

**File No. 18-06/2021-DD-III**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**  
**Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)**  
Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Sixth Meeting of the Governing Body of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities – forwarding of minutes

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the sixth meeting of the Governing Body of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held virtually on 25.10.2021 for information and necessary action.

**Encl:** As above

  
**(D.K. Panda)**

**Under Secretary to the Government of India**

**Tel: 24369059**

1. Chairperson, Board of National Trust, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi
2. Shri Sanjay Pandey, JS&FA, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Dr Rinku Sharma, ADG, DGHS Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
4. Shri Gurdeep Singh, Deputy Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
5. Shri Dharmender Singh, Under Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
6. Shri Vennapoosa Sreenivasulu Reddy, D.No 6-53, Sandu Bavi Street, near Devatha Mahal, Nadimur, Vinjamur, SPSR Nellore - 524228 Andhra Pradesh
7. Shri Amit Sharma, H. No 119, Sector 11, Chandigarh

**Copy to:**

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DEPwD
2. PPS to JS(PS)
3. Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI

**Minutes of the sixth meeting of the Governing Body of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities, held on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 11:00 AM through Video Conference.**

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

Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Chairperson of the Governing Body and Secretary, DEPwD, welcomed the participants and requested Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director to make a brief presentation on the agenda points for consideration of the Governing Body. Copy of the presentation on the agenda items is at **Annexure II**.

2. Agenda-wise decisions taken by the Governing Body is summarised below: -

| <b>Agenda Item</b>   | <b>Decisions / Observation of Governing Body</b>   |
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| Agenda Point No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Governing Body held on 14.07.2021.   | The minutes of the fifth meeting of the Governing Body held on 14.07.2021 as circulated by DEPwD vide letter dated 18.07.2021 were confirmed.  |
| Agenda Point No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021. | <p>The Governing Body noted the progress made on its earlier decisions and observed as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GB sanctioned release of Rs 7,45,500 to Relief Centre, Manipur, for holding State level Exhibition in December, 2021 in two instalments. CRC Guwahati may be asked to submit the report on the exhibition when conducted by the organisation before release of second instalment.</li> <li>▪ GB noted that M/s Centre for Market Research agreed to submit the revised report by 25.10.2021.</li> <li>▪ The GB noted that funds have been released to 85 students with disabilities and 54 escorts for participating in National IT Challenge held in NIT</li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>Kurukshetra in July, 2019. In respect of remaining 10 students/escorts, last reminder may be issued seeking bank details by 15.11.2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ GB noted that on 22.10.2021, an amount of Rs 10 lakh has been released to Pingalakshi for holding State level Exhibition in 2020. It also noted that confirmation on revised schedule for holding exhibition by Nagda Zenith, MP and Integrated, Varanasi has been sought.</li><li>▪ GB noted that on 22.10.2021, an amount Rs 1.04 lakh has been released to Shri Navdeep for participating in Polish International Open Para-Athletics Championship at Poland during 15-22 July, 2019.</li><li>▪ The GB considered the report of the Committee suggesting new areas for financial assistance under National Fund as a separate agenda. As regards the report of the Committee for suggesting Accounting Procedure, GB desired that matter may be pursued further to get the report at the earliest.</li><li>▪ The GB noted that the meeting of the Screening Committee to consider the proposal received under the National Fund was held on 14.10.2021. Its recommendations were considered as separate agenda.</li><li>▪ GB approved the release of Rs 13,45,200/- to CA firm as payment towards various tasks, as sanctioned earlier by the GB in its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24.03.2021.</li><li>▪ The GB noted that the amounts due for maturity have been auto renewed. It desired that efforts should be made for early investment in RBI Bond after consulting National Trust and the banker of National Fund.</li><li>▪ The GB accepted the report of the Committee suggesting method of</li></ul> |
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|  | <p>recruitment of staff for Secretariat of National Fund through Deputation basis (SO/ASO) and through GEM on outsource basis in respect of UDC/LDC/DEO. It desired that appropriate action may be taken by the Department for recruitment of these personnel at the earliest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GB desired that National Trust may be pursued to submit proposals. It noted that advertisement of the schemes of the National Fund was last issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021. The next advertisement may be issued in November/December, 2021.</li> <li>▪ GB considered the proposal of NHFDC for establishing 5 exhibition-cum-marketing outlets, one each in Delhi, Mumbai/Pune, Bangalore/Hyderabad, Guwahati and Itanagar. NHFDC was requested to give further details such as number of PwDs to participate, States to be covered in each Centre, transparent mechanism for selection of PwDs/NGOs. NHFDC may also revisit the financial implications.</li> <li>▪ Governing Body authorised Chairperson-cum-Secretary, DEPwD to consider the draft MoU suggested by RCI and approve with modifications, if any. Subsequently, the funds may be released at the earliest to RCI in two instalments as decided in the last meeting of the GB held on 14.07.2021.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Agenda Point No 3: Consideration of Report of the Committee recommending new areas of support under the scheme of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GB agreed in principle with the recommendations of the Committee for modification in the existing scheme to allow financial support to persons with benchmark disabilities who have excelled in academic/technical areas for presenting research papers or attending international academic conferences and new component of support namely, stipend to students for specialization in RCI approved rehabilitation</li> </ul>   |

