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COURT OF 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 and Empowerment

भारत सरकार/ Government of India

Case No. CCPD/15044/1024/24

Dated: 21/08/2026

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In the matter of —

Hiresh Ahluwalia

...Complainant

Versus

The Secretary,

Ministry of Finance

...Respondent

1. Gist of the Case

1.1 Mr. Hiresh Ahluwalia, a person with 40% Specific Learning Disability, filed the present complaint dated 09.01.2024 seeking inclusion of Specific Learning Disability in the list of disabilities eligible for grant of Double Transport Allowance under the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum dated 15.09.2022.

1.2 The Complainant submitted that Specific Learning Disability falls within the category of intellectual disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. He stated that although his disability existed since birth, statutory recognition was accorded only after the enactment of the RPwD Act, 2016. He joined the Ministry of Defence as an Assistant Section Officer on 14.07.2023 through the SSC Combined Graduate Level Examination, 2019.

1.3 The Complainant further submitted that his request dated 13.10.2023 for grant of Double Transport Allowance was rejected on the ground that Specific Learning Disability was not included in the list of eligible disabilities under the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum dated 15.09.2022. He contended that such exclusion was arbitrary, particularly when benefits had been extended to several other disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability, and sought appropriate directions for

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extending the benefit to persons with Specific Learning Disability.

2. Reply of the Respondent

2.1 Notice under Sections 75 and 77 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 was issued to the Respondents on 15.01.2024, calling upon them to furnish their comments regarding the alleged violation of Section 20 of the Act.

2.2 The Respondents, vide reply dated 07.05.2024, submitted that the grant of Double Transport Allowance is governed by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure Office Memorandum dated 15.09.2022, which specifies the categories of disabilities eligible for the benefit. It was further stated that any modification or expansion of the eligible categories can be undertaken only in consultation with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) and with the approval of the competent authority.

3. Rejoinder of the Complainant

3.1 The Complainant, vide rejoinder dated 08.07.2024, submitted that several disabilities presently eligible for Double Transport Allowance do not necessarily involve locomotor impairment, yet receive the benefit. He contended that the exclusion of Specific Learning Disability, despite its recognition under the RPwD Act, 2016 and its significant functional impact, is discriminatory and contrary to the principles of equality and non-discrimination guaranteed under the Constitution and the Act.

4. Subsequent Developments

4.1 During the pendency of the proceedings, the matter was listed for hearing on 22.01.2026. Prior thereto, the Complainant, vide email dated 19.01.2026, informed this Court that his grievance had been resolved, as the Ministry of Finance had issued a circular extending the benefit of Double Transport Allowance to persons with Specific Learning Disability. The Complainant, therefore, requested that the present complaint be treated as closed.

5. Observations and Recommendations

5.1 The Court has carefully considered the complaint, the reply of the Respondents, the rejoinder filed by the Complainant, and the subsequent developments on record. It is noted that, during the pendency of these proceedings, the Ministry of Finance extended the benefit of Double Transport Allowance to persons with Specific Learning Disability, thereby substantially redressing the grievance raised by the Complainant.

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5.2 In view of the categorical statement made by the Complainant vide e-mail dated 19.01.2026, no further action is warranted.

5.3 Accordingly, the complaint stands disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

(Ipsita Mitra)

Dy. Chief Commissioner

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