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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

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 Date:13th January, 2025

To,

The Director,
 National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD),
 116, Rajpur Road Dehradun-248001

Subject: Mapping of Implementing Agencies for Reimbursement of Recurring Grants under the Development of Accessible Learning Materials (DALM Project) and Standard Specifications for Braille Paper -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject and inform you that the Department in consultation with the nodal agency for DALM Project has mapped all braille press/implementing agencies with respective serviceable States/UTs. A copy of the mapping is enclosed for your reference.

2. Moving forward, NIEPVD is now directed to ensure that all proposals for recurring grants under the DALM Project are considered only if the implementing agencies supply books to the specific States/UTs mapped to them. State/UT Governments and/or schools should also be advised to source their book requirements exclusively from the designated implementing agencies. Letters in this regards should be sent by NIEPVD and concerned IA immediately to concerned department head in the states/UTs and to the Principals of the different schools.

3. In case a situation arises where an implementing agency is unable to fulfill the demand placed on it, detailed justification/ reason must be submitted to NIEPVD who in turn will submit with comments to obtain prior approval from the Department. Recurring grants in such cases will be considered only after the requested relaxation is approved by the Competent Authority.

4. To qualify for recurring grants under the DALM Project, during the submission of proposals, the implementing agencies shall clearly specify the details of the Distributor/Dealer along with the details of the paper mill who has supplied the paper used for the manufacturing of the Braille Pages used for printing the books. Additionally, all implementing agencies must also ensure compliance with the following Braille paper specifications:

- i. **Standardization of Size of Braille Paper:** Maplitho Paper Reel should be upto **30.5 cm** for heavy duty/high-capacity Braille Embosser such as Braillo 650 SW and IP55 Braille Printers. For low-capacity Braille Embossers such as the Index 4x4, Basic D etc. page sizes may vary accordingly.
- ii. **Line Specification and Number of Left-to-Right Cells/Characters Used**
 The total **line counts should be between 28 to 29 per page** provided that there is no disruption to character formatting. A maximum of **40 Characters**

may be used per line. This limit aims to ensure readability and maintain the integrity of the embossed materials.

iii. **Margin Details** The margin helps to enhance the overall layout and readability of the printed materials, therefore, the margin of **2 cm** should be used.

iv. **Paper Specification:**

- a. Paper should be of 140 GSM.
- b. It should be Acid Free and Lead Free.
- c. Braille Paper must be made in India.
- d. There must be appropriate HSN code.
- e. 5% GST (applicable for Braille paper)

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,
Digitally signed by
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Director

Annexure

Service Jurisdiction Area of Free Books Distribution by Implementing Agencies under “Project on Financial Support for Development of Accessible Learning Materials” (SIPDA)

Sr. No.	Name of the Implementing Agencies/Braille presses	City (Location)	State Name	Suggested Service Jurisdiction Area
1	Andhra Pradesh Differently Abled And Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation – APDASCAC	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh
2	Shubham, Bihar	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	Bihar, Jharkhand
3	Social Welfare Department, Government Braille Pres, Bilaspur	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh
4	All India Conferederation of the Blind, New Delhi	New Delhi	Delhi (NCR)	Delhi (NCR), Chandigarh
5	Shri Navchetan Andhjan Mandal, Gujarat	Bhuj	Gujarat	Gujarat
6	National Association for the Blind, Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	Gujarat, Daman and Diu (UT)
7	National Federation of the Blind, Bahadurgarh	Bahadurgarh	Haryana	Haryana, New Dehi, Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Ladakh (UT), Uttar Pradesh
8	Mitra Jyothi, Bangalore	Bangaluru	Karnataka	Karnataka
9	Kerala Federation of the Blind	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala	Kerala, Lakshadweep (UT)
10	Govt. Braille Press, Bhopal,	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh
11	The National Association for Welfare of Physically Handicapped (NAWPH), Maharashtra	Amravati	Maharashtra	Maharashtra, Goa, Dadar Nagar Haveli (UT)
12	National Association for the Blind, Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Maharashtra, Goa, Dadar Nagar Haveli (UT)
13	Printing and Stationary Department, Shillong	Shillong	Meghalaya	Meghalaya
14	Social Welfare Department, Govt. Braille Press, Aizwal	Aizwal	Mizoram	Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland
15	Red Cross Computerized Braille Press, Orissa	Behrampur	Odisha	Odisha
16	Dept. of Social Security, Women and Child development, Govt. Braille Press, Ludhiana	Ludhiana	Punjab	Punjab, Chandigarh (UT), Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Ladakh (UT)
17	Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh, Jaipur	Jaipur	Rajasthan	Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh
18	Govt. Braille Press, Sikkim	Namchi	Sikkim	Sikkim,
19	Regional Braille Press, NIEPVD Regional Centre, Chennai	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu, Andaman Nicobar (UT), Puducherry (UT)
20	Telangana Viklanguala Cooperrative Cooperation, Telangana	Hyderabad	Telangana	Telangana
21	Central Braille Press, NIEPVD, Dehradun	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir
22	Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Rehabilitation University, Chitrakoot	Chitrakoot	UttarPradesh	Uttar Pradesh
23	Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation Univesity, Lucknow	Lucknow	UttarPradesh	Uttar Pradesh
24	Ramakrishana Mission Regioanl Braille Press, Kolkata	Kolkata	West Bengal	West Bengal, Tripura, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur
25	National Book Trust, New Delhi (Spical I.A)	New Delhi	Delhi (NCR)	All over India