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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities  
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**Dated 25.08.2026**

To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries

Social Welfare Department or Nodal Dept. of disability

All States/UTs (As per Standard list)

**Sub: "Scheme for Financial Support for Implementation of Disability Certification and Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project (2026-27 to 2030-31)"**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 conveying the extension of the scope of the UDID sub scheme for the financial year 2026-27 upto 30.09.2026 or date of the approval of the scheme by the competent authority whichever is earlier.

2. In this regard, the revised UDID sub scheme for implementation of UDID project during the 16<sup>th</sup> Financial Cycle (2026-27 to 2030-31) is hereby issued and enclosed as **ANNEXURE**. The provision of the revised sub scheme would be applicable with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2026.

3. All the nodal Officers of the Department dealing with the empowerment of persons with disabilities in the respective State Government or Union Territory Administration are hereby requested to send their financial proposals under UDID sub scheme as per the revised provisions of the scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2026 onwards.

**Encl: As above**

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Manish Kumar Mishra)

Under Secretary to Govt. of India

## **Annexure**

### **"Scheme for Financial Support for Implementation of Disability Certification and Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project (2026-27 to 2030-31)"**

#### **1. Background**

**1.1** The Scheme has been formulated to facilitate effective implementation of the provisions relating to disability certification and issuance of Unique Disability Identity (UDID) Cards under Sections 56 to 59 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Rules framed thereunder. The Scheme provides financial assistance for strengthening the digital ecosystem, capacity building, awareness generation and implementation support to States/UTs for efficient delivery of statutory services.

The Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Project was launched in June 2014, with its software hosted on the NIC cloud by May 2016, the project began issuing its first UDID cards in January 2017. Since then, the system has evolved into a nationwide digital backbone for disability certification and identification. At its core, the UDID project aims to develop a centralized, online platform that streamlines the issuance of disability certificates and a unique identity card by respective state governments/UT administrations, ensuring uniformity and accuracy across the country. Beyond simplifying administrative processes, UDID has become a tool of empowerment, transparency, and data-driven policymaking.

**1.2** The Hospitals or the competent medical authorities authorized by the concerned State/UT Governments have been onboarded on this centralized platform for issuance of disability certificates and UDID cards to the eligible PwDs.

#### **2. Objectives of the Guidelines of the sub-scheme are: -**

- i. To support implementation of the statutory provisions relating to disability certification and issuance of UDID Cards (Reference related sections of the RPwD Act and associated rules).
- ii. To ensure uniformity, transparency and standardization in disability certification across the country.
- iii. To maintain and strengthen the national online platform for disability certification and UDID Cards.
- iv. To assist States/UTs in implementing the notified disability assessment guidelines and certification procedures.
- v. To provide secure and interoperable digital infrastructure for issuance, verification and management of disability certificates and UDID Cards.
- vi. To facilitate monitoring of implementation by the Central Government.

- vii. To improve accessibility, efficiency and citizen convenience in availing disability certification services.

### **3. Target**

As per the Census of India, 2011, there were 2.68 crore Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the country. The disability categories captured in the Census were seven at that time.

Subsequently, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 expanded the recognized categories of benchmark disabilities to twenty-one (21), as specified in the Schedule to the Act and as amended from time to time. Since the Census of India has not yet been conducted under the revised statutory framework, the official population of persons covered under all the recognized disabilities is not presently available.

Accordingly, the target of the UDID Project during the Scheme period (2026-27 to 2030-31) shall be to facilitate issuance of Disability Certificates and Unique Disability Identity (UDID) Cards to all eligible persons with benchmark disabilities.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Government of India, shall provide the necessary technical and financial support for operation, maintenance and upgradation of the centralized UDID Portal to enable the designated Certifying Authorities and Medical Authorities notified by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to issue Disability Certificates and UDID Cards through the online system. The Department shall also monitor the implementation of the Project, extend technical support to the States/UTs, and facilitate timely and universal coverage of eligible persons with disabilities through regular review, coordination and capacity-building initiatives.

