

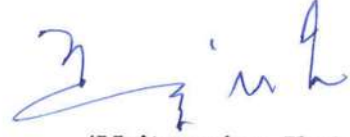
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Sub: Fifth Meeting of Central Advisory Board on Disability held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment on 24th June, 2022: Forwarding of Minutes

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of Central Advisory Board on Disability held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment on 24th June, 2022.

Encl: As above



(Mrityunjay Jha)

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To,

All the Members of the Central Advisory Board on Disability

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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister, SJ&E
2. PS to Hon'ble MoS (PB), SJ&E
3. PPS to Secretary, DEPwD
4. PS to Joint Secretary (RY), DEPwD

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Disability held under the Chairmanship of Dr.Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister, SJ&E on 24th June, 2022 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

List of participants is at **Annexure**

2. The fifth meeting of Central Advisory Board on Disability started with National Anthem followed by lighting of lamp by the dignitaries.

3. Ms Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD welcomed the members of the Central Advisory Board comprising Hon'ble Ministers from various States/UTs and their representatives, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, representatives from various Central Ministries/Departments/organisations and non-official members. She informed that the Central Advisory Board had already met four times and the last meeting was held in November, 2020. In its previous meetings, the Central Advisory Board has deliberated on various issues such as inclusive education, early intervention, accessibility, issues relating to social security, mental health rehabilitation, efforts made during COVID 19 for protection of PwDs, etc. She briefly touched upon the issues proposed to be discussed by the Central Advisory Board. She informed that the Department was in the process of developing Vision @ 2047. Similarly, the Department has already invited comments/suggestions on the draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, which have been placed for information and deliberation of the Central Advisory Board. She also drew the attention of Central Advisory Board about the recent circular issued by Department of Personnel & Training on 17.05.2022 extending the benefit of reservation in promotion for persons with benchmark disabilities.

4. Ms. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble MoS for Social Justice and Empowerment, Vice-Chairperson of the Board highlighted major initiatives taken by the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities during the last eight years. She stated that more than 22.5 lakh Divyanjan have been benefited under the ADIP programme of the Department through distribution of aids and assistive devices and more than 12,000 distribution camps have been organized across the country. She requested the States/UTs to upscale the pace of implementation of Unique Disability ID Card project so as to ensure that all eligible persons with disabilities have the disability certificate and UDID card which is the primary requirement for availing Government benefits. Ensuring issuance of certificate of disability and UDID card, will be the first step towards inclusion and empowerment of PwDs. She advised the States/UTs to monitor the project regularly. She also urged the States/UTs to create awareness about various schemes and

programmes such as scholarship, skill development, etc. She requested the members to give their valuable suggestions on the agenda items so that the CAB could come out with concrete recommendations towards achieving the target of inclusion.

5. Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister, social Justice and Empowerment and Chairperson, Central Advisory Board on Disability in his address emphasized that ensuring comprehensive accessibility, inclusion and empowerment of Divyangjan is a challenge. This can only be overcome through concerted efforts by the Government together with all stakeholders including the States, civil societies and organizations of persons with disabilities. He drew the attention of the Board towards the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister i.e. 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwaas aur Sabka Prayaas'. Divyangjan are partners in every aspect of inclusion and empowerment. He stated that though there has been significant progress in creating accessible infrastructure, there is long way to go to provide accessibility in all public buildings, transportation systems and ICT eco systems. He advised the States/UTs to look into the provision of the RPwD Act, 2016 for ensuring accessibility within a period of five years that elapsed on 14.06.2022 and come out with concrete action plan for achieving the target. He requested the States to apprise the Board about the steps taken or being taken by them to promote social security of persons with disabilities and about special efforts made by them to address the concerns of PwDs during COVID 19. He also drew the attention of the members regarding the Centre for Disability Sports being established at Gwalior (which is likely to be completed this year) and National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation being established at Sehore, MP. He urged the States/UTs to share their best practices for inclusion and empowerment of PwDs so that other States can learn and develop similar module. He suggested that it would be appropriate to develop a single window facility for Divyangjan so as to enable them to avail all the benefits and services without any hardship.

