

**Minutes of the First Meeting of Governing Body of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities, held on 9th January, 2018 at 2:30 p.m in the Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

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

Welcoming the participants, Secretary, DEPwD stated that the Right of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 provides for creation of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities which would subsume the earlier two funds i.e Fund for People with Disabilities and the Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Its Governing Body was constituted on 13.10.2017. She then requested Ms. Dolly Chakrabarty- JS, DEPwD to briefly explain the agenda points for consideration of the Governing Body.

2. Ms. Dolly Chakrabarty- JS, DEPwD made a brief presentation highlighting the background for creation of the National Fund, relevant provisions in the RPwD Act/ Rules made thereunder, funds available in the erstwhile above two mentioned funds, and all agenda items were placed for consideration of the Governing Body. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure –II.**

3. The New India Assurance Company Ltd also made a presentation regarding implementation of Swavalamban Health Insurance Scheme w.r.t agenda item no 3. Copy at **Annexure –III.**

4. After detail deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decisions / Observation of Governing Body</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item 1:</b></p> <p>Procedure to be followed for the New Fund such as requirement of new PAN/ TIN, registration under section 12 A/197 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Department will examine the legal status of the Fund i.e whether it would operate as a Society or Trust as suggested by Joint Secretary, DFS.</li> <li>(ii) Accordingly, the Department needs to follow the relevant guidelines for investment of the Fund(Guidelines of DEA regarding investment of Societies and Section 20 of the India Trust Act in case of a Trust).</li> <li>(iii) PAN Number for the new National Fund will be obtained and PAN number of Trust Fund &amp; old National Fund will be surrendered.</li> <li>(iv) The already existing accounts of earlier Trust Fund will be renamed as National Fund and merging of the accounts of earlier Fund for People with Disabilities with this account.</li> <li>(v) Till such time the accounts are merged, the expenditure will be incurred from the existing bank account of Trust Fund .</li> <li>(vi) TIN for National Fund will be obtained and TIN of the erstwhile funds will be surrendered.</li> </ul>

	<p>(vii) Process will be initiated for registration under Section 12 (A) of IT Act.</p> <p>(viii) JS (DC), DEPwD in the capacity of CEO has been authorised to further designate any officer to act as signing authority for completion of all the above process on behalf of the National Fund.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 2:</b> To decide the manner of investment of Fund available as fixed deposit so to ensure maximum return.</p>	<p>i. An amount of Rs 250 crore may be treated as corpus and will be invested in RBI bonds/FDs.</p> <p>ii. Remaining Fund of Rs 44 crore (provisional) to be kept in a Flexi account and in a normal Savings account to meet the routine expenses.</p> <p>iii. The Governing Body will review its position in next meeting and will decide the future course of investment policy.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 3:</b> The issues of Continuation of existing schemes/programmes:-</p> <p>a) Swavalamban Health Insurance Scheme and merging it with Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme run by National Trust.</p> <p>b) The Scholarship Scheme being implemented by NHFDC in light of rule 42 (5)(a) of RPwD Act 2016.</p>	<p>a.1. A committee under the chairmanship of Ms. Dolly Chakrabarty-JS, DEPwD with following members will review the existing Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme and also suggest new mechanism for addressing the Health insurance coverage for PwDs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Dolly Chakrabarty- JS, DEPwD..... Chairperson</li> <li>• Sh. Prabodh Seth- JS, DEPwD</li> <li>• Representative of Spl DG, DGHS</li> <li>• Ms. Gayatri Mishra – JS, MoHFW</li> <li>• Dr. Dinesh Chandra Joshi- Director, CGHS</li> <li>• Sh. Madnesh Kumar Mishra- JS, DFS</li> <li>• Sh. D. R. Sarin CMD, NHFDC/ALIMCO</li> </ul> <p>The Committee will give its report within a period of two months.</p> <p>a.2. Keeping in view the paucity of fund, the New India Assurance Company may be informed that it would not be possible for providing fund for renewal/fresh enrolment under the Swavalamban scheme. They have to take decision on their own regarding fees received by them towards 10% of the share from the applicants.</p> <p>a.3. Once the committee give its recommendation, fresh scheme/programme can be prepared.</p> <p>b.1. As regards the scholarship scheme being implemented by NHFDC, the liability towards the existing students for completion of remaining period of their courses may be met from the National Fund amounting to Rs 26,07,80,000/- to be released till 2021-22. Out of this amount Rs 16,51,41,000/-may be released during current FY towards scholarship amount for 2799 SwDs.</p> <p>b.2. The amount will be released periodically/ year wise</p>

