

**Minutes of the third meeting of the Governing Body of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities, held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.**

List of participants is at **Annexure- I**.

Ms. Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, DEPwD, while welcoming the participants stated that last meeting of the Governing Body was held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Meanwhile, the Department has taken steps to implement the scheme framed under it. She requested Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD to briefly explain the agenda points for consideration of the Governing Body.

2. Dr Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD stated that since inception of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities, two meetings of Governing Body were held on 09.01.2018 and 30.07.2019. In between, National Fund has been registered under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act and PAN (No: AACTN8946J) & TAN( No: DELN18701E) have also been obtained. He also stated that the Department has received proposals from individuals and organisations seeking financial assistance under the scheme of National Fund for organising exhibitions and participation in international events. These were scrutinized by Screening Committee in its meeting held on 15.01.2019, which recommended three proposals for financial assistance. The Governing Body would like to consider these proposals for release of fund. The Governing Body would also need to consider extending engagement of the existing auditor for another period of one year and extension of existing staff of the Fund.

3. Agenda wise decisions of the Governing Body are as under:-

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decisions / Observation of Governing Body</b>
<p><b>Agenda Point No.1:</b> Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee noted that the PAN and TAN of National Fund have been obtained and the Fund has been registered under Section 12 A of the Income Tax Act .</li> <li>• NHFDC may convene a meeting of the Screening Committee under their erstwhile scholarship scheme of Trust Fund under chairmanship of JS &amp; CEO, National Fund to consider renewal of scholarship in respect of candidates who were earlier supported and are continuing with their study in the same course.</li> <li>• The Governing Body noted that recruitment process has been initiated to engage one Programme Officer and one Accountant under National Fund and interview of the shortlisted candidates will be held shortly.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Agenda Point No 2:</b> Release of fund under new schemes/ guideline for providing financial assistance under National Fund.</p>	<p>The Governing Body approved release of funds to the three organization/individuals as per details at <b>Annexure II.</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Point No 3:</b> Release of final installment to M/s Centre for Market Research &amp; Development for conducting Impact Assessment Study of the Scholarship Schemes implemented by NHFDC</p>	<p><b>Governing body decided</b> that M/s Centre for Market Research &amp; Development would make a presentation on their final report before Secretary, DEPwD. The Governing Body authorized Secretary DEPwD to take a decision regarding release of balance amount of <b>Rs 7,87,766/-</b> to the agency accordingly.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Point No 4:</b> Extension of the present staff members under National Fund</p>	<p><b>The Governing Body approved extension of services</b> of Shri Gulshan Kumar Verma, Assistant with monthly remuneration of Rs. 35000 (Rs. 33000 + Rs.2000 for transport allowances) raised from Rs. 27,000/- and Ms Pooja Malik, Assistant with monthly remuneration of Rs 30,000/-(Rs.28000 + Rs 2000 for transport allowances) raised from Rs 22,000/- for another period of one year from 1.1.2019. Their extension and remuneration will be reviewed by the Governing Body in its meeting to be held in January 2020.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Point No 5:</b> Extending the engagement of M/s Dube Pandey Co and release of payment of pending bills of CA for pursuing old cases</p>	<p>The Governing Body approved extension of engagement of M/s Dube Pandey &amp; Co. as auditor of the Fund for one more year i.e. for the year 2019-20 on the same terms and conditions including payment terms as was done for the last year.</p> <p>As regards bills submitted by the agency towards processing of various cases such as scrutiny, accounting and appeal cases in respect of the erstwhile two funds including CIT (appeal) cases, the Governing Body decided that these Bills may be processed based on activities in each case separately. The Governing Body authorized Secretary, DEPwD to decide release of fund to the agency in such cases accordingly.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Point No 6:</b> Release of TA to the participants and their escorts for attending National IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities held in NIT Kurukshetra during 25 -26 July 2019.</p>	<p>Governing Body noted the fact that though national IT Challenge organized by NIT, Kurushetra is supported under Awareness Generation Programme of the Department, TA is not paid to the participating PwDs and their escorts. The Governing Body approved the proposal of reimbursement of Travel Allowances to the participants of the National IT Challenge (NITC) for youth with disabilities held during 25-</p>

