

FAQs for Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA Scheme

Q-1- What is the “Creation of Barrier Free Environment” of SIPDA Scheme?

Ans: This is a sub-scheme under the umbrella SIPDA scheme (Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA)). SIPDA is a **Central Sector Scheme**. It has been implemented by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).

Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for making existing Government buildings accessible to PwDs across the country through construction of lifts, ramps, railings, accessible toilets, tactile tiles and accessible websites etc. for the convenience of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

Q-2- Who can apply for seeking grant in aid under the sub-scheme named Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA Scheme?

A n s : The State/UT Governments including autonomous organizations/National Institutions/Universities run by Central/State Governments may apply for grant in aid for making existing Public buildings accessible for persons with disabilities.

Q-3- Can any Government Organization apply for seeking grant in aid under the sub-scheme named Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA Scheme?

Ans: Yes. However, the proposal must be submitted with the recommendation of concerned State Social Welfare Department.

Q-4- What is the procedure for seeking grant in aid under the sub-scheme named Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA Scheme?

A n s : The State/UT Governments, including autonomous organization/National Institutions/ Central or State Universities, may request to the Department for grant in aid to establish accessible facilities such as Lifts, Accessible Toilets, Ramps with handrails, Signages etc. The request must be forwarded along with preliminary cost estimates, Layout Drawings of proposed location, Measurement details etc. duly signed by rank of Executive Engineer, CPWD/PWD.

Q-5- What are the conditions to consider the request for Grant in Aid under Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA Scheme?

A n s : Whenever the proposals documents viz. preliminary Cost Estimates, Layout drawings, Measurement details etc. are found in order after technical scrutiny and concerned applicant (i.e. State/ UT Governments/ Autonomous organization/National Institutions/ Central or State Universities) has furnishes 75% of Utilization Certificates (UCs) against previous grant in aid released under the two components of

SIPDA scheme namely (i) Creation of Barrier Free Environment and (ii) Accessible India Campaign (AIC), the request for Grant in Aid is considered for release of fund.

Q-6- What is the frequency of the Department for releasing Grant in Aid under the sub-scheme Creation of Barrier Free Environment of the umbrella SIPDA scheme?

Ans: Grants-in-aid would normally be released in two installments and in some cases maximum in three installments depending on the nature of work and phases of implementation. The requirement of documents would be similar for 2nd as well as 3rd Installment (if any).

Q-7- Which documents are required for seeking 2nd installment of grant in aid under the sub-scheme Creation of Barrier Free Environment of the umbrella SIPDA scheme?

Ans: The following documents are required in order to process the request for 2nd/final installment:

- The physical progress report for the work completed with date specified along with present colored photographs.
- Fund Utilization Certificate as per the rules prescribed in GFR-2017 for previous grant in aid released.
- The demand letter (in original) in respect of the Balance amount required for completing the remaining work from the Public Works Department(PWD)/ Central Public Works Department(CPWD).
- Actual tendered cost of the work with supporting tender documents.
- Statement of Actual Expenditure incurred including excess expenditure incurred if any.
- Brief of schedule and plan to complete work (in case extra time required to complete work)
- Name and other contact details of the nodal officer dealing with the project/programme.

Q-8- Is there any maximum limit for releasing Grant in Aid for any proposal under the sub-scheme Creation of Barrier Free Environment of the umbrella SIPDA scheme?

Ans: No. The grant in aid may be released on the basis of cost of requirement of accessible features to be provided in the concerned premises for the convenience of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

Q-9- How much time is required for release of Grant in Aid in case the proposal documents are submitted in order under the sub-scheme Creation of Barrier Free Environment of the

umbrella SIPDA scheme?

Ans: There is no prescribed time limit in Scheme guidelines for processing of the proposals. The fund release may vary and is subject to fulfillment of all conditions as per guidelines of Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA scheme.
