

MINUTES OF FIFTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR GRANTS UNDER AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME HELD ON 23.04.2015 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 ~~Rakesh Lal~~ ^{Sandeep Gupta}, Director(IFD), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- v) Shri Sanjay Singh, Under Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- vi) Shri R.C. Joshi, Director, DAVP.
- vii) Shri R.K. Sharma, Consultant, Department of Empowerment of 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 "Limbs for life project" – Motivation of 60 differently abled persons with modern electronics artificial limbs between 27th to 29th April, 2015 – Under Awareness Generation Scheme.

Proposal from Dr. Kirit Somia, MP and Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Energy. 60 beneficiaries are visiting to Delhi for artificial Limbs between 27th to 29th April, 2015. The expenditure will be made from Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme on actual basis on production of bills. IPH will be the coordinating agency for the event. Budget breakup of Rs.745400/- Lakhs is as follow:

The Committee approved an amount of Rs.7.00 lakh to IPH for organizing the event successfully.

✓ Agenda-2.

Request to support visually impaired cricketers & Samarthanam CABI – Cricket Association for the Blind in India.

The Committee in its meeting held on 2.2.2015 had approved financial assistance of Rs.26.00 lakhs for cricket tournament i.e. Rs.16.00 lakhs for four zonal level tournament and Rs.10.00 lakhs for national level tournament. This amount was approved for Zonal and National level cricket tournament. ✓

Now, Department has received a fresh Proposal (through Prime Minister's Office) from Samarthanam CABI- Cricket Association for the Blind in India, that includes International level cricket to support visually impaired Cricketers with a special/corpus grant of Rs.10 crore to empower cricket for the blind and make long lasting social impact. Budget breakup of Rs.10.00 Lakhs is as follow:

The Committee decided that the organization should first organize the events as approved earlier in its meeting held on 2.2.2015 for zonal level & National level tournaments and submit details with related documents.

✓ Agenda-3

Kilikili proposes to develop Policy Guidelines and a Technical Manual that would both state clearly what needs to be done to make a play space inclusive as well as will show how it is to be done.

Proposal received from KILIKILI, Bengaluru a registered trust seeking financial assistance of Rs.2,29,000/- for local city level initiatives of making public play spaces disabled-friendly and inclusive into a national movement, through the publication and dissemination of set of Policy Guidelines and Technical Manual.

✓ **The Committee approved an amount of Rs.1.50 lakh for preparing the manual with the condition that the organization should involve stakeholders and State Govt. authorities like Municipal Corporation/Development Authority (like BDA), etc. in finalizing the manual as per Internationally accepted norms, designs and practices**

✓ Agenda No.4

Proposal received from KILIKILI, Bangluru, seeking financial assistance of Rs.1,94,700/- for inclusion Audit. This is a two month project to identify two public play spaces in Delhi towards making them disabled-friendly and inclusive. Children with disabilities, parents, caregivers teachers and educators are the participants.

The proposal was deferred and the Committee was of the view that the said organization should first develop the manual, and thereafter submit proposals for any such activity.

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✓ Agenda -5

Proposal from SAI SWAYAM SOCIETY for conducting Awareness cum ISL training workshop

Proposal received from Sai Swayam Society, New Delhi seeking financial assistance of Rs.899300/- for conducting Awareness cum ISL training workshop on Saturday in the month of June-2015 depending upon the availability of venue and Guests of Honours at 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM at India Habitat Centre (Hall).

The Committee approved an amount of Rs.5.00 lakh subject to change of venue (auditorium) with lesser rental amount, the organization to give firm dates details of beneficiaries and expected outcomes of the event.

✓ Agenda-6

Proposal from Disabled Welfare Trust of India for Educational Tour for Disabled students from Surat to Puri.

The Committee in its meeting held on 20.3.2015 had considered the proposal and decided that the organization may redraft the proposal and send details of activities, dates, period, place, participants and budget components of the educational tour.

Now, the Department has received fresh proposal from Organization with Tentative Budget of Rs.16.50 Lakh for 150 students plus 15 staff for tour programme.

The Committee approved an amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs, not approving expenditure proposed for new clothes as such expenses are not admissible under the scheme. The organization shall furnish the Railway tickets and Bills of lodging, travelling and fooding as per actuals on completion of the tour.

✓ Agenda-7

Organising parents meeting of disabled Children in July 2015 and Jan.2016 by Disable Welfare Trust of India).

