

CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Palampur  
"General Administration Branch"

No.QSD. 8-23/CSK HPKV (GA)/-34041-50  
Dated, Palampur, the

16 JUL 2019

From

Registrar

To

1. All the Deans/Directors,  
CSKHPKV, Palampur.
2. The Estate Officer,  
CSK HPKV, Palampur.
3. The Incharge(UNS),  
CSKHPKV, Palampur.

Subject: Proceedings of the minutes of the Meeting held on  
01.07.2019 regarding implementation of RPwD Act, 2016.

Sir,

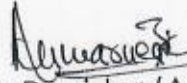
I directed to enclose herewith Proceedings of minutes of the meeting held on 01.07.2019 at 3:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Director, Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities and the Specially Aabled, Himachal Pradesh, in the Conference Hall of the Armsdale Building HP. Secretariat Shimla-2 to review the implementation of RPwD Act, 2016 and to request you to take necessary action on the points pertaining to your Office/Branch and submit action taken report at the earliest to this office for further transmission to the quarter concerned, please.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: As above.

Copy to:-

The Asstt. Registrar (Estt.), CSK HPKV, Palampur with the request to submit action taken report on Section 21 ( Equal Opportunity Policy) by 20.7.2019, please.

  
Asstt. Register (Admn.),  
CSK HPKV, Palampur.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 01.07.2019, at 3:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Director, Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities and the Specially Abled, Himachal Pradesh, in the Conference Hall of the Armsdale Building H.P. Secretariat Shimla-2, to review the implementation of RPwD Act, 2016.**

A meeting to review the action taken on the responsibilities of State Government Departments/ corporations / Boards under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) by the various departments, was held on 01.07.2019, at 3:00PM, under the chairmanship of Director, Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities and the Specially Abled, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9, in the conference hall of Armsdale Building, H.P. Secretariat, Shimla-2. The meeting was attended by participants of various Departments. The list of participants is at annexure-A.

At the outset, the Director Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities & the Specially Abled (ESOMSA) Himachal Pradesh, welcomed all the participants and briefed the provisions of newly notified Act i.e. the RPwD Act, 2016. He informed that as compared to the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, the current Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 Act covers the social, economical and political rights and freedom of a person with disability and requested representatives of all the Departments to take immediate steps to implement these new provisions in time bound manner.

The Director ESOMSA emphasized that in the New Act, the definition of the disability is much wider and the number of benchmark disabilities has now been increased from 7 to 21 by adding new disabilities and thus in the new Act the responsibilities have been cast upon the appropriate governments to take effective measures to ensure that the persons with disabilities enjoy their rights equally with others and there shall be no discrimination with Persons with Benchmark Disabilities on the ground of their Disability.

In the presentation all the concerned Departments were requested to take immediate action to implement the each and every section of the RPwD Act, 2016 and convey the Action Taken Report to Directorate ESOMSA.

After detailed deliberations, all the Departments were requested to take immediate action on the following sections:-

**(i) Section 21:- Equal Opportunity Policy:**

All Departments shall formulate and notify the Equal Opportunity Policy within 20 days (by 25.07.2019) and submit the copy of the same to Directorate ESOMSA.

**(ii) Section 23:- Appointment of Grievance Redressal Officer:**

Director, ESOMSA informed that as per the provisions of this section of the Act, only 42 Establishments have appointed the grievance redressal officer. hence all the remaining Departments to appoint Grievance Redressal Officer immediately and convey the same to Directorate ESOMSA.

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**(iii) Section 24:- Social Security**

All the Departments to formulate schemes/programmes, within the limit of their economic capacity, for the safeguard and promote the right of persons with disabilities for adequate standard of living to enable them to live independently or in the community by providing the quantum of assistance to PwDs under such schemes at least 25% higher than the similar applicable to others.

**(iv) Section 33 & 34:- Identification of Posts for Reservation & Reservation ;**

All the Departments to pay special attention to implement the provision enshrined under section 33 & 34 of the Act and informed that till date only 21 Departments has notified the committee constituted for the identification of posts reserved for PwDs, out of which only 10 Departments have convened the meeting of the said committee.

**(v) Section 37:- Special Schemes and Development Programmes;**

All the Departments to, by notification, make schemes in favour of persons with benchmark disabilities, to provide:-

- (a) 5% reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes and development programmes, with appropriate priority to women with benchmark disabilities
- (b) 5% reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes with priority to women with benchmark disabilities
- (c) 5% reservation in allotment of land on concessional rate, where such land is to be used for the purpose of promoting housing, shelter, setting up of occupation, business, enterprise, recreation centres and production centres.

**(vi) Section 42:- Access to Information**

All the identified Departments whose websites are being developed disabled friendly under AIC to deposit the Hosting Charges to Department of Information and Technology immediately, so, that it could go live and requested remaining Departments to make effort to make their Departments websites disabled friendly.

**(vii) Section 45:- Time Limit for Making Existing Structure Accessible**

For making the Govt. Buildings Barrier Free for PwDs, Govt has launched Accessible India Campaign (Sugmaya Bharat Abhiyan). Under Phase -I of this Campaign 22 Govt. Buildings at Shimla Town have been identified and grant is being provided by Govt for making these buildings barrier free. HPPSC, HP Secretariat and I&PR, to whom grant has been released, to make sure, to complete the work within the time line fixed by Central Advisory Board CAB) which is August, 2019.

