

**F. No. N-ISLT011/2/2021-NI**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**  
**Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road  
New Delhi -110003  
Dated: 24.03.2021

To

The Deputy Director (Admin.)  
Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC),  
Okhla Phase-II,  
New Delhi.

**Subject: 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of General Council of ISLRTC held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at  
03:00 PM - Minutes regarding.**

Sir,

Eighth Meeting of General Council of ISLRTC was held virtually on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 03.00 PM, under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DEPwD and President, General Council, ISLRTC.

A copy of the duly approved minutes of the meeting is forwarded herewith for circulation amongst all the members of GC and other concerned for information and necessary action.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

  
**(Jagdish Kumar)**  
**Senior Consultant**

**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the General Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) held virtually under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, DEPwD & President, General Council, ISLRTC on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 03.00 PM.**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the General Council of the ISLRTC was held virtually under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DEPwD & President, General Council, ISLRTC on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 03.00 PM. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. Smt. Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, DEPwD & President, GC, ISLRTC welcomed the members and briefed them about the progress of the ISLRTC. She appreciated the efforts of the Centre, since its Tableau with the theme '*Bhartiya Sanketik Bhasha- Ek Rashtra, Ek Sanketik Bhasha*', under the banner of DEPwD was a part of the Republic Day Parade, 2021. She also commended the efforts of the Centre in launching the ISL Dictionary with 10000 words and expressions on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. She appreciated the efforts of the Centre to promote and popularize the use of Sign Language in the states, official functions and for Information, Education and Communication. She added that the Centre should have its own building with conducive environment for academic activities and research.

3. Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD & Director, ISLRTC, congratulated the Institute and the leadership of the Secretary, DEPwD who has been the guiding force behind a number of initiatives of the Centre. He made a presentation highlighting the major achievements / activities of the Centre like- ISLRTC Tableau in the Republic Day Parade, 2021; Long Term Training Courses (DISLI and DTISL); Short Term Training Programmes; Online Training Courses on ISL; ISL Dictionary; MoU with NCERT; Accessible Videos on COVID-19; ISL Interpreters Directory and the way ahead.

4. Ms. L. S. Changsan, Joint Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, while referring to the MoU signed between the ISLRTC and the NCERT, informed the Council that mapping of schools is being done with reference to disabilities and teachers are being given training in accessibility. She said that the ISLRTC should share knowledge with NCERT to develop modules for new curriculum in schools.

Thereafter, agenda items were discussed as under:-



**Item No. 8.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting held on 06.03.2020**

Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of General Council (GC) of ISLRTC held on 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 in the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, CGO Complex, New Delhi, were confirmed.

**Item No. 8.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting held on 06.03.2020**

The General Council noted the action taken on the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting held on 06.03.2020.

**Item No. 8.3: Consideration of budget proposal for 2021-22**

The Council decided that BE for FY 2021-22 may be 10% over and above the actual expenditure incurred by the Centre for the current FY 2020-21. It was also decided that if the Centre comes up with a new proposal entailing additional expenditure, the same can be taken up with the approval of the EC.

**Item No. 8.4: Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Centre for 2019-20**

The Council approved the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Centre for 2019-20.

**Item No. 8.5: Any other item(s) with the permission of the Chair**

This includes the following decisions:

- i. The Centre should share knowledge with the NCERT to achieve standardization of Indian Sign Language.
- ii. The Centre will add words from school curriculum to the ISL Dictionary.
- ii. The Centre, in collaboration with the NCERT, will explore the feasibility of linking DIKSHA portal with UDID and Scholarship portal of DEPwD.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure

List of Participants in 8<sup>th</sup> General Council Meeting of ISLRTC held on  
19.03.2021 at 03.00 PM

Sl. No.	Name of participant	Designation
1.	Smt. Shakuntala D. Gamlin	Secretary, DEPwD & President, GC, ISLRTC
2.	Dr. Prabodh Seth	Joint Secretary, DEPwD & Director, ISLRTC
3.	Smt. L. S. Changsan	Joint Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy
4.	Shri Mrutyunjay Behera	Economic Advisor, Department of Higher Education
5.	Dr. Amrendra Behera	Joint Director, NCERT
6.	Dr. Suni Mathew	Director, AYJNISHD, Mumbai
7.	Shri N. B. Mani	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
8.	Shri K. Murali	Director, DLF, Coimbatore
9.	Shri Sandeep T.K.M.	Director, Deaf Enabled Foundation
10.	Dr. Usha Punjabi	Superintendent, MBS, Indore
11.	Ms. Raji Gopal	Coordinator, NISH, Thiruvananthapuram
12.	Shri Mrityunjay Jha	Deputy Secretary, DEPwD
13.	Shri Sanjay Kumar	Deputy Director (Admin.), ISLRTC
14.	Dr. Andesha Mangla	Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
15.	Shri Aviz	Section Officer, ISLRTC
16.	Shri Jagdish Kumar	Senior Consultant, DEPwD

