private entrepreneurs.

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