Under Phase-II of this Campaign 50% of the Govt. Buildings at State Capital Region are to be made barrier free by the State Govt./Departments from their own funds, by August, 2019. Hence, the Deputy Commissioner Shimla and all the

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read of the Departments to take necessary steps immediately for making the 50% Govt. Building barrier free within the timeline fixed by CAB, i.e. August, 2019.

Under Phase-III of this Campaign 50% of the Govt. Buildings at Distt. Headquarter level/most important cities/towns of the State, are to be made barrier free. The list of 14 Towns had already been conveyed to all the Deputy Commissioners by Directorate ESOMSA. So far, only, Deputy Commissioner Kullu, Kangra and Solan has identified the Govt. Buildings at their respective Districts. Necessary steps may be taken immediately for making these identified buildings barrier free within the timeline of CAB i.e. December, 2019. The remaining Deputy Commissioners to take immediate Steps to identify the Govt. Buildings in their respective Building and thereafter make them barrier free for PwDs by December, 2019.

**All the Departments to comply with the provision of this section of the Act in letter and spirit and make efforts to make all the existing Govt. Buildings barrier free within a period of 5 years from the date of notification of this Act.**

**(viii) Section 59:- Appeal against a Decision of Certifying Authority:**

Department of Health and Family Welfare has already notified the Certifying Authority for issuing the Medical Certificate to Persons with Disabilities. Now, the Health & Family Welfare Department to expedite the process of issuing of UDID Card to PwDs.

Further, under section 59 of RPwD Act, 2016, there is provision that an Appellate Authority may be designated by the Govt. where any person aggrieved with decision of the certifying authority may appeal hence, **Health and Family Department to Designate such authority at the earliest.**

**(ix) Section 19:- Vocational Training and Self- Employment**

Under section 19 of the RPwD Act, 2016, there is provision that the Appropriate Govt. shall formulate schemes and programmes including provision of loans at concessional rates to facilitate and support employment of persons with disabilities especially for their vocational training and self-employment. Department of Technical Education, Department of Industries, HPKVN, Department of SJ&E, H.P. Minorities Finance Development Corporation etc. to formulate such schemes as per the mandate of the Act.

**(x) Section 41:- Access to Transport**

Till date, out of 3103 Govt. and 3300 Pvt. Buses, Transport Department has made only 85 Govt. Buses disabled friendly. Transport Department to take immediate suitable measures to provide:

- (a) facilities for PwDs at bus stops, railway stations and airport conforming to the accessibility standards relating to parking spaces, toilets, ticketing counters and ticketing machines:

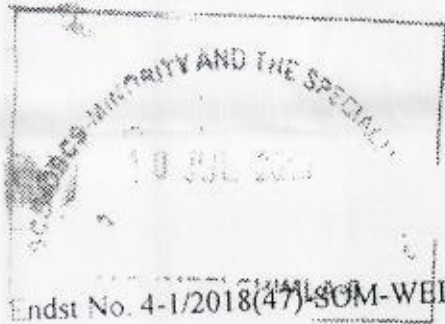
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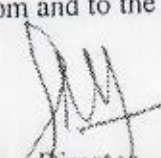
- (b) access to all modes of transport that conform the design standards, including retrofitting old modes of transport whenever technically feasible and safe for PwDs economically viable and without entailing major structural changes in design
- (c) accessible to roads to address mobility necessary for PwDs.
- (2) The Department shall develop schemes programmes to promote the personal mobility of persons with disabilities at affordable cost to provide for
- (a) incentives and concessions;
- (b) retrofitting of vehicles; and
- (c) personal mobility assistance.

Further, Transport Department to issue necessary direction to their field functionaries to recognize the UDID Card issued to PwDs for availing the free travelling facilities.

Besides above, all the Departments were also requested to ensure that remaining sections of the Act are to be followed/ implemented in letter and spirit.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks from and to the Chair.

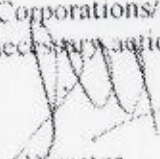


  
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 Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities &  
 the Specially Abled, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-09

Endst No. 4-1/2018(47)-SOM-WEL(RPwD)-III-12290-12429  
 Dated:- 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 Shimla-9

Copy forwarded to the:

1. Additional Chief Secretary (SJ&E) to the Govt. of H.P. for favour of kind information please.
2. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Govt. of H.P. for favour of kind information and necessary action please.
3. Special Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P. for favour of kind information please.
4. All the Heads of the Departments in Himachal Pradesh, for information and immediate necessary action please.
5. Registrar, HPU Shimla-5/ YS Parmar Horticulture University Nauni Solan/CSK Agriculture University Palampur/ H.P. Technical University Hamirpur, for information and immediate necessary action please.
6. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Himachal Pradesh, for information and immediate necessary action please.
7. All the Chairman/Managing Directors of PSUs/Corporations/Boards in the State of Himachal Pradesh, for information and immediate necessary action please.

  
 Director  
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 the Specially Abled Himachal Pradesh Shimla-09