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COURT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

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Case No. CCPD/15022/1092/24

Dated: 03/11/2025

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In the matter of:

Shri Sujit Kumar Giri

...Complainant

versus

The Registrar,

University Of Hyderabad

...Respondent

1. Gist of the Complaint:

1.1 Shri Sujit Kumar, a person with 45% Cerebral Palsy, filed a complaint dated 24.12.2023 regarding non-issuance of Scholarship for PwDs through the National Scholarship Portal [NSP]. He is a first-year PhD student in Management at the University of Hyderabad.

1.2 He is facing issues applying for the PwD Scholarship through the NSP, although he allegedly meets all eligibility criteria. The portal shows "*no such scheme available*" at the final stage of application. Customer care and email support confirmed there's no issue with his application, yet the scheme remains inaccessible. The likely reason is a misinterpretation of his admission year—though he joined in January 2023, his registration number (22MBPH12) confirms he belongs to the 2022 batch. There is no academic gap; the admission cycle was delayed due to COVID-19.

1.3 He had earlier resolved a technical issue where his department was missing from the portal. Now, he seeks urgent help to enable the scholarship scheme so he can receive the support, he claims, he rightfully deserves.

2. Notice issued to the Respondent:

2.1 A notice dated 04.01.2024 under sections 75 and 77 was issued to the above-

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mentioned respondents for forwarding to this Court comments on affidavit for violation of section 17(h) of the Act on the complaint within the statutory time limit. This was followed by a reminder dated 12.03.2024.

3. Reply filed by the Respondent:

3.1 Even after notice and reminder, no reply has been received from the Respondent.

4. Hearing:

4.1 A hearing was conducted on **09.09.2025**. The following parties/their representatives were present:

S. No.	Name of Party	Mode of Appearance	Appearing for
1.	Mr Sujit Kumar Giri - Complainant	Online	Complainant
2.	Prof. Naresh Anand, Deputy Dean, Students' Welfare, University of Hyderabad	Online	Respondent

5. Record of Proceedings:

5.1 The Complainant stated that he was earlier receiving the Rajiv Gandhi Research Fellowship. He is part of the 2022 batch. He got admitted into the PhD programme on 05.01.2023 at the respondent university. His grievance is that he did not get timely information about the National Fellowship for PwDs. The website of the DEPwD became operational only in December 2023. He contended that, on the NSP, his department was not added at the material time to enable the Complainant to apply.

5.2 The Respondent stated that the NSP is only for applying for scholarships at the pre and post-metric levels, up to the Post Graduate Level at the highest. They stated that the Complainant has been getting a non-aid fellowship from 05.01.2023 and will continue to get it until 04.01.2027. They clarified that the University of Hyderabad is one of the universities

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for which candidates are eligible to get the National Fellowship for PwDs. Each year, more than 500 students receive the said fellowship to study at the University of Hyderabad. The Respondent can place the data for the previous 5-6 years in this regard. They argued that they have no ill-will against the Complainant and, if he is given the said Fellowship, there is no reason why they would impede him from pursuing the PhD. Programme. However, they stressed that this Fellowship is not routed through the Respondent university – it is a matter between the Complainant and the DEPwD.

5.3 The Complainant subsequently stated that his grievance was with the DEPwD and not with the Respondent University. It was his say that the DEPwD had failed to properly publicise information about the fellowship, resulting in him losing out on the opportunity to apply for the same.

6. Observations/Recommendations:

6.1 It is clear that the Respondent University is not at fault for the Complainant's inability to apply for the National Fellowship for PwDs. The Respondent university has provided the Complainant access to a non-aid fellowship for 2 years and has committed to continuing the same for 2 more years. If the Complainant has any grievance with the DEPwD, he is free to file a separate complaint against them in this regard. Nothing survives in the present complaint.

6.2 This case is accordingly disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Govindaraj)

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