### **4. Implementing Agency**

#### **4.1 Central Level**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Government of India, is the nodal Department for implementation of the UDID Project at the national level. The Department shall be responsible for policy formulation and overall coordination of the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 and the Rules framed thereunder. The responsibilities of the Department shall, inter alia, include:

- (i) Development, operation, maintenance and periodic upgradation of the centralized UDID Portal and associated digital infrastructure.
- (ii) Ensuring implementation of appropriate information security, cybersecurity, privacy safeguards and business continuity measures for the UDID ecosystem in accordance with the applicable laws, Government policies and prescribed standards.

(iii) Engagement of agencies for printing and secure dispatch of UDID Cards to the registered address of beneficiaries through Speed Post or any other mode approved by the Department.

(iv) Monitoring the implementation of the UDID Project across the States and Union Territories through periodic review.

(v) Providing technical support, user support and capacity-building assistance to the States/UTs for effective implementation of the Project.

(vi) Organising or supporting awareness and Information with special emphasis on low-coverage districts, remote, tribal and difficult-to-access areas.

(vii) Conducting periodic training, orientation and refresher programmes for the designated officers, Certifying Authorities, Medical Authorities and other stakeholders involved in implementation of the UDID Project.

(viii) Conducting periodic visits to hospitals to assess the available infrastructure and obtain ground-level feedback on the implementation and functioning of the UDID Project.

#### **4.2 State Level**

The Department dealing with the empowerment of persons with disabilities in the respective State Government or Union Territory Administration shall be the nodal implementing agency for the UDID Project within its jurisdiction. Its responsibilities shall include:

(i) Coordinating with the State/UT Health Department and other concerned authorities for notification and authorization of hospitals and Medical Authorities for issuance of Disability Certificates and UDID Cards in accordance with the RPwD Act, 2016, the Rules framed thereunder and the Disability Assessment Guidelines notified by the Government of India.

(ii) Ensuring designation of the Appellate Authority under Section 59 of the RPwD Act, 2016.

(iii) Onboarding all authorized hospitals and designated Medical Authorities on the UDID Portal and ensuring timely updating of their profiles, user credentials and institutional details.

(iv) Facilitating enrolment of eligible persons with benchmark disabilities and ensuring timely processing of applications, issuance of Disability Certificates and generation of UDID Cards.

(v) Helping DEPwD in awareness generation and outreach for achieving universal coverage of eligible persons with disabilities.

(vi) Appointment Single Point of Contact (Not below Level-10 officer or Class-A Officer) to coordinate with the DEPwD for smooth execution of the project.

(vii) Deployment of State Coordinators, wherever supported under the Scheme.

(viii) Procurement, installation and maintenance of computer hardware and other IT peripherals for authorized hospitals, in accordance with the Scheme guidelines and applicable financial rules.

(ix) Monitoring implementation of the Project at the district level and resolving administrative issues affecting timely delivery of services.

#### **4.3 District Level**

The hospitals and Medical Authorities authorized by the respective State Government or Union Territory Administration shall process applications received through the UDID Portal, verify documents, undertake disability assessment in accordance with the Disability Assessment Guidelines notified by the Government of India, and issue Disability Certificates and UDID Cards through the online system in accordance with the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016 and the Rules framed thereunder.

The District Social Welfare Officer, District Disability Rehabilitation Officer or any other officer designated by the State Government/UT Administration for matters relating to persons with disabilities shall coordinate with the authorized hospitals and other concerned stakeholders to facilitate timely processing of applications, organise awareness and enrolment activities, mobilise eligible persons with benchmark disabilities to apply through the UDID Portal, and monitor the progress of implementation within the district.

#### **5. Extent of Financial Support**

Component wise financial support shall be as under:-

| Component | Extent of expenditure |
|-----------|-----------------------|
|-----------|-----------------------|