|  | <p>science courses which are not covered under Scholarship schemes of the Department and support to persons with benchmark disabilities for procurement of sports equipments for participation in National/International events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As regards the recommendations of the Committee regarding support for smart class rooms at two National Institutes on pilot basis, the GB desired that it should be looked afresh after getting information from the NIs and other organizations regarding requirement of smart class rooms and cost involved.</li> <li>• GB also desired that the Committee may review the draft guidelines for the new areas.</li> <li>• The GB will deliberate on this issue again in its next meeting.</li> </ul> |                 |               |               |  |  |       |                 |            |               |       |    |               |        |       |        |    |                      |       |       |       |              |  |               |              |               |
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| <p>Agenda Point No 4: New Proposals</p>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GB accepted the recommendations of the Screening Committee with regard to funding of new proposals, and approved the financial support under National Fund as placed at <b>Annexure III</b>.</li> <li>• The GB desired that release of funds in respect of NGOs should be done on the basis of reports of concerned NIs/CRCs. They may also be involved to verify the genuineness of the organization.</li> </ul>  |                 |               |               |  |  |       |                 |            |               |       |    |               |        |       |        |    |                      |       |       |       |              |  |               |              |               |
| <p>Agenda Point No 5: Present Status of Fund</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GB noted the present status of Fund as under:-</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="683 1525 1396 1917"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5" style="text-align: right;">(Rs. in Crores)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S. No</th> <th>Funds Available</th> <th>Trust Fund</th> <th>National Fund</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Fixed Deposit</td> <td>270.70</td> <td>20.05</td> <td>290.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Savings Bank Account</td> <td>45.35</td> <td>10.38</td> <td>55.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>316.05</b></td> <td><b>30.43</b></td> <td><b>346.48</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>   | (Rs. in Crores) |               |               |  |  | S. No | Funds Available | Trust Fund | National Fund | Total | 1. | Fixed Deposit | 270.70 | 20.05 | 290.75 | 2. | Savings Bank Account | 45.35 | 10.38 | 55.73 | <b>Total</b> |  | <b>316.05</b> | <b>30.43</b> | <b>346.48</b> |
| (Rs. in Crores)                                  |   |                 |               |               |  |  |       |                 |            |               |       |    |               |        |       |        |    |                      |       |       |       |              |  |               |              |               |
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| 1.   | Fixed Deposit   | 270.70          | 20.05         | 290.75        |  |  |       |                 |            |               |       |    |               |        |       |        |    |                      |       |       |       |              |  |               |              |               |
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| <b>Total</b>                                     |   | <b>316.05</b>   | <b>30.43</b>  | <b>346.48</b> |  |  |       |                 |            |               |       |    |               |        |       |        |    |                      |       |       |       |              |  |               |              |               |

