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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidelines to streamline the procedure of Assessment and Certification of PwDs by “Empanelled Training Partners” under National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Person with Disabilities under SIPDA Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's letter No. 4-2(80)/2014-DD-I dated 28th January, 2016 notifying the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIPDA). Para 6.18 of the scheme states that the Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes as notified by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship vide Notification No. H-22011/2/2014-SDE-I dated 15th July, 2015, as amended from time to time, shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of the entire funding norms including training cost, boarding and lodging cost, transport/conveyance cost, third party certification cost, post placement support etc.

2. As per Para 4.1 of Schedule-I of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship's Notification No. H-22011/2/2014-SDE-I dated 15th July, 2015 - to ensure independent and unbiased assessment and certification of trained candidates, costs for certification and assessment shall be payable to an independent third party authorized for conducting assessments and certifications.

3. Before implementation of SIPDA scheme in January, 2016, skill development training was being provided to Persons with Disabilities(PwDs) by National Institutes and National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation(NHFDC) and they were getting assessment and certification done through the assessing bodies empanelled with the Directorate General of Training (DGT) or other assessing bodies.

4. Now, in order to have a uniform approach, the following decisions have been taken in the meeting held on 7th June, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD :-

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(a) 2016-17 was the first year of implementation of the scheme under National Action Plan. The mechanism of third party assessment and certification could not be put in place well before the completion of the training. As a result, many training programmes were completed before the assessing bodies could be deputed. It is difficult to mobilize the trainees again for their assessment and certification. Considering the difficulties at the field level being caused to the trainees, all of whom are persons with disabilities, it has been decided by the Department that in case of training programme completed on or before 31st March, 2017 by the empanelled training partners (either through NHFDC or DEPwD), assessment and certification can be done through any third party assessment and certification body which could be either Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD) or the assessing bodies empanelled with the Directorate General of Training (DGT) as per compliance of common norms.

(b). From 2017-18, a uniform approach shall be adopted and assessment and certification will be done only through Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities.

5. This issues with the approval of Secretary, DEPwD. The above provisions are brought for information and compliance of all concerned.



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To

1. Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/Union Territories.
2. Secretary-in-charge of Department of Welfare of Persons with Disabilities in State Governments/Union Territories.
3. All State Commissioners of PwDs.
4. PS to Minister (SJ&E)/PS to MOS(KPG)/PS to MOS(VS)/PS to MOS(RA)/PSO to Secy, DEPwD.
5. PS to JS(DC)/PS to JS(PS)/PS to DDG(TRM).
6. All Directors/USs of DEPwD.
7. Directors of all National Institutes of DEPwD.
8. CMD, NHFDC.
9. All the ETPs under SIPDA.
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