|                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Development/ upgradation and maintenance of UDID application software including e-KYC, NGC Cloud Services and Aadhaar Vault Services and other features | As per the original work order issued from time to time (to be executed by the DEPwD)                                                                                                                                           |
| Printing of UDID cards                                                                                                                                  | As per the original work order issued from time to time (to be executed by the DEPwD)                                                                                                                                           |
| Dispatch of UDID card through Speed Post or any other mode of transport.                                                                                | As per the rates declared by concerned Dept./Agency from time to time- (to be executed by the DEPwD)                                                                                                                            |
| Remuneration of State Coordinator                                                                                                                       | Rs 60,000 per month per State/UT subject to condition (s) given at *Note-I below. ( salary paid by DEPwD but hired by concerned state department dealing with disability sector)                                                |
| Advertisement and Publicity by DEPwD                                                                                                                    | Actual expenditure incurred but limited to annual financial limit (to be executed by the DEPwD)                                                                                                                                 |
| Procurement of IT Infrastructure (Computer desktop/laptop, printer etc.)                                                                                | Maximum Rs 1 lakh per certifying medical authority in the State/UT once every five years with freedom of specification (with latest technology is preferred) (to be executed by the DEPwD)                                      |
| Administrative expenditure of sub scheme in DEPwD                                                                                                       | Actual cost towards remuneration of Consultant or Young professional or any other manpower to be engaged under the project by the DEPwD, subject to condition (s) given at <b>*Note-II below.</b> (to be executed by the DEPwD) |

**\*Note-I:** An annual increment of 5% on basic remuneration, payable to State Coordinator, will be given on successful completion of one year. The annual increment of 5% shall be based on completion of one year from date of joining and satisfactory performance report of State Coordinator evaluated by State/Central Government. **The eligibility criteria for appointment of State Coordinator are enclosed at Annexure-I.**

**\*Note-II:** The Consultant or Young professional or any other manpower hired for implementation of this scheme shall be eligible for 5% of annual increment based on the satisfactory performance report by the reporting (not below the rank of SO) and review officer (not below the rank of US).

## 6. Component wise Payment Terms

Component-wise/year-wise proposed notional allocation is as under:-

| (Rs. in Crores)                                                                                                                                         |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Component                                                                                                                                               | 2026-27      | 2027-28      | 2028-29      | 2029-30      | 2030-31      | Total        |
| Development/ upgradation and maintenance of UDID application software including e-KYC, NGC Cloud Services and Aadhaar Vault Services and other features | 5.50         | 5.77         | 6.00         | 6.36         | 6.68         | 30.31        |
| Printing of UDID cards                                                                                                                                  | 2.00         | 2.20         | 2.42         | 2.66         | 2.90         | 12.18        |
| Dispatch of UDID card through Speed Post or any other mode of transport.                                                                                | 3.00         | 3.15         | 3.30         | 3.48         | 3.65         | 16.58        |
| Remuneration of State Coordinator                                                                                                                       | 2.00         | 2.10         | 2.20         | 2.31         | 2.43         | 11.04        |
| Advertisement and Publicity by DEPwD                                                                                                                    | 0.20         | 0.20         | 0.20         | 0.20         | 0.20         | 1.00         |
| Procurement of IT Infrastructure                                                                                                                        | 1.90         | 1.90         | 1.90         | 1.90         | 1.90         | 9.50         |
| Administrative expenditure                                                                                                                              | 0.50         | 0.50         | 0.55         | 0.60         | 0.74         | 2.89         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>15.10</b> | <b>15.82</b> | <b>16.57</b> | <b>17.51</b> | <b>18.50</b> | <b>83.50</b> |

## 7. Clauses for sanctioning of fund under the scheme:

- i. The Joint Secretary of the scheme be appropriate authority to sanction funds towards all the components.
- ii. In the event of any shortfall of funds under any of the above components of this Sub-scheme during a financial year, such shortfall may be met from the available savings from one or more other components of the sub-scheme.
- iii. The overall tenure of consultant or young professional or any other manpower hired by the DEPwD for monitoring or smooth implementation of UDID project can not exceed 5 years or beyond 31.03.2031.
- iv. The fresh engagement of referred manpower out of administrative expenses under the sub-scheme can be done with the approval of Secretary (DEPwD) and Integrated Finance Division (IFD) whereas the proposal of extension of the referred manpower can be undertaken with the approval of concerned Joint Secretary and IFD. The Power to relax any condition for the said manpower vests with the Secretary (DEPwD).