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| <p>Agenda Point No 6: Audit of the National Fund</p>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GB decided that office of C&amp;AG may be approached for audit of National Fund. C&amp;AG has a standard rate for conducting statutory audit.</li> <li>• The CA can conduct the internal audit.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Agenda Point No 7: Change of signing authority</p>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GB nominated the following officers of DEPwD to act as signing authority for National Fund and the residual work w.r.t. the erstwhile Trust Fund and National Fund in place of Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director (who is retiring in October, 2021) and Shri Vikash Prasad, Director (who will be returning to his parent cadre in November, 2021) as under with immediate effect:-</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms Beena Chakrabarty, Deputy Secretary</li> <li>2. Shri Mrityunjay Jha, Deputy Secretary</li> </ol> |
| <p>Agenda Point No 8: Any other related matter with the permission of Chair.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A note was received from the office of Hon'ble Minister, SJ&amp;E forwarding therewith a copy of the email received from Secretary General, Indian Paralympic Association requesting grant of financial assistance to Shri Vinod Kumar, a paralympian who participated in Tokyo Paralympics. He was initially declared winner for Bronze Medal in his category, but subsequently, cancelled because of technical reasons.</li> <li>• Financial assistance has been sought for</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <p>his training to participate in the upcoming international events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This matter was placed before the GB as an additional item with the permission of the Chair.</li><li>• GB recommended that the matter may be placed for consideration of the Screening Committee before it is placed before the Governing Body in its next meeting. The recommendations of SAI may be obtained and the following aspects may be looked into:-</li><li>• Whether SAI is also providing support towards training for paralympians including Shri Vinod Kumar.</li><li>• Specific recommendation of SAI for separate financial assistance from this Department.</li><li>• Whether the amount of Rs 5 lakh or less could be considered as financial assistance.</li><li>• Since the financial assistance has been sought for training purpose, whether the amount could be released to the training institution or to the person concerned.</li><li>• Whether any income ceiling will be applicable in this case or not.</li><li>• That this case should be considered as a special case and not to be quoted as precedence, if it is agreed to provide financial assistance to Shri Vinod Kumar.</li></ul> |
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3. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**List of Participants**

**A Members of Governing Body**

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| 1 | Ms Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD  | Chairperson    |
| 2 | Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD  | Convener & CEO |
| 3 | Shri Sanjay Pandey, JS&FA, DEPwD  | Member         |
| 4 | Dr Rinku Sharma, DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare                        | Member         |
| 5 | Shri Gurdeep Singh, DS, Department of Financial Services                          | Member         |
| 6 | Shri Dharminder Singh, US, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare                    | Member         |
| 7 | Shri Amit Sagar Sharma (representing intellectual disability)                     | Member         |
| 8 | Shri Vennapoosa Sreenivasulu Reddy (representing chronic neurological conditions) | Member         |

**B Departmental Officials**

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| 9  | Dr. Rajan Sehgal, CMD, NHFDC             |
| 10 | Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director, DEPwD         |
| 11 | Shri Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI |
| 12 | Shri D.K. Panda, US, DEPwD               |
| 13 | Shri Arvind Dube, CA, Lucknow            |



**Sixth Meeting of Governing  
Body on National Fund for  
Persons with Disabilities**

**25<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**

**at**

**11:00 AM**

# Agenda Points

- Action taken on the decisions of GB in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 14.07.2021
- Consideration of Report of the Committee recommending new areas of support under the scheme of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities
- New Proposals for financial support
- Present status of fund
- Audit of the National Fund
- Change of signing authority
- Any other related matter with the permission of Chair.

**Agenda 1 -  
Action taken note on the  
decisions taken by GB in its 5<sup>th</sup>  
meeting held on 14.07.2021**

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on 14.07.2021</b>  | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>   |
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| (i)           | Regarding holding of exhibition by Relief Centre, Manipur, the matter may be followed up with the organisation for confirmation of early date of exhibition. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relief Centre confirmed to hold the exhibition in December, 2021.</li> <li>• Approval of GB solicited for sanctioning release of Rs. 7,49,500/- in two installments.</li> </ul> |
| (ii)          | As regards M/s Centre for Market Research, a last reminder may be sent to the organisation for submission of the revised report.                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M/s Centre for Market Research stated that the revised report will be submitted by 25.10.2021</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on 14.07.2021</b>   | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>  |
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| (iii)         | Letter issued to bank for release of Rs 2,91,040/- to 92 students with disabilities and 57 escorts in connection with their participation in National IT Challenge, 2019 held at NIT Kurukshetra.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund released to 85 students with disabilities and 54 escorts.</li> <li>• Bank details of remaining 10 students/escorts yet to be received despite continuous follow up.</li> <li>• We may issue last reminder requesting details by 30.11.2021</li> </ul> |
| (iv)          | GB approved the proposal for release of Rs 10 lakh to Pingalakshi Odisha for holding the exhibition in 2020. The GB also desired that Nagda Zenith, MP and Integrated, Varanasi may be requested to reschedule their programme at the earliest. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds released to Pingalakshi, Odisha on 22.10.2021.</li> <li>• Nagda Zenith and Integrated Varanasi requested to confirm the revise dates.</li> </ul>   |

