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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

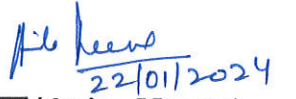
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दिनांक / Dated: 22nd January, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 12th Meeting of the Governing Body(GB) of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held on 11th January, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in Goa during the International Purple Fest, Goa ,2024 – reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the 12th GB Meeting of National Fund for PwDs held on 11th January, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in Goa during the International Purple Fest, Goa ,2024 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD-cum-Chairperson Governing Body, National Fund for Persons with Disabilities for information.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(अनीता मीणा/Anita Meena)
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To

- I. Shri Sanjay Pandey, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, DEPwD (through VC)
- II. Shri Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, DEPwD
- III. Shri K.R. Vaidheesvaran, JS & CEO National Trust, New Delhi
- IV. Shri Vijay Kumar Meena, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India
- V. Shri Sangeet Kumar, Under Secretary , Higher Education(Through VC)
- VI. Shri Ajeet Singh Mahavirsingh Shekhawat, Shekhawat Dagra & Associates
- VII. Dr. Sri Govindraj, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- VIII. Shri Vineet Singhal, Director, DEPwD
- IX. Shri Sunil Kumar Mahto, Deputy Secretary, DEPwD
- X. Sh. Jitendra Sharma, Director, PDUNIPPM, New Delhi
- XI. Shri B.V. Ram Kumar, Director, NIEPID, Secunderabad
- XII. Er. Manish Verma, Director, NIEPVD, Dehradun

Copy to:

- i. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DEPwD
- ii. PPS to JS (RY)
- iii. PA to DIR(VS)

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List of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD – cum – Chairperson, Governing Body welcomed the members of the Governing Body and requested to discuss the proposals seeking financial assistance under National Fund for PwDs.

3. Agenda-wise decisions taken by the Governing Body (GB) are summarized below:-

Agenda No.	Proposal Detail	Recommendation of the Governing Body
Agenda 1:	<p>Reimbursement of Tuition Fees for Blind Students Pursuing STEM Subjects in Class 11 & 12.</p> <p>To overcome the financial barriers and promote inclusivity in the education, Department is willing to provide a full or partial reimbursement of tuition fees for blind students pursuing STEM subjects in class 11 and 12.</p> <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased enrolment of blind students in STEM courses. • Improved academic performance and career prospects for blind students in STEM fields. • Enhanced inclusivity and diversity within the STEM education system. • Department will help break down the financial barriers faced by blind students aspiring to excel in STEM subjects during their class 11 and 12 education. 	<p>After detailed deliberation on the various aspects of the proposal GB recommended as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision for reimbursement of tuition fee may be made for the 100% Deaf (without cochlear implant) as well as 100% Blind students pursuing STEM subjects from class 9th to 12th. • 1000 students may be covered in a certain Financial Year under this scheme. • National Institutes/CRCs shall supervise these students and will choose a good school for their education. • School is not required to register on National Scholarship Portal. However, details of the students may be verified from the National Scholarship Portal to avoid the duplicity. <p>Eligibility conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must have 100% Disability (Deafness/Blindness) • Disability Certificate issued by the appropriate authority • UDID Card • Maximum annual family Income-upto Rs. 8 Lakh from all Sources. • Income Certificate issued by the appropriate authority. • Extent of financial assistance is limited to Rs. 1.5 Lakh per student per year. <p>Approving Authority: Governing Body of National Fund for PwDs This component may be included in the existing scheme guidelines.</p>

Agenda No. 2	Providing Brailers to Special Schools of Students with Visual Disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After having detailed discussion and deliberation on Agenda No. 2, 3 & 4, the Governing Body did not consider the Proposals. • However, the Governing Body recommended that top 50 Central/ State Universities may be asked to strengthen their Centre for Disability Studies and to ensure the availability of Brailers, Refreshable Braille Display (RBD) and Braille Note Takers in the library of the University. • Governing Body also recommended that UGC and Ministry of Higher Education may be requested that NAAC should have sufficient weightage in their grading system for the Specialized University/ Institutions so that their NAAC grading may be improved.
Agenda No. 3	Providing Refreshable Braille Display (RBD) to the National Institute/CRC/RCs and Schools/Colleges affiliated with CBSE/ICSE/State Education Boards	
Agenda No. 4	Providing Braille Note Takers to National Institute/CRC/RCs and Schools/Colleges affiliated with the CBSE/ICSE/State Education Boards and any other equivalent Board	

