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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Telangana has been awarded the work of conducting the Third Party Evaluation of all sub-schemes and projects under the Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA).

As you are aware, SIPDA is a comprehensive Central Sector Scheme that encompasses multiple sub-schemes/Projects aimed at empowering Divyangjans and ensuring accessibility, inclusivity, and holistic development. The sub-schemes and Projects under SIPDA inter alia include:

- Creation of Barrier-Free Environment
- NAP-Skill Training Program and Scholarship
- Unique Disability Identification (UDID)
- Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP) & In-Service Training and Media
- Research on Disability Related Technology, Product and Issues
- Assistance to Spinal Injury Centers
- Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre
- Projects under SIPDA
 - (i) Deaf College
 - (ii) Braille Press
- CPMU cum Data Strategy Unit

The third party evaluation is crucial for assessing the effectiveness, impact, and implementation quality of these vital schemes that serve persons with disabilities across the nation. This evaluation will help us identify strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement in our service delivery. It is also necessary for the continuation of the various schemes offered by the Government of India, including the SIPDA Scheme

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Dr. T. Vijayakumar, Head of Centre for Equity and Social Development (CESD) at NIRDPR, Telangana, has been designated as the nodal officer for this comprehensive assessment. His details are as under:


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In this context, I earnestly request all stakeholders, implementing agencies under various SIPDA sub-schemes, and concerned scheme divisions within DEPwD to extend their fullest support and coordination to Dr. T. Vijayakumar and his evaluation team in conducting this important evaluation exercise.

The success of this evaluation exercise depends largely on the active participation and support from all stakeholders. I am confident that with your cooperation, this evaluation will provide valuable insights that will help us enhance the effectiveness of SIPDA schemes and better serve Divyangjans.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Director (SIPDA)

To:

1. Dr. T. Vijayakumar, Head of Centre for Equity and Social Development (CESD) at NIRDPR, Telangana
2. All Program Divisions undertaking the sub-schemes/Projects of SIPDA- with a request to share this letter with the implementing agencies and stakeholders under their respective sub-schemes/Projects for ensuring cooperation in conducting the Third Party Evaluation of their sub-schemes/Projects
3. IT Cell, DEPwD – with a request to upload this on DEPwD's official website