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COURT OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग/Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय/Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

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Case No. CCPD/16037/1033/2025

In the matter of —

Suo-motu

Versus

The Joint Secretary (Scholarship)

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, New Delhi

& 32 concerned States/UTs and Others (As per the List)

Hearing (II):

A 2nd hearing was conducted on **24.03.2025 in hybrid mode** (Offline / Online).

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The parties were heard.

2. Responses to the Record of Proceedings dated 13.03.2025 were received from the IIT Madras, Chennai, and governments of Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal and Puducherry. The same was discussed and analysed. However, it was observed that many States have still not taken any action as per the said Record of Proceedings for the hearing conducted on 10.03.2025. The Court while expressing its concerns that eligible candidates are being deprived of their dues for

want of the necessary clearance from the institutions concerned and the state nodal officers or due to the technical issues despite submissions of all requisite documents in time.

3. The Court reiterated that the pending applications of scholarship are either required to be verified and recommended for release of scholarship or rejected with the reasons to be recorded in the written submissions of the parties by **17:00 Hrs. on 27.03.2025**, failing which this Court will be constrained to impose the first level penalty of ₹10000/- as per Section 89 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

4. The Court also directed to implead the Secretary, DBT Mission, and the Officer-in-Charge of NSP at the NIC and issuance of notice to them for a hearing where officers from the DEPwD shall also be present. The Court further directed that the policy of the scholarship be relooked by the DEPwD to remove any redundancy and make it more efficient. The Court was particularly intrigued about the rationale for the need for SNO's recommendation in a scheme fully funded by the central government.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

(Praveen Prakash Ambashta)
Dy. Chief Commissioner

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