



न्यायालय मुख्य आयुक्त

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

Diary No. DNO/26/CCPD/6555

Dated: 03/09/2026

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In the Matter of

Complainant

Shri Nitesh Kumar

Versus

Respondent(s)

The Director, NIEPVD/NIVH, Dehradun

1. Background of the Case

1.1 The Complainant, Shri Nitesh, a student with benchmark visual impairment, submitted a grievance dated 24.07.2026 contesting that eligible students of the 2023–2025 batch have not been provided laptops under the scheme of the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD/NIVH), despite being entitled to receive them. He stated that the students have repeatedly approached the concerned authorities, who have informed them that the procurement process is still underway. However, the laptops have not yet been distributed. The Complainant further submitted that the delay in providing laptops is adversely affecting the studies of visually impaired students, as these devices are essential for accessible learning and independent participation in educational activities. He requested early distribution of the laptops to all eligible students of the 2023–2025 batch.

2. Hearing

2.1. A preliminary hearing was conducted on 14.08.2026 wherein the following parties/representatives were present:

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1	Shri Nitesh Kumar	Complainant
2	Shri Bhupender Rana, Orientation & Mobility Educator	Respondent

3. Record of Proceedings

3.1 During the proceedings, the Respondent submitted that laptops had previously been provided to students of earlier batches with the approval of the Executive Council (EC). It was stated that, for the 2023-2025 batch, a proposal for provision of laptops had been placed before the EC, which had recommended the Institute to seek funds under the appropriate national funding mechanism. Accordingly, the Respondent submitted that a proposal had been forwarded in May 2026 and that the Institute was awaiting release of funds. The Respondent further stated that the minutes of the EC approving the proposal had been attached with the written submission.

3.2 The Court sought clarification regarding the basis on which students of the concerned programme were being provided laptops and whether any specific scheme, office order, memorandum or other instrument assured or guaranteed such laptops to eligible students. The Respondent clarified that there was no separate scheme specifically providing laptops to the students and that distribution had previously been undertaken pursuant to approval of the Executive Council. The Court also noted that laptops had been distributed to students of previous batches pursuant to such approval. In view of the fact that the students of the 2023-2025 batch had completed their course and the provision of laptops was pending, the Court recommended the Respondent to ascertain the status of the proposal and the position regarding approval/release of funds from the concerned authority.

3.3 The Respondent was accordingly recommended to obtain confirmation from the competent/approving authority regarding the proposal submitted in May 2026 and the availability/release of funds, and to take necessary steps for distribution of laptops to the eligible students at the earliest. The Court observed that, considering that the concerned students had already completed their course and the laptops were intended to facilitate accessible learning and independent participation, the matter should not be delayed further. The Respondent was recommended to complete the necessary process and ensure

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distribution of the laptops, as applicable, within **60 days** from the date of receipt of this order and submit an Action Taken Report (ATR) within the stipulated time. Consequently, no further intervention is considered necessary by the Court.

4. Accordingly, the case is disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Govindaraj)
Commissioner

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