Agenda 5: Fresh Proposals

Proposal No.	Proposal Detail(s)	Recommendation of the Governing Body
1.	<p>NIEPID, Secunderabad, an autonomous Body under the administrative control of DEPwD, Govt. of India</p> <p>Purpose: 02 Days Special Employee National Meet</p> <p>Place: NIEPID, Secunderabad</p> <p>Proposed Date: 8th & 9th February, 2024</p> <p>Objective: To create awareness, to promote employment opportunity, to develop the skills of self-advocacy and to improve skills of special employee at International Level.</p> <p>No. of Participants: 200 special employees alongwith 100 escorts</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs.12.27 Lakh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governing Body recommended that the proposal may be processed under the AGP Scheme. • Job aggregators may be involved in the event for creating employment opportunities.

<p>2.</p>	<p>Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay National Institute for Persons with Disabilities , New Delhi DEPwD, MSJ&E, Govt. of India</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Holding Regional Level Art Exhibition to showcase the paintings, handicrafts, artifacts made by PwDs. ii. Creating a platform for the Divyangjans to show their Art Works to the general Public. <p>No. of PwD Participants: 100</p> <p>Dates: 23 February,2024 (Tentative)</p> <p>Place: New Delhi</p> <p>Fund Sought: 15 Lakh</p>	<p>After detailed discussion on every aspect of the proposal, the Governing Body recommended as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay National Institute for Persons with Disabilities, New Delhi may organize event similar to Purple Fest on 22 February, 2024 in place of Holding Regional Level Exhibition. • Good NGOs/Special Schools may be involved for organizing cultural activities in the President House. • All categories of the Divyangjan may be invited for participating in the Purple Fest. • Eminent experts in the Disability Sector may be invited in the Fest. • Proposal may be processed under AGP Scheme.
<p>3.</p>	<p>NIEPVD, Dehradun an Autonomous Body under the administrative control of DEPwD, Govt. of India.</p> <p>Purpose: Performance of Divya Bands at Central Park of Connaught Place, New Delhi</p> <p>No of Bands : 05</p> <p>Venue: Central Park of Connaught Place, New Delhi</p> <p>Date : 26 January,2024</p> <p>Total Persons including performers with escorts, staff, organizers & guests – 150</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs. 34.64 Lakh</p>	<p>The Governing Body recommended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full day Purple Talks by Highly motivators may be organized under the AGP scheme in Dr. Ambedkar International Centre.

<p>4.</p>	<p>NIEPVD, Dehradun an Autonomous Body under the administrative control of DEPwD, Govt. of India.</p> <p>Purpose: Organizing Grand Finale of Divya Band (Offline).</p> <p>Place: Dehradun</p> <p>Tentative Date: January,2024 (4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)</p> <p>No. of Bands : 10 (Approx. 10 members in each band)</p> <p>Total Judges: 09</p> <p>Expected Audience: 1000</p> <p>Fund Sought : Rs. 23.59 Lakh</p>	<p>After detailed discussion on every aspect of the proposal, the Governing Body recommended as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of top 05 Divya Bands to be organized in Delhi Hatt, Central Park of Connaught Place, and Pitampura on 25-26 January, 2024. • Different cultural activities may also be organized during the event. • All NIs to organize minimum one activity during the event. • Eminent Painter, Dancers with disability like Dr. Suraj and Sh. Vaibhav may be called for showcasing their talents. • NIEPVD, Dehradun to provide the list of Bands to the Department. • DEPwD to write a letter to all the concerned SCPDs for the performance of Divya Bands selected by the NIEPVD, Dehradun funding for this purpose will be provided from the AGP Section. • Proposal may be processed under AGP Scheme.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, a Central University, Madhya Pradesh</p> <p>Purpose: National Divyangjan Youth Parliament</p> <p>Objective: To enable the student community to know about practices and procedures of the Parliament through practice.</p> <p>No. of PwD Participants : 200</p> <p>Proposed dates: 23-25 January, 2024 tentatively</p> <p>Venue: Abhimanch Sabhagar, Dr Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.</p> <p>Fund Sought: 22.40 Lakh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After having detailed discussion and deliberation on the proposal, the Governing Body decided not to consider for providing financial assistance.

