

**MINUTES OF SIXTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR GRANTS UNDER AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME HELD ON 29.05.2015 IN PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

The list of participants is as under:-

- i) Shri A.K. Awasthi, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (**In Chair**)
- ii) Dr. Bhushan Punani, Executive Director, Blind People Association India, Ahmedabad.
- iii) Shri Vishal Gagan, Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- iv) Shri Sandeep Gupta Deputy Secretary (IFD), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- v) Shri S.P.Sharma, Consultant, Department of Empowerment Persons with Disabilities.

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary, DA welcomed all the participants to the meeting and briefly outlined the salient features of Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme. Under the Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme, financial assistance can be given for various activities including setting up of a help line for online counselling of the PwDs, content development, publications and news media, organizing national events, participation in the international initiatives or to support various schemes organized by NGOs or self-help groups, volunteer service / outreach programme for sensitizing commercial establishment and employers, recreation and tourism, participation in community radio, press / media tours etc.

3. The following decisions were taken/observations were made:-

**Agenda No.1**

**Proposal for organizing the International Congress on 'Women work & Health, 28-31 October, 2015 EQUAL WORLD EQUAL SPACES at JAIPUR.**

Proposal from Women Work & Health Initiative New Delhi, seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 11,18,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakh and eighteen thousand only) for the International Congress on Women Work & Health, 28-31 October, 2015 EQUAL WORLD EQUAL SPACES - a festival celebrating women work & health. at Jaipur.

As the proposed event is relating to women issue & health, the Committee was of the opinion that the organization may be asked to clarify whether the event is for disability sector and also whether the Memorandum of Association/bye laws cover the disability sector. They should submit document in this regard.

**Agenda Item No. 2**

Proposal from National Association for the Blind, Faridabad, Haryana for the facility of a special green corridor to enter in the Tirupati Balaji temple to have Darshan of the deity for travel of Blind children from Faridabad/Delhi to Tirupati Balaji and back in the month of November, 2015.

The proposal to take 50 blind children with 20 escorts to Tirupati Balaji for which a special green corridor is demanded. The organization has not mentioned any financial assistance for this visit.

**The Committee decided that as there is no proposal seeking financial assistance, the Department may facilitate the Darshan of Temple for the blind Children.**

#### **Agenda Item No. 3**

##### **Proposal for National Helpdesk for the Blind submitted by SCORE foundation, New Delhi.**

Proposal received from SCORE Foundation, New Delhi, seeking financial assistance of Rs.61,75,000/- for setting up the Eyeway National Helpdesk Network for the Blind. This helpdesk will be built up in 3 stages over the next 3 years. The network would be a formal partnership formed amongst 18 odd NGOs from across India. The helpdesk will have a toll free number.

**The Committee decided to support the proposal for the 1<sup>st</sup> year initially with financial assistance upto an amount of Rs. 10 lakh only for establishing helpdesk with Toll Free Number (excluding any capital expenditure ) strictly as per the scheme. Any further support for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year would be based on evaluation of the performance of the project.**

#### **Agenda Item No.4.**

##### **Organizing a Kedarnath visit by walk by disabled persons from Nautiyal Orthotic Prosthetic Rehabilitation Clinic Deharadun.**

Proposal received from Nautiyal Orthotic Prosthetic Rehabilitation Clinic, Deharadun for organizing a Kedarnath visit by walk by disabled persons from Dehradun to Sree Kedarnath, (Uttarakhand) on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 with 24 person along with 10 disabled persons. The organization not mentioned any financial assistance for this visit.

**The proposal could not be considered as the date of the event is already over and no financial assistance has been sought for in the proposal .**

#### **Agenda Item No.5**

**Proposal relating to activities to be taken up through IPH for appointing a consultant for making updation of 2 booklets as shown below:**

- i) Concessions/facilities available to disabled through State/UT Governments, published in 1994.**
- ii) Programmes/Concessions to the Persons with Disabilities through the Central Government, published in 1999 covers all the Central Ministries/Departments.**

The Proposal is for appointing a consultant who can update the above 2 booklets The above books will be very useful for guidance of the entire disability sector if they are up-dated. The

work will be done by IPH, New Delhi by appointing a consultant for which Rs.1,00 Lakh may be approval.

**The Committee approved the proposal for engaging consultant for the said work with a ceiling of Rs. 1 lakh for completion of the work.**

**Agenda Item No. 6.**

**Highlighting Achievements & Schemes of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment through "11<sup>th</sup> Govt. Achievements & Schemes Expo 2015".**

A request letter is received from M/s NNS Media Group Minister (SJ&E) for participation by this Department in the event by hiring at least 54 sqm of exhibition space.

**The committee decided that the organization should submit proposal only as per the scheme guidelines and eligibility norms with necessary documents.**

**Agenda Item No.7.**

**Proposal of Blind Cricket Association, New Delhi regarding financial support/sponsorship for 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament for the Blind at the Doon School, Dehradun, Uttarakhand 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.**

Proposal is received from Blind Cricket Association, New Delhi for organize the two inter zonal cricket tournaments for the blind cricket players from 4<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Doon School Ground in Dehradun.

**The Committee approved an amount Rs. 1.5 lakhs subject to eligibility norms of the organisation and for meeting expenditure toward prizes, accommodation & TA/DA to blind players. The fund will be released as per original bills submitted for the proposal within the prescribed norms.**

**Agenda Item No.8**

**Publishing a book on Yoga in Braille.**

Proposal received from Indian Heritage Society (YOGAKSHEMA), New Delhi for seeking support for bringing out a of the book for visually challenged on Yoga in Braille. The book has been written by Ms Nivedita Joshi. 3000 copies of the book are proposed to be printed and distributed among the visually challenged students.

**The committee decided to procure 50 such Braille Books through NIVH, Dehradun for dissemination of Yoga for Visually impaired by distributing these Braille Books with manuals to all the Institutions /School etc. for visual impaired, for undertaking/adopting Yoga in their live for the better living.**