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on 14.07.2021</b>   | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>   |
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| (v)           | As regards, financial assistance of Rs 1.5 lakh to Shri Navdeep, the matter may be followed up immediately with Sports Authority of India for obtaining requisite NOC and release of the fund should be made at the earliest.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearance from Sports Authority of India received.</li> <li>• Funds released on 22.10.2021.</li> </ul>  |
| (vi)          | The GB noted that the Committees constituted to suggest new areas of support under National Fund and to develop accounting procedure may meet immediately and finalise their reports for consideration of the Governing Body in its next meeting to be held in September, 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Committee suggesting new areas received.</li> <li>• Recommendations placed as a separate agenda.</li> <li>• As regards other Committee, office of CCA asked for certain information which has been provided.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on<br/>14.07.2021</b>   | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>  |
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| (vii)         | As regards consideration of new proposals for financial assistance, the Screening Committee needs to meet regularly.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting held on 14.10.2021 and its recommendations placed as a separate agenda.</li> <li>• Meeting will now be held frequently.</li> </ul>   |
| (viii)        | As regards extending the engagement of CA firm in respect of pursuing old cases at the cost of Rs 13,45,200/- JS&FA pointed out that the cost appears to be on the higher side when compared to rates in NHFDC. Details of the breakup of the cost may be looked into before release. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checked up with NHFDC.</li> <li>• NHFDC is giving Rs 1.5 lakh for limited work where as our scope include preparation of book of accounts, audit report, filing of ITRs, etc.</li> <li>• <b><u>Agenda point</u></b> earlier circulated to all members. No comments received. May be considered for payment.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on<br/>14.07.2021</b>   | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>  |
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| (ix)          | As regards investment of Rs 92 crore, to be matured by July, 2021, it was decided to obtain quotations from nationalized banks and explore the possibility of investing in RBI Bonds.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed Deposits due for maturity were auto-renewed.</li> <li>• Meeting held with UCO Bank for investment in the RBI Bond.</li> <li>• National Trust also being approached.</li> </ul> |
| (x)           | As regards recruitment of staff under National Fund, the Committee as approved by GB on 24.03.2021 may suggest the eligibility conditions and the procedure for recruitment Including whether the staff will be contractual or could be recruited on permanent basis. | The Committee <b><u>recommended</u></b> that the posts of SO and ASO to be filled up through deputation basis and UDC/LDC/DEO through GEM on outsource basis.   |



| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on<br/>14.07.2021</b>   | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>  |
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| (xi)          | <p>The GB noted the progress made in implementation of the activities earmarked for the year 2021-22 as decided by the Governing Body in its last meeting held on 23.03.2021. The proposals of NHFDC and National Trust may be pursued on priority. The National Institutes may be requested at the higher level for appropriate action at their end. The GB further decided that advertisement on the schemes of National Fund should be issued quarterly in Newspapers besides continuous periodic advertisement in social media.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised proposal has been received from NHFDC which is discussed in the subsequent slides.</li> <li>• Letter issued to National Trust to submit proposal as per the norms given in the scheme/guidelines under National Fund.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on 14.07.2021</b>  | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>   |               |              |                               |    |       |       |    |          |       |    |                         |       |    |              |       |    |          |       |              |  |              |
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| (xi)          | The proposal of NHFDC regarding setting up of six exhibition outlets and setting up of Skill Development unit along these centres may be looked into by the Screening Committee after obtaining clarifications from NHFDC with respect to discrepancies, if any. | <p><b><u>Revised proposal</u></b> has been received from NHFDC. Highlights of the proposal are:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1133 619 1998 1345"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1133 619 1339 818"><b>S. No.</b></th> <th data-bbox="1339 619 1756 818"><b>Place</b></th> <th data-bbox="1756 619 1998 818"><b>Amount</b><br/>(Rs in lakh)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1133 818 1339 898">1.</td> <td data-bbox="1339 818 1756 898">Delhi</td> <td data-bbox="1756 818 1998 898">20.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1133 898 1339 978">2.</td> <td data-bbox="1339 898 1756 978">Guwahati</td> <td data-bbox="1756 898 1998 978">15.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1133 978 1339 1110">3.</td> <td data-bbox="1339 978 1756 1110">Bengaluru/<br/>Hyderabad</td> <td data-bbox="1756 978 1998 1110">20.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1133 1110 1339 1190">4.</td> <td data-bbox="1339 1110 1756 1190">Mumbai/ Pune</td> <td data-bbox="1756 1110 1998 1190">20.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1133 1190 1339 1270">5.</td> <td data-bbox="1339 1190 1756 1270">Itanagar</td> <td data-bbox="1756 1190 1998 1270">15.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1133 1270 1756 1345"><b>Total</b></td> <td data-bbox="1756 1270 1998 1345"><b>93.55</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>Amount</b><br>(Rs in lakh) | 1. | Delhi | 20.59 | 2. | Guwahati | 15.89 | 3. | Bengaluru/<br>Hyderabad | 20.59 | 4. | Mumbai/ Pune | 20.59 | 5. | Itanagar | 15.89 | <b>Total</b> |  | <b>93.55</b> |
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| 1.            | Delhi  | 20.59  |               |              |                               |    |       |       |    |          |       |    |                         |       |    |              |       |    |          |       |              |  |              |
| 2.            | Guwahati   | 15.89  |               |              |                               |    |       |       |    |          |       |    |                         |       |    |              |       |    |          |       |              |  |              |
| 3.            | Bengaluru/<br>Hyderabad  | 20.59  |               |              |                               |    |       |       |    |          |       |    |                         |       |    |              |       |    |          |       |              |  |              |
| 4.            | Mumbai/ Pune   | 20.59  |               |              |                               |    |       |       |    |          |       |    |                         |       |    |              |       |    |          |       |              |  |              |
| 5.            | Itanagar   | 15.89  |               |              |                               |    |       |       |    |          |       |    |                         |       |    |              |       |    |          |       |              |  |              |
| <b>Total</b>  |  | <b>93.55</b>   |               |              |                               |    |       |       |    |          |       |    |                         |       |    |              |       |    |          |       |              |  |              |

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB on 14.07.2021</b>   | <b>Action Taken/Status</b>   |
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| 2             | <p>Financial assistance to be provided for conducting CBID programme on following two components:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support to 16 organisations @ Rs 20,000/- per student per batch.</li> <li>• stipend to students with disabilities @ Rs 700 and Rs 500/- to students without disabilities per month for the entire duration of 6 months.</li> <li>• RCI will sign an MoU with National Fund</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCI has proposed a <b><u>draft MoU</u></b></li> <li>• The first batch of CBID training programme has commenced from 16.09.2021 onwards.</li> <li>• Sought release of Rs 1.44266 cr as under:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Support to institutions – Rs 1.28 cr (@ Rs 8 lakh per institute)</li> <li>✓ Stipend to 489 general students - Rs 14.67 lakh</li> <li>✓ Stipend for 38 PwD students - Rs 1.596 lakh</li> </ul> </li> <li>• GB may sanction release of Rs 1,44,26,600 to RCI in two installments. First installment of Rs 72,13,300/- may be released after signing of MoU and second installment may be released after 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Agenda</b> | <b>Decision Taken by GB in the last meeting</b>  | <b>Action Taken/Status</b> |
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| 3             | The Governing Body gave ex-post facto approval for engagement of CA firm for pursuing old Income Tax matter under Trust Fund for persons with Disabilities and National Fund for People with Disabilities. | No further action required |

**Agenda 2 -  
Consideration of Report of the  
Committee recommending new  
areas of support under the  
scheme of National Fund for  
Persons with Disabilities**

## **Recommendations of the Committee**

- 1.To support participation of PwBDs at international/national level for presenting research paper for attending international academic/technical conferences. Mechanism in this regard to be developed with the help of NIs to obviate scope of misuse.
- 2.Stipend to students for specialisation in RCI recognised courses not covered under scholarships schemes (Max stipend Rs 1000 pm and tuition fee to be allowed). Exact amount of stipend to be decided by GB on case to case basis.
- 3.Support for procurement of sports equipment subject to ceiling of Rs 3 lakh. PwBDs having family income less than 3 lakh to be eligible and assistance to be given on recommendations of SAI/SSAs.
- 4.Support for smart classrooms at NIEPID and NIEPVD on pilot basis.
- 5.Suggested mechanism for expanding outreach of the schemes of National Fund such as utilisation of NHFDC network, monthly meeting with States/UTs, greater role of NIs and CSOs/NGOs receiving grant from the Department, advertisements on quarterly basis.

