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Creation of Barrier Free environment scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Department of Higher Education
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Dated:- 12th August, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Creation of Barrier Free environment Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) DO letter No 16-23/2018-(SIPDA)/E-14238 (**copy enclosed**) dated 01.08.2022 (which is self-explanatory) mentioning that DEPwD has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA) for providing financial assistance for undertaking various activities outlined in the RPwD Act. DEPwD has requested to issue instructions to concerned officials for sending such proposals complete in all respects at the earliest so that the same may be processed within this FY 2022-23.

2. In view of above, all Bureaus/Divisions of this Department are requested to circulate the DO Letter to the institutions/organizations under your administrative control for sending proposals directly to DEPwD under SIPDA scheme.

Encl: As above.


(J. N. Shah)

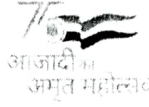
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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

D.O.No.16-23/2018-(SIPDA)/E-14238

Dated: 1st August, 2022

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD) has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme, the Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA) for providing financial assistance for undertaking various activities outlined in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act). A copy of this Scheme is available on the website of this Deptt. i.e. www.disabilityaffairs.com.

2. One of the component/sub-scheme of the umbrella SIPDA scheme is a “**Creation of Barrier Free Environment**”. As per the SIPDA Scheme, grant-in-aid is released to State/UT Governments/Autonomous Bodies/National Institutes/PSUs including Central/State Universities for several activities to create a Barrier Free Environment, including the following :-

- i. **To provide barrier free environment for the persons with disabilities (PwDs) which include access to built environment in schools, colleges, academic and training institutions, offices and public buildings, recreational areas, health centres/hospitals, etc.** This would include provision for ramps, rails, lifts, accessible toilets for wheelchair users, braille signages and auditory signals, tactile flooring, causing curb cuts and slopes to be made in pavement for the easy access of wheelchair users, engraving on the surface of zebra crossing for the blind or for persons with low vision, engraving on the edges of railway platforms for the blind or for low vision and devising appropriate symbols of disability, etc.
- ii. **To make Government websites at the Centre/State and District levels accessible to PwDs as per guidelines for Indian Government websites issued by NIC and Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (D/o AR&PG), Government of India, which are available on their website “<http://darpn.nic.in>”**
- iii. **To set up/support resource centres** facilitating dissemination of information on disability issues, counseling and providing support services.
- iv. **To promote accessibility of libraries, both physical and digital and other knowledge centres.**
- v. **Grant to the State Governments/UTs for the Offices of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for infrastructure facilities.**
- vi. **Construction of special recreation centres/development of parks for PwDs where the appropriate Governments/local authorities have their own land and providing barrier-free standards in existing parks and other urban infrastructure.**

3. The Department was so far also providing financial assistance to States/UTs for retrofitting of identified government buildings under similar sub-scheme/component named Accessible India Campaign (AIC) of the umbrella SIPDA Scheme. The AIC scheme has a sunset clause and it will be merged into Creation of Barrier Free Environment component/sub-scheme of SIPDA after March, 2024. As per the mandate of the RPwD Act, 2016, all public buildings were required to be made accessible by June 2022 (5 years) and public services to be made accessible in 2 years from the date of notification of such rules formulated by the Central Government under Section 40.

4. In view of the position as explained above, presently no new proposal will be considered for funds release under AIC. **The proposals for release of funds may be sent to DEPwD for consideration under Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA Scheme at the earliest so that the PWDs may benefit from such accessible features being provided.** It may please be noted that **the proposals in respect of construction work should be accompanied by cost estimates duly prepared/approved by an officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer of the CPWD/PWD and present colored photograph of the proposed locations/buildings. Similarly, proposals relating to accessible websites should be prepared/approved by NIC or any Government agency.**

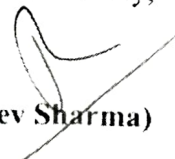
While making these proposals, separate statements showing completion certificates, work wise progress of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry under SIPDA scheme during the previous financial years and **Utilization Certificate(s), if any, may also please be submitted.**

6. **It may be noted that proposals received without necessary supportive documents (i.e. Demand letter of funds request from Implementing Agency (CPWD/PWD), photographs of physical work carried out, statement of tendered cost and final completion cost, Physical Progress report, Completion Certificate of Implementing Agency, Statement of Expenditure) and Utilization Certificates in respect of earlier grants, will not be considered.** However, in case the work for which funds have been released is still going on, progress report thereof, may be furnished.

7. **It is requested that instructions to concerned officials may kindly be issued for sending such proposals complete in all respects to DEPwD at the earliest so that the same may be processed within this F.Y. 2022-23.**

8. This may kindly be treated as important since Sections 40-46 of RPwD Act, 2016 mandate creation of barrier free and accessible features, including in the built-environment and ICT eco-systems for the benefit of Divyanjan.

Yours sincerely,



(Rajeev Sharma)

To,

All Secretaries/Principal Secretaries,
Social Welfare Department,
State Government/UTs