6.	<p>Shri Bellana Chandra Shekhar , Hon'ble ,Member of Parliament (Loksabha)</p> <p>Purpose: Providing Self Learning Braille Literacy Device to the Blind and Visually Challenged Children in Vizianagaram District of Andhra Pradesh through Thinker Bell Labs Private Limited Bangaluru.</p> <p>No. of Students: 175 No. of Devices: 55 Total Fund Sough: 53.47 Lakh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal was not considered by the Governing Body due to high cost of the Device. • GB also advised that devices may be arranged from CSR Fund.
7.	<p>Signing Hands Foundation, Office No 510, Plot No 39/5, 39/5A, Sec 30A Vashi, Navi Mumbai</p> <p>Purpose: Creation of Video Content on Deaf Role-Models</p> <p>Objective: To highlight the journeys, challenges overcome and achievements of the of the reputed deaf professionals/role models in Indian Sign Language.</p> <p>Total Role Model to be Interviewed: 12 in the year 2024-25</p> <p>Fund sought: 13.80 Lakh + travelling, lodging and boarding as per actual.</p>	<p>Governing Body recommended that proposal may be processed under the AGP Scheme.</p>
8.	<p>Signing Hands Foundation, Office No 510, Plot No 39/5, 39/5A, Sec 30A Vashi, Navi Mumbai</p> <p>Signing Stories: Bridging Worlds (dedicated to Deaf Children)</p> <p>Objective: To promote literacy, communication and social interaction among Deaf and Hearing impaired children by adapting popular stories accessible to both communities.</p> <p>No. of Stories to be developed: 12 in the year 2024-25.</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs.11.40 Lakh</p>	<p>Governing Body recommended that proposal may be processed under the AGP Scheme of the Department.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>Signing Hands Foundation, Office No 510, Plot No 39/5, 39/5A, Sec 30A Vashi, Navi Mumbai</p> <p>Purpose: News Coverage and Accessibility Services</p> <p>Fund Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rs. 10,000 for a 5-minute length of news video • Rs. 20,000 for a 10-minute length of news video • Rs. 30,000 for a 15-minute length of news video <p>The above rates include the production costs for content-preparation, video-shooting, video-editing, Indian Sign Language interpretation, Hindi voiceover and English subtitles.</p>	<p>Governing Body recommended that proposal may be processed under the AGP Scheme of the Department.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>People with Hearing Impaired Network (PHIN), Hyderabad, Telangana in Collaboration with Deaf Leaders Foundation</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>(i). Holding Exhibition to showcase the products including Handicrafts made by the PwDs. (National Deaf (PwDs) Exhibition and Festival 2024.</p> <p>(ii). Holding Exhibition showcasing Painting in collaboration with Deaf Leaders Foundation.</p> <p>Proposed date: 23-25 February,2024 Place: Pune No. of PwD Participating: 1000-1500 No. of Products to be display: 50-60 Fund Sought : 20 Lakh</p>	<p>Proposal was not approved by the Governing Body.</p>

<p>11.</p>	<p>Pashta Shri Bhagwan Baba Bahu Uddeshiya Sevabhavi Sanstha At. Pashta Po. Sevali Tq. Jalana Dist., Jalna, Maharashtra.</p> <p>Purpose: Holding State Level Exhibition to showcase paintings.</p> <p>Schedule: Within 30 days of approval of the project.</p> <p>Venue: Jalna District, Maharashtra</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs.10.75 lakh</p>	<p>Proposal was not approved by the Governing Body.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Relief Centre for the welfare of Differently Abled Persons, Imphal West, Manipur</p> <p>Purpose: State Level Exhibition to showcase Products made by PwDs</p> <p>Schedule: 10-14 January,2024(05 Days)</p> <p>Venue: Sagolband Tera Bazar, Imphal</p> <p>No. of Participants : 30 to 40</p> <p>Type of Products to be displayed: Handicraft/Handloom/Toy /Doll/ Fine Arts etc.</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs. 11.52 lakh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal was not approved by the Governing Body. • GB also recommended that NILD, Kolkata may organize activities for the empowerment of PwDs in North East Region.
<p>13.</p>	<p>The Ability Group Rehabilitation Centre, Imphal East District, Manipur</p> <p>Purpose: Workshop cum Exhibition</p> <p>Proposed date : 11-12 January, 2024 (02 Days)</p> <p>Venue: Nongmeibung Community Hall, Imphal East District, Manipur</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs. 6.32 lakh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal was not approved by the Governing Body. • GB also recommended that NILD, Kolkata may organize activities for the empowerment of PwDs in North East Region.