	26 July 2019, and to one escort/parent each. Total estimated amount of release as approved by Governing Body in this regard is Rs 12.00 Lakh
<b>Agenda Point No 7:</b> Opening of Bank Account of National Fund at SBI Shastri Bhawan.	The Governing Body passed a Resolution for opening of the new Savings Bank Account in the name of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities at SBI Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. It also authorized JS & CEO to be the signing authority for transaction of this Account. It was decided to nominate Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director and Shri Vikash Prasad, Director to act as authorized signatories on cheques and for other similar account transaction purposes. The Governing Body further authorized JS & CEO to designate Directors or Deputy Secretary Level Officers to act as signing authority in place of the above two nominated officers as and when necessary. Copy of the Resolution signed by the Members of the Governing Body is at <b>Annexure III.</b>
<b>Agenda Point No 8:</b> Consideration of New Proposals	Governing Body noted that new proposals have been received in the Department seeking financial assistance under the National Fund and suggested that these proposals may be placed before the screening committee for its consideration at the earliest. The Governing Body authorised Secretary, DEPwD to approve the proposals for release of funds to individuals/ Organisations based on the recommendations of the Screening Committee. In such cases, ex-post-facto approval of Governing Body may be taken in its immediate next meeting.
<b>Any other Item</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governing Body noted current fund position as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed Deposit - <b>Rs 251,02,52,185/-</b> where value on maturity will be <b>Rs 266,36,55,828/-</b> by September 2019.</li> <li>• Saving Bank Accounts - <b>Rs 5,23,66,143/-</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Governing Body Noted that Income Tax Department has directly debited <b>Rs 19,62,05,793/-</b> from Saving Bank Account of erstwhile Trust Fund at SBI Shastri Bhawan towards outstanding demand from AY 2016 - 17. As such <b>Rs. 4,90,66,312/-</b> is available on this Account which is over and above the Savings Bank Amount stated above. Governing Body instructed M/s Dube Pandey</li> </ul>

	<p>&amp; Co to follow up this matter at appropriate level for getting back deducted amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Committee comprising the following members may be constituted for inclusion of new areas of support under National Fund and to suggest revised scheme guidelines:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dr. Prabodh Seth, JS, DEPwD</li> <li>b. Sh. Sanjay Pandey , JS&amp;FA, M/o SJ&amp;E</li> <li>c. One Representative from Dept. of Culture</li> <li>d. One Representative from MoHFW</li> <li>e. Sh. D.K. Panda, US, DEPwD</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Department may constitute a Committee under the chairpersonship of CCA, M/o SJ&amp;E for developing Accounting procedure of National Fund. The committee may consist of the following members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CCA, M/o SJ&amp;E</li> <li>b. Sh. K.V.S. Rao, Director, DEPwD</li> <li>c. Sh. Kshitij Mohan, Director, IFD, DEPwD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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4. The Governing Body decided that its next meeting may be convened in January, 2020 as convenient to Secretary, DEPwD.
5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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**List of Participants****A Members of Governing Body**

1	Ms Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, DEPwD	Chairperson
2	Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD	Convener & CEO
3	Shri Sanjay Pandey, JS&FA, DEPwD	Member
4	Shri Sudhir Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	Member
5	Shri Vennapoosa Sreenivasulu Reddy (representing chronic neurological conditions)	Member
6	Shri Amit Sagar Sharma (representing intellectual disability)	Member
7	Shri Surender Singh, DS, Department of Financial Services	Member
8	Shri Arun Kumar, US, Department of Financial Services	Member

**B Departmental Officials**

9	Shri Manoj Sahoo, Manager (S&P), NHFDC
10	Shri Shankar Sharma, Manager (Prog.), NHFDC
11	Shri D.K. Panda, US, DEPwD

**Details of fund to be released under new schemes/ guideline for providing financial assistance under National Fund as per Agenda Point No 2.**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Organisation / Individual PwDs</b>	<b>Recommendation of Screening Committee held on 15.01.2019</b>	<b>Approval of Governing Body</b>
<b>a</b>	National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), New Delhi	Recommended for financial assistance for participation in Suraj Kund Handicraft Mela 2019 as under:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stall Charge for 10 stall – Rs 14.75 lakh</li> <li>TA /DA for 15 PwDs and their escorts (as per actual)</li> </ul>	<b>Rs. 17,75,450/-</b> to be released as per detail below <p>a) Rs 14.75 lakh Stall Charge for 10 stalls  b) Rs 2,86,202 for TA /DA for 15 PwDs and their escorts and  c)Miscellaneous Expenditure of Rs 14,248/-.</p> <p>(Funds to be released on submission of proof of number of PwDs participated and disbursal of TA/DA to them on receipt of actual bill / voucher/ documents).</p>
<b>b.</b>	Relief Centre for the welfare of differently-abled persons, Manipur	Recommended for financial assistance upto <b>Rs 7,49,500/-</b> subject to receipt of Letter / Clearances from State / Local authority	<b>Rs 7,49,500/-</b> to be released for holding State level exhibition in October, 2019 subject to a confirmation certificate from our CRC Guwahati. 50% of total funds will be released as advance upon confirmation and submission of all relevant documents and remaining 50 % will be released after submission of detailed report and UC.
<b>c</b>	Sh Satendra Singh, Swimmer, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.	<b>Recommended for financial assistance subject to the following:</b> <p>Acceptance of undertaking that the event will take place on 18 August, 2019 with following financial condition:-</p> <p>To &amp; fro air ticket (economy class in shortest route) and Rs 4000/- per day towards boarding &amp; lodging for the entire duration of the event</p>	<b>Release of an amount of Rs 3,84,000/-</b> to Shri Satendra Singh (Rs.3.20 lakh for air tickets+ Rs 64000/- accommodation support @4000/- per day for 16 days). In addition, the Governing Body decided to provide financial assistance towards registration charge of Rs 44,400/-.