# **Agenda 3 - New Proposals**

Screening Committee considered 8 proposals and recommended as under:-

| <b>Orgn.</b>          | <b>Nature of Proposal</b>   | <b>Amount in Rs.</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| NIEPMD,<br>Chennai    | 1 day State level<br>Painting/Handicraft<br>Exhibition  | 8,44,500             | Recommended<br>Funds to be<br>released after<br>reconfirmation of<br>date. |
| NIMHANS,<br>Bangalore | National level<br>Workshop<br>Art Camp – 30<br>days<br>Workshop/Painting<br>Exhibition – 4-<br>5 days | 12,11,530            | -do-   |



| <b>Orgn.</b>                        | <b>Nature of Proposal</b>  | <b>Amount in Rs.</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>   |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Andhra Pradesh Productivity Council | 2 days State level Handicraft /Painting exhibition                   | 10,00,000            | Recommended Subject to availability of detailed list of PwD participants and NOC from local authority.  |
| NHFDC                               | Participation through stalls in Suraj Kund National level Exhibition | 20,87,202            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Undertaking for not seeking grant from any other source</li> <li>▪List of PwD participants</li> <li>▪25 PwDs to participate</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Funds restricted to Rs 20,00,000</li> </ul> |

| <b>Orgn.</b>  | <b>Nature of Proposal</b>                         | <b>Amount in Rs.</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>  |
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| ICFAI University, Tripura   | 1 day State level handicraft/ painting exhibition | 10,04,200            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recommended subject to following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Fresh date for exhibition</li> <li>▪NOC from local body for new date</li> <li>▪List of PwD participants</li> <li>▪Annual/Audit reports for 2 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Funds restricted to Rs 10,00,000</li> </ul>   |
| Prastha Shri Bhagwan Baba Bahu Uddeshiya Sevaavi Sanstha, Maharashtra | 2 days State level painting/exhibition/workshop   | 7,75,000             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recommended subject to following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Date for holding exhibition</li> <li>▪NOC from local body</li> <li>▪List of PwD participants</li> <li>▪Certificate of Registration under PwD/RPwD Act</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Funds restricted to Rs 6,00,000</li> </ul> |

| <b>Orgn.</b>   | <b>Nature of Proposal</b>                          | <b>Amount in Rs.</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>   |
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| Jila Nishaktalay an Avam Vikas Samiti, Morena, MP                                      | 3 days State level handicraft/ painting exhibition | 14,77,500            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended subject to following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NOC from local body for new date</li> <li>▪ List of PwD participants</li> <li>▪ Annual/Audit reports for 2 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Funds restricted to Rs 10,00,000</li> </ul> |
| Adarsh Rehabilitation Centre for Mentally and Physically Handicapped Children, Haryana | 2 days State level handicraft exhibition           | 10,09,000            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended subject to following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NOC from local body</li> <li>▪ List of PwD participants</li> <li>▪ Annual/Audit reports for 2 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Funds restricted to Rs 8,00,000</li> </ul>               |

**Agenda 4 -  
Present status of fund**

| <b>(Rs in crores)</b> |                        |                   |                      |               |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>S. No</b>          | <b>Funds Available</b> | <b>Trust Fund</b> | <b>National Fund</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
| 1.                    | Fixed Deposit          | 270.70            | 20.05                | 290.75        |
| 2.                    | Savings Bank Account   | 45.35             | 10.38                | 55.73         |
| <b>Total</b>          |                        | <b>316.05</b>     | <b>30.43</b>         | <b>346.48</b> |

**Agenda 5 -  
Audit of the National Fund**

- Section 87 of the RPwD Act, 2016 mandates audit of the accounts of the Fund by C&AG.
- Section 87(4) mandates laying of accounts of the Fund as certified by C&AG together with the audit report before each House of Parliament.
- Before the audit by C&AG, accounts of the National Fund upto 2020-21 to be finalised and internal audit to be completed before requesting C&AG for audit.
- CA may be requested to complete the internal audit within 2 months. This may be considered as a routine work of the CA within the same annual remuneration.
- Governing Body may kindly consider and take a decision in this regard.

