C&AG in its Audit Report No. 14 of 2004 raised various issues concerning implementation of the PWD Act,1995. Initially the Action Taken Note (ATN) was sent to CAG on 11.07.2005. However, the C&AG returned back the said Audit Report on 8th December,2005 with certain more specific observations and comments. Since the audit comments were related to many States/UTs and other institutions as well as other central ministries/ departments, the matter was taken up with them. After continuous follow-ups with the State/UTs, subsequent ATN was sent on 23.07.2015. However, CAG again has requested to provide additional information. The ATN was compiled in the new format and sent on 17.07.2017. O/o CAG, vide their letter dated 02.08.2017 submitted their final vetting comments on Audit to the Department with the request to submit the entire ATN sent on 17.07.2017 along with the comments on their final vetting comments in a separate format to the Ministry of Finance (Expenditure).

2. Meanwhile, Lok Sabha Sectt. vide their letter dated 19th June, 2017 informed that the Sub – Committee – IV of PAC decided to take the matter relating to the non submission of ATN on CAG report 14 of 2004. Most of the issues raised are related to the States/UTs. Department requested States/UTs time and again for submission of their replies to the PAC queries. The above mentioned report is under compilation. As on date information from few States/UTs is still awaited.

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