6. Presentation was made on various schemes and programmes of the Department by Shri Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, Shri Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary and Shri Kishore Baburao Surwade, DDG. Modifications in the existing schemes and programmes, namely, ADIP, Scholarship, National Action Plan for Skill Development, DDRS and DDRC were highlighted in the presentation.

7. Subsequently, with the permission of the Chair, a presentation was made on the agenda items, which included the following items:-

I(A) Confirmation of the Minutes of last meeting held on 26.11.2020

I (B) Action Taken report on the decisions of CAB.

II Status of framing of Rules, constitution of State Advisory Boards etc

- III Status of implementation of Accessible India Campaign including accessibility of public buildings as per Section 45(1) of the RPwD Act, 2016
- IV Status of implementation of the UDID project
- V Matters related to DDRS and DDRC including Model DDRC
- VI National Action Plan for Skill Development for Persons with Disabilities
- VII Vision – 2047 and draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities
- VIII Matters related to enhancement in disability pension
- IX Opportunities for appointment of 'Divyang Mitras' trained under CBID course
- X Any other matter with the permission of the Chair (Issue relating to implementation of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 01.09.2021 in the matter of Contempt Petition No. 1653 of 2018 arising out of W.P. (C) No. 412 of 2016 – Shri Gaurav Kumar Bansal Vs Shri Dinesh Kumar & Others regarding rehabilitation homes)

8. After detailed deliberations, agenda wise recommendations of the Central Advisory Board are as under:-

Agenda Item No. 1 (A) -Confirmation of the Minutes of last meeting held on 26.11.2020

The minutes of the last meeting of the Central Advisory Board held on 26.11.2020 were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 1 (B) - Action Taken report on the decisions of CAB in its meeting held on 26.11.2020

- i. The Central Advisory Board noted that physiotherapists, occupational therapists and psychologists are now covered under the Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021.
- ii. The Board noted that all the States/UTs except West Bengal have started implementing the UDID project. The issue has also been included as a separate agenda item.
- iii. The Central Advisory Board noted that as per information available with the Department, 12 States/UTs presently have independent Commissioners. All the States/UTs except Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Meghalaya are topping up disability pension over and above the disability pension being given by Ministry of Rural Development under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme.

- iv. The Central Advisory Board noted that 3189 ADIP camps were organized in all the States/UTs except Lakshadweep and Ladakh for distribution of aids and assistive devices to about 5.22 lakh Divyang beneficiaries during the year 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- v. The States/UTs were informed of the notification issued by DEPwD on 04.01.2018 regarding identification of posts suitable for persons with benchmark disabilities in Central Government establishments. The States/UTs were urged to undertake similar exercise of follow this notification.
- vi. The Central Advisory Board was informed that the separate scheme for providing incentive to the private employers for promoting employment of persons with disabilities have been discontinued. However, National Action Plan for Skill Development has the component of incentive to the employers.
- vii. The Central Advisory Board noted that NCERT has been continuously working on updating DIKSHA for facilitating easy access to Divyang students.
- viii. The Board also noted that under MGNREGA, persons with disabilities are included as special category of vulnerable people.
- ix. The matter regarding separate posting and transfer policy for employees with disabilities may be followed up with DoPT keeping in view the provision of Section 20(5) of the RPwD Act, 2016.
- x. DEPwD may follow up the matter with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for constitution of a Committee to review the assessment guidelines for high support needs.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Status of framing of Rules, constitution of State Advisory Boards etc

As per information received from States/UTs, the Central Advisory Board noted that :-

- i. 24 States/UTs have designated Special Courts, namely, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telengana and Uttar Pradesh;
- ii. 10 States/UTs have separate Departments, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telengana and Uttar Pradesh;
- iii. 12 States/UTs presently have independent Commissioners, namely, Assam, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;
- iv. All States/UTs except Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and Ladakh have notified RPwD Rules and constituted State Advisory Boards;

- v. 22 States/UTs have constituted District level Committees, namely, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telengana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal;
- vi. 17 States/UTs have constituted Assessment Boards, namely, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, MP, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh.

The Board recommended that all the States/UTs need to expeditiously notify their State/UT specific Rules under RPwD Act, 2016, constitute State Advisory Boards, District level Committees, Designate Special Courts in every District and appoint Independent Commissioners for PwDs, if not yet done so.