**Agenda 6 -  
Change of signing authority**



- Presently following are the signing authority in respect of the account of National Fund:-
  1. Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD
  2. Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director
  3. Shri Vikash Prasad, Director
- The officer at 2 is retiring this month and officer at 3 will be returning to his parent cadre in November.
- Following officers may be nominated as the signing authority in place of these two officers:-
  - Ms Beena Chakrabarty, Deputy Secretary
  - Shri Mrityunjay Jha, Deputy Secretary
- The above officers may also serve as signing authority in respect of the erstwhile Trust Fund and National Fund till the residuary work of these Funds is complete.

**THANK YOU**

## Annexure III

### **Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Screening Committee to screen applications for providing Financial Assistance under National Fund Scheme held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, DEPwD on 14.10.2021 at 11.00 AM through Video Conferencing**

Participants are as under: -

- i. Shri Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities ..... **(In Chair)**
- ii. Shri D. R. Sarin, CMD, ALIMCO
- iii. Shri VimalAnand, Director, Department of Sports
- iv. Shri Devashish Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary Department of Youth Affairs
- v. Ms. Sarita Nair, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- vi. Ms. Saroj Singh, Under Secretary, Department of Financial Services
- vii. Shri Anil Kumar, Assistant Manager, NHFDC
- viii. Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director, DEPwD

2. Dr.Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities welcomed all the participants to the meeting and briefly explained the features of Scheme/guidelines for financial assistance under the Scheme under the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities. He asked Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director to brief about the scheme and proposals received for financial assistance.

3. Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director informed the Committee that the Department received about 55 proposals seeking financial assistance under the scheme of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities. However, most of the proposals are incomplete and certain information has been sought from the respective applicants/organizations. Out of 55 proposals, 31 proposals relate to holding exhibition/workshop to showcase the products made by PwDs, 14 proposals relate to individuals seeking financial assistance for participating in sports event, and 18 proposals relate to seeking financial assistance for customized equipments for High Supports Needs. Only 11 proposals received under the sub-category for organizing

exhibition/workshop have been placed before the Committee, as they have mostly fulfilled various requirements for considering the proposals.

4. The Committee considered the proposals according to the scheme/guidelines and recommended as under: -

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Proposal received from organization</b>   | <b>Recommendation of the Committee</b>  |
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| 1.            | <p>NIEPMD, Chennai</p> <p>State Level Painting and Handicraft Exhibition</p> <p>(1 Day)</p> <p>(Rs. 8,44,500/-)</p>                    | <p>The Committee recommended the proposal in principle, subject to the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of event and not before one month of the event</li> </ul>     |
| 2.            | <p>NIMHANS, Bangalore</p> <p>National Level Workshop cum Exhibition – Paintings</p> <p>(4-5 days/30 days)</p> <p>(Rs. 12,11,530/-)</p> | <p>The Committee recommended the proposal in principle, subject to the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the event</li> </ul> |
| 3.            | <p>Andhra Pradesh Productivity Council, Hyderabad</p> <p>State Level Handicraft &amp; Painting Exhibition</p> <p>(2 days)</p>          | <p>The Committee recommended the proposal in principle restricting fund to Rs. 8 lakhs, subject to submission of the following documents: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed list of PwD</li> </ul>                              |

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|    | (Rs. 10 Lakhs)  | <p>participants with contact details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of NOC/Local Authority approval for New Dates.</li> </ul> <p>Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the event</p>   |
| 4. | <p>S.V.N. Sansthan, Jhotwara, Jaipur, Rajasthan</p> <p>State Level Handicraft Exhibition</p> <p>(3 days)</p> <p>(Rs. 14,65,000/-)</p> | <p>In order to process further, the Committee desired that the following clarifications may be obtained from the organization: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To seek revised expenditure from the organization with justification as the budget expenditure given by the organization is on the higher side</li> <li>• Exhibition days be reduced to 2 days instead of 3 days</li> <li>• Undertaking that it is not seeking grant from any other source for the same purpose</li> <li>• Clearance from Local Authority for organizing Exhibition for New Dates</li> </ul> <p>Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of</p> |