## 8. Other miscellaneous clauses:

- v. The nodal implementing agency at State/UT level needs to submit their requirement of fund for remuneration of State Coordinator in **annexure-II** or IT infrastructure in **annexure-III** to the DEPwD.
- vi. The fund for the remuneration of the State Coordinator shall not be sought beyond last day of month of February of the running financial year. For instance, for the running FY 2026-27, the fund can be sought upto 28.02.2027.
- vii. The State/UT nodal implementing agency shall submit quarter progress report of State Coordinator to the DEPwD in prescribed format as **annexure-IV**. The report shall bear the signature of State Coordinator and the officer not below the rank of Under Secretary.
- viii. The State/UT nodal implementing agency shall follow General Financial Rules or financial rules applicable in their State/UT for utilization of fund sanctioned under the scheme.
- ix. The State/UT nodal implementing agency shall maintain separate account for the purpose of implementation of UDID project with respect to the funds received under the scheme. The account shall be open for audit by the Central Government, if required.
- x. The State/UT nodal implementing agency shall submit the supporting procurement documents in respect of release of fund towards procurement of IT infrastructure. The procurement of IT infrastructure shall be taken place centrally by the State/UT nodal implementing agency through the lowest bidder as per the GFR provisions. The Centre Government may be reimbursing the State/UT Department based on the submission of applicable supporting bills.
- xi. The State/UT implementing agency shall maintain proper record of IT infrastructure procured under the sub-scheme and shall be responsible for proper maintenance of these equipment's. These records shall also be open for verification by any officer as deputed by the Ministry.
- xii. It is the responsibility of the State/UT Government to undertake all steps to engage State Coordinator. Any hiring charges or any other agency charges paid towards the engagement shall be borne by the State/UT Government. The concerned State/UT coordinator shall be paid minimum wages as prescribed by the Dept. under the sub scheme.

**Subject: Appointment of State Coordinator under UDID project.**

Principal Secretary of the Department dealing with the empowerment of persons with disabilities in the respective State Government or Union Territory Administration is authorised to make selection and appoint State Coordinator through a transparent procedure. The educational qualifications and other conditions of appointment of State Coordinator shall be as under:

**Educational Qualification:**

- i. Graduate with diploma/certification / course in computer science / IT related field from a recognised institution

OR

Bachelor of Computer application or MCA or B.Tech (IT) or B. Tech (Computer Science)

**Age Limit**

The candidate shall have attained the age of **21 years** and shall not have attained the age of **60 years** as on the last date prescribed for submission of applications.

**Language**

The State Coordinator shall be proficient in English and the regional language of the State/ UT concerned.

**Remuneration**

Lumpsum amount upto Rs. 60,000 (Sixty thousand) per month will be reimbursed by the Central Government to the State/ UT as remuneration / fee payable to the State Coordinator which include TA/DA etc. towards his/her visit within the state in connection with UDID project. **An annual increment of 5% on basic remuneration will be given on successful completion of one year. The annual increment of 5% shall be based on completion of one year and satisfactory performance report by State Coordinator.**

The fund equal to the one year remuneration will be paid to the State/UT in advance. Further fund will be released on receipt of UC of previous fund released to the State/UT for the purpose.

### **Period of Engagement**

- (i) The State Coordinator shall initially be engaged for a period of one year.
- (ii) The engagement may be extended annually on the basis of satisfactory performance, requirement of the Project and availability of funds.
- (iii) The total period of engagement of a State Coordinator under the Scheme shall not exceed five years or beyond 31.03.2031, irrespective of the number of extensions granted.
- (iv) Continuation beyond each year shall not be automatic and shall be subject to annual performance evaluation by the State Government/UT Administration.
- (v) The State Government/UT Administration may discontinue the engagement of the State Coordinator in accordance with the terms and conditions of engagement.
- (vi) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Government of India, may recommend discontinuation or replacement of a State Coordinator in cases of unsatisfactory performance or violation of the Scheme Guidelines. Financial assistance under the Scheme may be regulated accordingly.

