



**COURT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)**  
**Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)**  
**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**  
**Government of India**

**Case No. CCPD/15449/1141/24**

**Dated: 12/02/2025**

**In the matter of —**

**Suo-motu cognizance regarding in the functioning of the Central Government Schemes namely, Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and the District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) by the States and Union Territories**

**Versus**

- (1) The Head of the Departments  
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The Principal Secretary/Secretary),  
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**Hearing (II):**

A hearing was conducted on **28.01.2025** in hybrid mode (Offline/Online through video conferencing). The following persons could register their presence during the hearing:



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1.	Head of Disability matters States/UT —:		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Mr Ram Kamal	Online
2.	Bihar	Ms Aditi Priya, Assistant Director, Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department.	Online
3	Chandigarh (UT)	Ms Madhavi Kataria, SCPD, Chandigarh	Online
3	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (UT)	Mr. Vyomesh Contractor, Nodal Officer – Disabilities, Social Welfare Department	Online
4	Delhi (UT)	Dy. Director, VAC, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Online
5	Maharashtra	Ms Sangita Dawkhar, Assistant Commissioner for PwDs	Online
6	Manipur	(1) Mr W. Birahari Singh, State Commissioner for PwDs; and (2) Mr L Dhaneshwor Singh, Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department	Online



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7		Meghalaya	(1) Smt. M. Umdor, Deputy Director; and (2) Smt. B. Nengnong, Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department	Online
8		Rajasthan	Additional Director, Directorate of Specially Abled Persons	Online
9		Telangana	(1) Director; and (2) Assistant Director DEPwD, SC & TGP, Govt. of Telangana	Online
10		Tripura	Mr Tlinga Lal, Dy. Commissioner, Tripura	Online
11		Uttar Pradesh	(1) Prof. Himanshu Shekher Jha, State Commissioner for PwDs; and (2) Mr Amarnath Upadhyay, Special Secretary, DEPwD.	Online
12		West Bengal	Ms Subhra Chakrabarti, SPD, Samagra Shiksha and Secretary in School Education Department	Online
2	DEPwD/MSJE (In charge of DDRS/DDRC/ADIP/ DALM Schemes)		(1) Ms Manmeet Kaur Nanda, Joint Secretary;	Physical



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3	Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance	Mr Sanjay Prasad, Addl. Secretary, Department of Expenditure	Online
4.	Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, DEPWD/MSJE	Ms. Debolina Thakur, JS & FA Email: <a href="mailto:thakurd@cag.gov.in">thakurd@cag.gov.in</a>	Online
5.	The Director General, NIC		
6.	The Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education		
7.	Rehabilitation Council of India	Advocate Manish Kumar, LC	Online

Special Appearance:

1.	ALIMCO	(1) Mr Ajay Chaudhary, General Manager; and (2) Mr S.K. Tripathi, Dy. General Manager, ALIMCO	Online
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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



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At the very outset, the representatives who appeared during the hearing were apprised of the issues taken into cognizance in the implementation of the DDRS/DDRC schemes. Some of the issues observed are as follows:

- (a) Delay in forwarding the proposals to the DEPwD through the e-Anudaan Portal by the concerned agency of the state government/UT Administration, at times for several months;
- (b) Despite being an entirely online system integrated with the UDID, documents are being asked by the state and the district level officers in physical form;
- (c) Raising objections on grounds which are beyond the guidelines of the scheme; and
- (d) Utilization of DDRS/DDRC staff who are recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) for clerical work related to other schemes;
- (e) Payment of compensation below the prescribed minimum wages to the employees of DDRS/DDRC; and
- (f) Enrolment of staff who do not have valid Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR) No. issued by the RCI.

2. The parties/representatives were also apprised of the directions issued by this Court in the last hearing conducted in this case on 07.08.2024, which were -



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(a) Non-functioning of e-Anudaan Portal for over three months recently. NIC and DEPwD were to furnish their action taken report in this matter including fixing of accountability for this.

(b) The NIC also needed to clarify whether the portal is fully accessible to persons with any type of disability and whether any Access Audit of the portal has been conducted by an authorized auditor. If yes, a report of the Access Audit was to be shared within 7 days; and if no, a firm commitment from the DG NIC, to get it done by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be shared with this Court.

(c) The Director, in-charge of the DDRS in the DEPwD to make a two-member team comprising of a section officer from the ministry and one from the CPMU to study the functioning of the schemes in at least two states such as Karnataka where it is fully funded by the state government. The team shall study the rules and norms of the scheme, the services being offered by them, the total number of beneficiaries, the funding mechanism, their timeliness in the delivery of services and payment of wages, their output parameters, and whether the payment of wages is linked with the actual performance. The team shall submit its report within two weeks from the issue of these Record of Proceedings.

(d) The Member Secretary, RCI, and the Director, DDRS were asked to jointly chalk out a tighter monitoring SoP to ensure the proper functioning of the special school run under the DDRS scheme including the maintenance of the prescribed student-to-teacher ratio.





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(e) The Court had directed the Member Secretary, RCI to draw out a plan for a period up to 31st March 2025 to organize five-day residential training programs for teachers engaged in TTIs and the special schools affiliated with RCI so as to cover a minimum of 500 such teachers. The said training calendar be submitted within one week from the date of issue of this Record of Proceedings.

