

# **PWD ACT**

## **The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995**

(1 of 1996)

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The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the  
President on the 1st January, 1996, and  
is hereby published for general information: -

No.1 OF 1996

[1st January 1996]

An Act to give effect to the Proclamation on the Full Participation and Equality of the People with Disabilities in the Asian and Pacific Region.

WHEREAS the Meeting to Launch the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons 1993-2002

convened by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific held at Beijing on 1st to 5th

December, 1992, adopted the Proclamation on the Full Participation and Equality of People with Disabilities in the Asian and Pacific Region;

AND WHEREAS India is a signatory to the said Proclamation;

AND WHEREAS it is considered necessary to implement the Proclamation aforesaid.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Forty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

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