	<p>as per the requirement of NHFDC.</p> <p>b.3. NHFDC may be paid 2% of the scholarship amount released each year for administration fees.</p> <p>b.4. The NHFDC will advise the fresh applicant/s to apply under the National Scholarship Portal.</p>									
<p><b>Agenda Item 4:</b> Continuation of the services of existing CA of the erstwhile Trust Fund /National Fund for Another year.</p>	<p>Services of M/s Dube Pandey &amp; Company for a period of one year upto March, 2019 may be retained with annual consolidated professional fees of Rs 3.5 lakh.</p> <p>For pursuing old Income Tax cases, the agency may be paid additional fees on case to case basis..</p>									
<p><b>Agenda Item 5:</b> All other existing activities like Survey study, income tax matter/ Demand.</p>	<p>a. Secretary, DEPwD has been authorized to take a decision regarding acceptance of the draft report submitted by M/s Centre for Market Research and Development after having presentation from the agency and accordingly fund will be released.</p> <p>b. The CA agency will follow up with IT Department for old Income tax matter pertaining to erstwhile Trust Fund and old Fund.</p>									
<p><b>Agenda Item 6:</b> Continuation of the Present Staff appointed under the erstwhile Trust Fund w.e.f November 2017 and other staff requirement.</p>	<p>Sh. Gulshan Kumar Verma, Assistant and Ms Pooja Malik, DEO earlier working under the Trust Fund will continue to work under the National Fund. Both the staff members will work as Assistants.</p> <p>Sh. Gulshan Kumar Verma and Ms Pooja Malik, will draw their remuneration for the month of November and December 2017 as per previous rate contract i.e @ Rs 25,000/- pm and Rs 18,000/- pm respectively.</p> <p>They will draw the revised remuneration at the following rate for one year w.e.f 01.01.2018 as per details below:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Monthly Remuneration</th> <th>Total monthly payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sh. Gulshan Kumar Verma</td> <td>@ Rs 25,000/- + Rs 2000/- Conveyance</td> <td>Rs 27,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Pooja Malik</td> <td>@ Rs 20,000/- + Rs 2000/- Conveyance</td> <td>Rs 22,000/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Other terms and conditions of their service will remain same.</p> <p>The Department will also engage one Accountant and one Programme Officer under the National Fund as per details below :</p>	Name	Monthly Remuneration	Total monthly payment	Sh. Gulshan Kumar Verma	@ Rs 25,000/- + Rs 2000/- Conveyance	Rs 27,000/-	Ms. Pooja Malik	@ Rs 20,000/- + Rs 2000/- Conveyance	Rs 22,000/-
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	<b>Position</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Monthly Remuneration</b>
	Programme Officer (01 post)	<b>Qualification:</b> Post Graduate in Social Work /Sociology or M.Ed in Special Education from reputed recognised University/ Institution. <b>Experience:</b> Relevant experiences in related field / disability sector for at least two years. Preference will be given to those who have experience in government sector.	Salary : Rs 50,000/- + Rs 3000 /- conveyance  = Rs 53,000/-
	Accountant (01 post)	<b>Qualification:</b> Graduate degree in Commerce or related courses from reputed recognised University/ Institution. <b>Experience:</b> Relevant experiences in related field for at least two years. Preference will be given for working knowledge in government sector.	Salary : Rs 35,000/- + Rs 3000/- conveyance  = Rs 38,000/-
<b>Agenda Item 7:</b>  Others	<p>The Department needs to explore innovative areas such as supporting exhibition museum to showcase works of the PwDs, promoting national &amp; international level culture/sports events, developing inclusive educational centre, provision for meeting high support needs etc.</p> <p>The committee proposed to be set up as mentioned against agenda item 3, would also inter alia look into the other activities which could be funded under the National Fund and will suggest the extent of support from the Fund to support these activities.</p>		

5. It was decided to hold next meeting of Governing Body within three months.

6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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**List of Participants**

1. Ms Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, DEPwD.....Chairperson
2. Ms Dolly Chakrabarty, Joint Secretary, DEPwD
3. Shri D. R. Sarin – CMD, NHFDC
4. Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director, DEPwD
5. Dr Kamlesh Kumar Pandey, CCPD/Chairperson National Trust
6. Mr Kshitij Mohan, Director (IFD), DEPwD
7. Shri Madnesh Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
8. Ms Preeti Nath, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
9. Shri D.K. Panda, US, DEPwD
10. Sh. Vennapoosa Sreenivasulu Reddy, AP
11. Sh. Amit Sharma, Chandigarh
12. Sh. Gauri Shankar- Sr. Divisional Manager, Oriental Insurance Company Ltd
13. Sh. Ravi Sethi – Oriental Insurance Company Ltd
14. Ms. Kiran Gupta- Sr. Divisional Manager, New India Assurance Company
15. Mr. R.K. Dhingra- Asst. Manager, New India Assurance Company
16. Mr Arvind Dubey, CA, M/s Dubey Pandey & Co