(f) Direction was also issued to share with the applicant NGOs, the calculation sheet giving a break-up of the reductions along with reasons thereof where their demand for the grant was reduced in the sanction/actual disbursement and also the steps to be taken, and the timelines. Such sheets were asked to be prepared in respect of all cases in the last two years, where the reasons have not yet been informed to the NGOs.

3. The parties/representatives were also informed that replies have been received from DEPWD and RCI, but the same have not covered all the issues raised in the notice and during the last hearing.

**Issues related to expenditure:**

4. With regard to the action relating to expenditure, the Joint Secretary (Incharge DDRS/DDRC/ADIP Schemes) submitted that ESA was done in hybrid mode and money has begun to flow to the approximately 50-60 Crores in different areas. The Additional Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance confirmed that all issues related to finance have been sorted out. The Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, DEPWD also said that no issue remains outstanding.



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**5. Non-functioning of e-Anudaan Portal:**

5.1 The NIC filed a compliance report on the non-functioning of the e-Anudaan Portal on 27.01.2025. The court directed that the officers responsible for this be held accountable.

**6. Constitution of a two-member team by Incharge DDRS, DEPWD:**

6.1 The representative appearing on behalf of the Respondent No. 4 submitted that two teams of two members each consisting of a section officer from the ministry and one from CPMU named Shri Gurvinder Singh and Shri Dadhich Indrodia respectively, have been constituted to study the functioning of the schemes in two states such as Karnataka where it is fully funded by the state government. The team has been directed to submit the report within two weeks.

6.2 This Court directed that an Action Taken Report be submitted on receipt of the reports of the teams within two weeks as stated without further delay, failing which this Court may be constrained to recommend penalties as prescribed in the Act.

**7. Monitoring of DDRS Scheme by the RCI and Director, DDRS, DEPWD:**

7.1 The Court shared its concerns for the non-compliance of its direction from the last hearing as contained in para 2 (d) above. It directed the DDRS division to arrange a meeting within 07 days with RCI to discuss the proper functioning of the Special Schools including maintenance of Student - Teacher ratio and submit its report within 15 days positively, otherwise penalty will be imposed.



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**8. Five-days Residential Training Program:**

8.1 The representatives of the RCI submitted that they have granted approval and financial assistance to 16 institutions to conduct the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) till 31.03.2025 with a total of 915 intake. The Court expressed its dissatisfaction over the submission of Respondent No. 7 as the specific direction issued in the last hearing was to organize five-day residential training programs for teachers engaged in TTIs and the special schools affiliated with RCI so as to cover a minimum of 500 such teachers. The Court directed the Member Secretary, RCI to submit the said training calendar within one week from the date of issue of this Record of Proceedings.

8.2 On the list submitted by RCI, the Court directed DEPWD to stop giving financial assistance if any DDERS / DDRC or any other organization is employing professionals whose licenses have expired and also to initiate legal action against such professionals as well as the organizations hiring such professionals or keeping them on their roll despite the lapse of their licence. The States/UTs were also advised to take appropriate legal action if any DDERS / DDRC or any other organization is employing professionals whose license has expired.

**9. Communication of reasons for the reduction in grants to NGOs:**



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9.1 In the last hearing, the CCPD directed the DEPWD that wherever such deductions take place a calculation sheet should be shared with the concerned NGO giving the breakups and the reasons for such reduction, the steps to be taken, and the timelines. Such sheets are to be prepared in respect of all cases in the last two years, where the reasons have not yet been informed to the NGOs. The representative from DEPWD apprised that the problem has been rectified and the NGO can see their break up and reasons for deduction. However, the Court advised the SCPDs to cross-check the same with the NGO concerned.

**10. Timely Distribution of Aids & Appliances under ADIP-SSA Schemes:**

10.1 The representative appearing from ALIMCO submitted that no appropriate response is coming from the schools running under DDRS.

10.2 The ALIMCO was advised to send representatives to the schools and submit a report within fifteen (15) days on whether and how the children studying in those schools are getting benefitted under the ADIP-SSA schemes. The officers In-charge of DDRS/DEPWD were also directed to assist the ALIMCO by providing them with a list of the projects for the last three years. The ALIMCO Report should cover details of aids and appliances disbursed in the schools running under DDRS.

10.3 Ms. Madhavi Kataria, SCPD, Chandigarh raised a concern based on the feedback received by her that according to the new ADIP guidelines, UDID cards are a mandatory requirement for availing the benefit under the ADIP-SSA scheme, whereas in many cases, particularly in neurological disorder case, the UDID is not issued to a child below 6 years of age.



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10.4 The Court advised the Director, In-charge of DDRS in the DEPWD to issue a clarification in this regard so that the children below six years may not be deprived of the benefit of the ADIP-SSA scheme.

**11. Other Submissions** - On the submission made by Mr. Ram Kamal, Andhra Pradesh to arrange a program in Andhra Pradesh with regard to the benefit of the SSA scheme in the wake of the new changes in education especially while it going on digital, the Court advised to chalk out a program and submit it to the Director, Incharge of DDRS in the DEPWD.

13. This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

**Yours faithfully,**

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**Dy. Chief Commissioner**

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