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Government of India

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Date: 27th July, 2022

To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Department dealing with empowerment of PwDs
All States/Union Territories

Sub: Inviting Comments on the draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities and translation in Regional Languages regarding

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that The Department constituted a Committee under Secretary, DEPwD to review the existing National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, 2006 and to suggest a new draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities. The draft National Policy as recommended by the Committee has been placed on the website of the Department inviting Comments of all stakeholders by 31st August 2022.

2. The above matter was also discussed in the 5th meeting of the Central Advisory Board held on 24.6.2022 and the States/UTs were requested to send their comments within the given time frame. The English and Hindi text of the draft National Policy are available on the website. The Department is in the process of developing sign language version and Braille text of the draft policy document for the benefit of persons with hearing impairment and visual impairment respectively. The Department has been receiving representations from various quarters requesting availability of the draft policy documents in regional languages.

3. In view of the above, the States/UTs are requested to:

a. Send their comments on the draft policy document by 31.8.2022;

- b. Translate the draft policy document into respective state specific language(s) and place it on their website seeking comments there on. Comments on the draft policy so received in regional languages may be compiled and summary thereof in English/Hindi may be sent to this Department for consideration.

Yours faithfully



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