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|    |   | date of the event and not before one month of the event   |
| 5. | Dharma Apparao (DAR) College,<br>NuzvidDistt, AP<br><br>National Level Painting Exhibition<br>(2 days)<br>(Rs 18,95,000/-)                      | In order to process further, the Committee desired that the following clarifications may be obtained from the organization: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To seek detailed list of PwD participants with contact details from organization</li> <li>• Certificate of Registration under State RPwD Act/PwD Act</li> <li>• Annual/Audit Report of the last two years</li> </ul> Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the event |
| 6. | ICFAI University, Tripura<br>(Non-profit Private University)<br>State Level Handicraft/Paintings Exhibition<br><br>(1 Day)<br>(Rs. 10,04,200/-) | The Committee recommended the proposal in principle restricting fund to Rs. 10 lakhs, subject to submission the following documents: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh date for holding exhibition</li> <li>• Clearance from Local Authority for organizing Exhibition for New Dates</li> <li>• Detailed list of PwD participants with contact details</li> </ul>  |

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|    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual/Audit Report of the last two years</li> </ul> <p>Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the event</p>  |
| 7. | <p>Noble Education, Hyderabad, Telangana</p> <p>State Level Handicraft Exhibition</p> <p>(1 Day)</p> <p>(Rs. 8,50,000/-)</p>                         | <p>In order to process further, the Committee desired the following clarifications may be obtained from the organization: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To seek revised expenditure from the organization with justification as the budget expenditure given by the organization is on the higher side</li> <li>Fresh date for holding exhibition</li> <li>Clearance from Local Authority for organizing Exhibition for New Dates</li> <li>Audit report of last two years</li> <li>Detailed list of PwD participants with contact details</li> </ul> |
| 8. | <p>Prastha Shri Bhagwan Baba BahuUddeshiyaSevabaviSanstha, Jalna, Maharastra</p> <p>State Level Painting Exhibition cum workshop</p> <p>(2 days)</p> | <p>The Committee recommended the proposal in principle restricting fund to Rs. 6 lakhs, subject to submission the following documents: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date for holding</li> </ul>   |

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|     | (Rs. 7,75,000/-)   | <p>exhibition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed list of PwD participants with contact details</li> <li>• Certificate of Registration under State RPwD Act/PwD Act</li> <li>• Clearance from Local Authority for organizing Exhibition for new dates</li> </ul> <p>Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the event</p>  |
| 9.  | <p>JilaNishaktkalyanAvamVikasSamitiMorena, MP</p> <p>State Level Handicraft &amp; Painting Exhibition</p> <p>(3 days)</p> <p>(Rs. 14,77,500/-)</p> | <p>The Committee recommended the proposal in principle restricting fund to Rs. 10 lakhs, subject to submission the following documents: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearance from Local Authority for organizing Exhibition for new dates</li> <li>• Annual/Audit report of last two years</li> <li>• Detailed list of PwD participants with contact details</li> </ul> <p>Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the event</p> |
| 10. | Adarsh Rehabilitation Centre for Mentally  | The Committee  |



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|     | <p>&amp; Physically Handicapped Children (ARCNPHC), Bhiwani, Haryana<br/>State Level Handicraft Exhibition</p> <p>(2 days)<br/>(Rs. 10,09,000/-)</p>  | <p>recommended the proposal in principle restricting fund to Rs. 8 lakhs, subject to submission the following documents: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearance from Local Authority for organizing Exhibition for new dates</li> <li>• Annual/Audit report of last two years</li> <li>• Detailed list of PwD participants with contact details</li> </ul> <p>Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the event</p>       |
| 11. | <p>National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC)<br/>National Level Exhibition Handicraft – Surajkund International Crafts Mela -2022</p> <p>(17 Days)<br/>(Rs. 20,87,202/-)</p> | <p>The Committee recommended the proposal in principle restricting fund to Rs. 20 lakhs and PwD participants be increased to 25, subject to submission the following documents: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertaking for not seeking grant from any other source for the same purpose</li> <li>• Detailed list of PwD participants with contact details</li> </ul> <p>Funds can be released after the reconfirmation of date of the event and not before one month of the</p> |

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4. The Committee recommended that the National Institute/CRC of the Department located in the State/adjoining State may be authorized to depute personnel for attending the exhibition organized by NGOs and submit report to the Department. Based on the submission of the report received from the respective National Institute/CRC, 2<sup>nd</sup> installment be released to the organization as per actuals.

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