### **Duties and responsibilities of State Coordinators.**

The State Coordinator shall perform, inter alia, the following functions:

- (i) Coordinate with all concerned Departments of the State Government/UT Administration, Health Department, District Authorities, authorized hospitals, Medical Authorities and the DEPwD for effective implementation of the UDID Project.
- (ii) Monitor implementation of the Project across all districts and identify operational bottlenecks affecting timely issuance of Disability Certificates and UDID Cards.
- (iv) Monitor pendency of applications and coordinate with the concerned authorities for timely disposal in accordance with the prescribed timelines.
- (vi) Assist the State Government in organizing enrolment drives, awareness campaigns, training programmes and disability assessment camps in coordination with the District Administration.
- (vii) Provide first-level functional support to hospitals and district authorities regarding operation of the UDID Portal and coordinate with the DEPwD for resolution of technical issues.
- (viii) Monitor implementation of the Disability Assessment Guidelines and report systemic issues requiring policy intervention.

(ix) Facilitate dissemination of Government instructions, advisories and Standard Operating Procedures relating to the UDID Project.

(x) Escalate major implementation, technical or administrative issues affecting the Project to the designated State Nodal Officer and DEPwD.

(xi) Perform any other work assigned by the State Government/UT Administration relating to implementation of the UDID Project.

(xii) The State coordinator shall be available promptly at the disposal of the UDID team. The State coordinator shall take action on grievances received and forwarded to the State/UT and facilitate aggrieved application in getting UDID card and Disability certificate.

**ANNEXURE-II**

**Subject: Proposal seeking financial Assistance for the remuneration of State Coordinator for the Financial Year \_\_\_\_\_.**

| S. No. | Particulars                                              | Details |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|        | Name of the State/UT                                     |         |
|        | Financial Year and Period for Which Funds are Sought     |         |
|        | Name of State Coordinator                                |         |
|        | Official Email ID                                        |         |
|        | Contract Period (From–To)                                |         |
|        | Date of Appointment                                      |         |
|        | Date of expiry of existing contract                      |         |
|        | Date of Last fund released                               |         |
|        | Amount of Last fund released                             |         |
|        | Number of Last Sanction Order                            |         |
|        | Status of Utilization of Last fund                       |         |
|        | Date of Last Increment                                   |         |
|        | Next Due Date of Increment                               |         |
|        | Amount of Monthly Remuneration proposed in this proposal |         |
|        | Total amount recommended in this proposal                |         |

(Name, designation and Signature of authorized officer of the concerned Department of the State/UT)

**ANNEXURE- III**

Subject: Proposal seeking financial assistance for procurement of IT Infrastructure

| Sr No. | Particulars                                                                                                                                  | Details |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1.     | Name of State                                                                                                                                |         |
| 2.     | Number of certifying authorities for which IT infrastructure is to be procured in this proposal (please specify, hospital and district wise) |         |
| 3.     | Name of Equipment (s) to be procured (please specify, hospital and district wise)                                                            |         |
| 4.     | Date of last grant in aid released for procurement of IT infrastructure in the State/UT                                                      |         |
| 5.     | Sanction Order Number of last grant in aid released for the purpose                                                                          |         |
| 6.     | Number of disability certifying authority covered under the last grant in aid (please specify, hospital and district wise)                   |         |
| 4.     | Mode of Procurement (e.g., through GeM, Open Market, or any other applicable mode in the State/UT)                                           |         |
| 5.     | Serial Number of equipment (s) procured through the last grant in aid.                                                                       |         |
| 10     | Amount required for this procurement                                                                                                         |         |

(Name, designation and Signature of authorized officer of the concerned Department of the State/UT)

**ANNEXURE-IV**

UDID Quarterly Performance Report for State/UT Coordinator

Name of State/UT Coordinator:

Name of State/UT:

Date of reporting period:

| Task List | Name of Activities/ Tasks                                     | Brief of Activities/Task | Reason for Pendency/Challenges Faced | Remarks, if any |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1.        | Workshop/Training program conducted with District Authorities |                          |                                      |                 |
| 2.        | Camp Organized                                                |                          |                                      |                 |
| 3.        | Issues/Grievances Resolved                                    |                          |                                      |                 |
| 4.        | Liaison with Hospital/ District Authorities                   |                          |                                      |                 |
| 5.        | UDID Update                                                   |                          |                                      |                 |
| 6.        | Any other work relating to the UDID project                   |                          |                                      |                 |

Signature of State Coordinator

Name, Designation and Signature of the Concerned Officer of the State