Agenda Item No. 3 -Status of implementation of Accessible India Campaign including accessibility of public buildings as per Section 45(1) of the RPwD Act, 2016

The Central Advisory Board noted that the Department has issued notification regarding inclusion of the revised Harmonized Guidelines and Space Standards issued by MoHUA in December, 2021 under RPwD Rules seeking comments from the public. It also noted that notification of accessibility standards in respect of other sectors are at different stages of finalization for inclusion under RPwD Rules.

The Board recommended that:

- i. DEPwD may issue SoP to be followed by other Ministries/Department while submitting their accessibility standards under RPwD Rules.
- ii. In respect of work completion under AIC, timelines for submission of UCs and receiving 2nd instalment of funds for completion of work under AIC may be extended to December 2022 and timeline for completion of work in buildings be extended to March 2024.
- iii. Further, for extension of timeline for making all public buildings accessible, all States/UTs need to submit holistic reports with information of work achieved, UCs submitted against all previous funds released to the State/UT Governments along with an action plan with the proposed period of extension, by 31st of July 2022 for consideration under the Department as per the provision under Section 45(1) of the RPwD Act, 2016. While developing action plan for making all the remaining public buildings accessible, priority be given to education, health and other public utility buildings.

- iv. For Accessibility of websites, State Government to prioritize issuing necessary approvals for website upgradation ensuring completion of the target in a time bound manner. Also, State/UT Governments may come out with guidelines for making their websites accessible.
- v. Since NIC does not host edited websites, MietY needs to check up with NIC with respect to the issues relating to hosting of edited websites.
- vi. The Government establishments need to involve persons with disabilities while upgrading their websites so as to ensure accessibility.
- vii. The States/UTs may consider renewing license of agencies only after ensuring adherence to accessibility standards.
- viii. The States/UTs need to undertake programmes for capacity building of urban local bodies about the requirement of adherence to accessibility standards in public buildings.

Agenda Item No. 4 -Status of implementation of the UDID project

The Central Advisory Board noted that so far more than **75** lakh UDID cards have been generated in 716 Districts in the country. The Board urged the States:-

- i. to take immediate measures to enhance the pace of implementation of the UDID project so as to achieve the target of saturation by August, 2022.
- ii. to draw target oriented action plan to clear all pending applications on the UDID Portal and complete the digitization of existing manual certificates on a fast track bases. The States/UTs may link the UDID card with benefit delivery system.
- iii. DEPwD may consider making Aadhaar mandatory for issuance of certificate of disability/UDID card.
- iv. DEPwD may approach MoHFW for linking UDID with Ayushman Bharat scheme. The Department may also follow up with Ministry of Railways for giving railway concession on the basis of UDID.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Matters related to DDRS and DDRC including Model DDRC

The Central Advisory Board was apprised that the mode of funding in the above scheme has been changed to reimbursement mode and Aadhar Card of the beneficiaries have been made mandatory. Further, the Board noted that the Department is now in the process of introducing model DDRCs and all States/UTs to encourage each district to create and promote such centers.

The Central Advisory Board recommended that:-

- i. The States/UTs may consider setting up DDRCs in all the Districts as expeditiously as possible and may submit proposals for DDRCs by 31.07.2022. The National Institutes of the Department can provide guidance to the States/UTs through tele-consultation for developing and submitting the proposal.
- ii. The States/UTs may appoint Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) trained Divyang Mitras in DDRCs.
- iii. District management team of DDRCs needs to meet regularly to resolve the problem of DDRC for effective functioning.
- iv. DEPwD may take a view with respect to the proposals of State Government institutions seeking financial assistance under DDRCs/DDRC.

