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COURT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

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

भारत सरकार/ Government of India

Case No. CCPD/15449/1141/24

Dated: 15/07/2025

Suo - Motu

Vs

Respondent(s),

The Joint Secretary

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

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... Respondent (1)

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... Respondent (3)

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The case was heard via Video Conferencing by the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on 11/07/2025. The following persons were present during the hearing:

Persons present from the Complainant's side:

1. Suo Motu

Persons present from the Respondent's side:

1. Ms. Manmeet Kaur Nanda, Additional Secretary, Smt. Sumita Singh, Joint Secretary, Shri Pradeep A, Director, Shri RC Meena, US,
2. Smt. Sunita Dhewal, Deputy Secretary (IFD & Budget)
3. S/Shri Mukesh Kumar Sehrawat, Ramkishan Gurjar, and Jagdeesh Meena, Section Officers
4. S/Shri Prashant Mittal, DDG NIC, Yatindra Saxena, Scientist-F, Virendra Kumar Tyagi, Scientist-F, K Sudheer, Scientist-B
5. Shri Rajesh Verma, Dy. Director

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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At the outset, the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities expressed his anguish over the fact that the e-Anudaan Portal continues to be largely non-functional, resulting in delays in the release of payment of grants to the NGOs under the DDRS and the DDRC schemes. The NIC representative apprised the Court that a DEPwD-specific replica is live at grants.depwd.gov.in, with the API integration in place. The User Acceptance Testing, Security, and accessibility audit are also being expedited. He assured the CCPD that the Portal will take another two weeks to be up and running. The Court was satisfied with the measures adopted by the NIC for ameliorating the situation, including the change of the manpower. The Court, however, recommended for a departmental investigation to fix the accountability and punish the responsible officers because of whom the needs of thousands of divyang children with disabilities remained unfulfilled.

2. The Court acknowledged with appreciation the visits undertaken by the section officers of the IFD, namely S/Shri Mukesh Kumar Sehrawat, Ramkishan Gurjar, and Jagdeesh Meena, to the NGOs in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Assam, and Rajasthan. The Court was at the same time, displeased over the fact that the DEPwD officers, except Shri Pradeep A, Director, did not visit any NGO and interact with the children, their parents, and the teachers, despite a clear recommendation during the last hearing on 19th June 2025. The Court gave a last opportunity to all the officers connected with the DDRS/DDRC schemes to visit the NGOs, interact with the beneficiaries and the staff, and submit their individual reports within 15 days.

3. After a detailed discussion, the Court made the following recommendations:

(a) There are complaints that the staff of DDRC are utilised by District officials for works other than related to DDRC. The release of grants to DDRCs should be made only when the DDRC provides a categorical undertaking, with supporting documentation, that staff appointed or funded under the DDRC scheme are not being utilized for duties unrelated to the scheme.

(b) Wherever a DDRS/DDRC funding proposal is pending with the District for more than a month, or with the State government for more than a month, it should be immediately pulled up by DePWD in eAnudaan software. If inspection has not been done and is required as per the Guidelines, then a quick VC inspection may be done by DePWD or by NI/CRC within the next week, and the file should be processed. It is sad to see that more than 50 proposals for even

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2023-24 are pending at various levels.

(c) The instructions issued by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) shall not be ignored merely on the grounds that they are not part of the scheme guidelines, unless contradicted by statutory guidelines or explicit judicial orders. Thus, RCI instructions of having a deaf teacher in a special school for HI students should be mandated for DDRS schools for HI students.

(d) Considering that despite the interim order in the last hearing, no grants have been released to the NGOs, and no files regarding this were sent to the Secretary, DEPwD, or even to the Joint Secretary level, this Court needs to fix responsibility. The Court concludes that at least 52 such files related to the year 2023-24 were stuck with the concerned Under Secretary, which resulted in the denial of disbursement of grants meant for the benefit of approximately 20% of the country's Divyangjan population.

(e) The Joint Secretary and Director concerned are directed to pull back all the files pertaining to the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 from the Under Secretary and re-examine and process the files of 2023-24 grants within 3 working days of the issue of these recommendations.

(f) Upon receipt, the Integrated Finance Division (IFD) shall ensure an expeditious clearance of all files.

(g) NIC is directed to ensure that e-Anudaan login credentials are linked with the Parichay system and e-KYC of all officers is completed within the next 15 days.

(h) The DEPwD is directed to immediately streamline the DDRS section by appropriate level jumping orders, by reducing the levels of processing, to minimise the delays.

(j) The Addl. Secy, DEPwD shall submit a comprehensive report within 2 months fixing responsibility for no grant releases during this financial year, to any DDRS or DDRC. Delay at each table, and the type of queries raised, should be analysed while fixing responsibility.

(k) The DEPwD should nudge and support DDRC-run institutions to increase the educational coverage up to Class 10, and consider increasing the upper age limit from 18 to 21 or 23 years in cases of students with hearing impairment, as has been permitted for students with ID.

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(l) The next hearing (Offline) in this matter will be held on **25th July 2025 at 10.30 AM.**

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

Yours faithfully,

(Praveen Prakash Ambashta)
Dy. Chief Commissioner

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