



**COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MARXIST)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Congress**  
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*Draft Resolution*

On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill

The 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) expresses serious concern at the inordinate delay in the passage of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill.

The Bill, which was introduced at the very end of the Winter Session of Parliament in 2013, was referred to the Standing Committee. Although more than a year has elapsed, the Government has shown no interest in bringing the Bill on its agenda.

This delay takes place at a time when serious issues confronting the disabled, such as reservation for persons with disabilities in jobs, access persons to public places and public transport, the simplification of procedures for a universally valid ID card, and guaranteed allowances, remain unaddressed.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of the CPI(M) demands that the Government take necessary steps to ensure that the final draft of the Bill be placed before Parliament for adoption without any further delay.

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