<p>14.</p>	<p>SNEH Nagda, Centre for Learning & Empowerment, Suraj SNEH Bhavan, SNEH Camus, Shri Ram Colony , Nagda, M.P.</p> <p>Purpose: Request for providing Battery Operated Wheelchair to Sh. Prahalad Jat, Person with Locomotor Disability (80%)</p> <p>Recommendation of Assessment Board : Yes</p> <p>Required Annual Family Income: Less than Rs.3 Lakh</p> <p>Actual Annual Family Income : Rs 92,000/- Per Annum (Income Certificate attached)</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs.1,00,800/- Excluding of Taxes applicable (Quotation attached)</p>	<p>After having detailed discussion and deliberation, the Governing Body considered the proposals and also recommended as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battery Operated Wheelchair may be provided to Sh. Prahalad Jat and Sh. Dinesh Panchal, through ALIMCO and fund will be provided to the ALIMCO from National Fund. • It was also recommended by the GB that all the NIs and CRCs under the Department to prepare a list of Persons with High Support Needs and submit to ALIMCO for providing equipment to them. For this purpose, funds will be provided from the National Fund. • Advertisement of this scheme shall be done by the Department.
<p>15.</p>	<p>SNEH Nagda, Centre for Learning & Empowerment , Suraj SNEH Bhavan, SNEH Camus, Shri Ram Colony , Nagda, M.P.</p> <p>Purpose: Request for providing Battery Operated Wheelchair to Sh. Dinesh Panchal, Person with Locomotor Disability (80%)</p> <p>Recommendation of Assessment Board : Yes</p> <p>Required Annual Family Income: Less than Rs.3 Lakh</p> <p>Actual Annual Family Income : Rs 36,000/- Per Annum (Income Certificate attached)</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs.1,00,800/- Excluding of Taxes applicable (Quotation attached)</p>	

<p>16.</p>	<p>Paralympic Committee of India, Jaisalmer House,26 Mansingh Road, New Delhi -110011</p> <p>Purpose: Organizing 22nd National Para Athletics Championship 2024 hosted by Govt. of Goa</p> <p>Proposed Date: 9th-13 January,2024</p> <p>Place: Goa, aligned with International Purple Fest Goa,2024</p> <p>Fund Sought: Rs. 50 Lakh</p>	<p>Proposal was not approved by the Governing Body as Department has already provided financial assistance to the Govt. of India for organizing International Purple Fest, Goa,2024.</p>
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Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants for 12th Governing Body of National Fund for PwDs

A	Members of Governing Body	
1	Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD	Chairperson
2	Shri Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, DEPwD	Convener & CEO, NF
3.	Shri Sanjay Pandey, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, DEPwD (Through VC)	Member
4	Shri K.R. Vaidheesvaran, JS & CEO National Trust	Member
5	Shri Vijay Kumar Meena, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India	Member
6	Shri Sangeet Kumar, Under Secretary , Higher Education(Through VC)	Member
7	Shri Ajeet Singh Mahavirsingh Shekhawat, Shekhawat Dagra & Associates	Member
8	Dr. Sri Govindraj, Madurai, Tamil Nadu	Member
B. Departmental Officials		
1.	Shri Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, DEPwD	
2.	Shri Vineet Singhal, Director, DEPwD	
3.	Shri Sunil Kumar Mahto, Deputy Secretary, DEPwD	
4.	Sh. Jitendra Sharma, Director, PDUNIPPM, New Delhi	
5.	Shri B.V. Ram Kumar, Director, NIEPID, Secunderabad	
6.	Er. Manish Verma, Director, NIEPVD, Dehradun	
7.	Ms. Anita Meena, Under Secretary, DEPwD (Through VC)	
8.	Shri Sanjay Kumar Mittal, Program Officer, NF (Through VC)	
9.	Ms. Radha Rani, Accountant, NF (Through VC)	