Agenda Item No. 6 - National Action Plan for Skill Development for Persons with Disabilities

The Central Advisory Board recommended that:-

- i. The States/UTs need to be involved in the process of empanelment of training partners.
- ii. Thrust should be given for providing platform for marketing of the products made by the PwDs.
- iii. Collaboration with corporate houses such as FICCI, CII, etc may be explored for ensuring placement.
- iv. The States/UTs need to recommend proposals of reputed institutions including their skill training institutions for undertaking skill training programme under NAP.
- v. It may be made mandatory for ETPs to ensure registration of trainees on UDID portal, if the trainee does not have the UDID card.
- vi. DEPwD in consultation with Sector skill Council for PwDs may explore new trades for skill training of PwDs.
- vii. Special steps may be taken in promoting skill training for PwDs in North Eastern region.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Vision@2047 and draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities

The Central Advisory Board noted that the Department has invited comments on the draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities from general public by 9th July, 2022. It also noted that the Department is developing Vision @ 2047.

The Central Advisory Board urged the members to submit their comments on the draft National Policy and Vision @2047 by 15th July, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 8 - Matters related to enhancement in disability pension

The Central Advisory Board noted that at present the Ministry of Rural Development is supporting the States/UTs by providing disability pension at the rate of Rs 300 per month to persons with severe disabilities in the age group of 18-79 years. The States/UTs are also topping up their contribution towards disability pension which varies from State to State. The Board further noted that in its third meeting held on 19.09.2019, the States/UTs were requested to enhance the quantum of disability pension. Some of the nominated members suggested that there should be uniformity in the quantum of disability pension across all the States/UTs and pension should be provided to all persons with benchmark disabilities.

The Central Advisory Board reiterates its earlier recommendations and urged the States/UTs to enhance disability pension and cover all persons with benchmark disabilities.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Opportunities for appointment of 'Divyang Mitras' trained under CBID course

The Central Advisory Board was informed that a six month duration Community Based Inclusive Development Programme (CBID) has been developed by RCI in association with University of Melbourne with a view to creating a pool of grass root level community workers who can work alongside Asha and Anganwadi workers. The first batch of the programme has been completed and more than 400 students have completed this course. The Board noted the need for creating employment opportunities for these CBID workers who can work as 'Divyang Mitra' at community level.

Some members pointed out that at present under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, the special educators are working as local resource coordinators rather than doing their teaching duty. The CBID workers may be appointed to do the work of resource coordinators so as to enable these special educators to do their core activity of teaching and special activity

training to students with disabilities. It was also suggested by members that such workers may be employed under DDRC/DDRS.

The Central Advisory Board recommended that States may appoint the CBID pass outs at DDRCs, rehabilitation homes as well as community rehabilitation organizations run by them. Appointment under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan may also be explored.

Agenda Item No. 10 - Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

- i. Issue relating to implementation of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 01.09.2021 in the matter of Contempt Petition No. 1653 of 2018 arising out of W.P. (C) No. 412 of 2016 – Shri Gaurav Kumar Bansal Vs Shri Dinesh Kumar & Others regarding rehabilitation homes

The Central Advisory Board advised the States/UTs to expedite the updated information relating to half way homes/rehabilitation homes, vaccination of occupants of mental health care institutions including service providers, action taken on various suggestions of the petitioner in the prescribed proforma at the earliest.

- ii. The following suggestions were made by members during the Board meeting:-
 - o Many assistive devices are not registered on GEM Portal thus rate contracts must be framed for procurement.
 - o A lot of awareness generation work needs to be done at the grass root level for which funds may be suitably provided by States/UTs.
 - o Proper implementation and monitoring of recruitment against vacancies (including backlog vacancies) meant for persons with benchmark disabilities.
 - o Disability assessment guidelines may be reviewed for improvement.
 - o Setting up of hostel for college going students with disabilities in big cities by the States/UTs may be considered.
 - o Braille and sign language should be promoted so as to improve the literacy and numeracy of the persons with visual and hearing impairment respectively. Efforts should also be made to ensure that children with blindness are provided with braille books at least up to class VIII instead of audio books.

- The NHFDC should be advised to tie up with Credit Guarantee Fund Trust (CGFT) for providing loan guarantee so that the persons with disabilities can avail the loan facility in line with Mudra loans.
- 10-15% of the CSR fund may be considered for allocation for disability sector.

The Central Advisory Board recommended that DEPwD may examine the above suggestions and take up with concerned Central Ministries/ Departments/ organisations and States/UTs.

9. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure I

List of Participants

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