Proposal received from Disable Welfare Trust of India, Surat seeking financial assistance of Rs.10.00 lakhs for organizing two meetings of parents of disabled children. About 1200 participants attend the meeting.

The Committee deferred the proposal seeking details on objective and expected outcomes of the event from the organization.

Agenda No.8

Proposal for announce the cash prizes.

Proposal received from office of Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment regarding announcement of cash prizes for winners of the 3rd Indian Blind and Para Judo Association Championship held on 21-22 March, 2015 at Goa. Hon'ble Minister (SJ&E) announced the cash prizes as below:-

1	Gold Medalist (78)	Rs.2000/-
2	Silver Medalist (78)	Rs.1000/-
3	Breonz Medalist (156)	Rs.500 x 2

Total Rs.3,90,000/-

The Committee approved the proposal and suggested that the cash award be released after June 2015 by which time the organization becomes eligible for grants (on completion of 3 years from their registration).

Agenda No.9

Project: The Black – Live Art Installation

Proposal is received from Society for Welfare of the Handicapped, Patiala Punjab seeking financial assistance of RS.37312800/- for making film titled The Black.

The Committee did not consider the proposal as there are adequate films/documentaries in the sector of disability.

Agenda No.10

Proposal received from a Citizen Assistance Program (CAP). CAP is a voluntary, social program that offers free and confidential advice, short-term counseling and follow-up services to citizens who are disadvantaged have personal and /or stigma-related problems. CAPs address a board and complex body of issues affect in physical and emotional well-being, such as substance abuse, career issues, nutrition, sanitation, grief, family problems, and psychological disorders. CAP counselors also work in a consultative role with citizens to address their problem. Many CAPs are active in helping organization prevent and cope with domestic violence, violence against backward classes, coping with disability etc.

The Committee did not consider the proposal as the details of organization & other documents are not there with the proposal.

Agenda-11

Awareness Generation disability for training and empowerment.

The proposal is from Samyak Samajik Vikas Pratisthan, Latur, Maharashtra seeking financial support of Rs.96,00,000 for various activities under the scheme of Awareness Generation and Publicity. Committee decided in his meeting held on 18.12.2014 that detailed proposal with action plan and individual component wise budget break as per scheme guidelines may called from the organization.

Now, the Department has received fresh proposal from Organization with Tentative Budget of Rs.1,06,97000/ - .

The Committee did not recommend the proposal as it contains mostly salary/honorarium and other administrative expenses towards the organization & its staff which are recurring expenses and not admissible under the Scheme.

Agenda No. 12

Manual on Planning and Design of Accessible Airports Terminus for Persons with Disabilities.

Proposal received from Samarthayam, New Delhi seeking financial assistance of Rs. 8.20 lakhs for manual on Planning and design of accessible airports Terminus for persons with disabilities. This manual will be of use by architects, engineers, airport authorities, development authorities, planner's developers and contractors etc. to retrofit, upgrade existing terminuses and while planning new ones. Samarthayam's research and technical team will develop the Manual and get it printed with co-branding with DEPwD, MSJE within 3 months of time from the day of approval of the grant. Timeline and cost break up as follows:-

The Committee did not recommend as the proposal as there are Internationally approved guidelines on accessibility for airport. The Committee suggests that the organization is having expertise accessibility sector and may like to develop manual for accessible Bus terminals, stand and bus stops.

Agenda No.13

Stage Programmes for Persons with Disabilities.

Proposal is from Pandav Educational Trust, Saharanpur (UP), for financial assistance to organize Stage Programmes of Persons with Disability at Regional levels. The Committee decided in its meetings held on 20.3.2015 decided financial assistance of Rs.1.50 lakhs to the

organization. The organization is to provide details of activities, dates place and participants and its contribution in the total budget for the programmes.

Now, the Department has received fresh proposal from Organization with Tentative Budget of Rs.1,92,150/- along with activities, dates place and participants

The Committee approved an amount of Rs.1,92,150/- with the condition that the organization shall associate the district administration in conducting stage programmes and submit detailed documents along with outcomes achieved.

✓ Agenda No. 14

Accessibility audits of 100 buildings (50 each in Delhi NCR and Gurgaon)

Proposal received from Samarthayam, New Delhi seeking financial assistance of Rs. 25.00 lakhs for process of accessibility audits of 100 buildings (50 each in Delhi NCR and Gurgaon). The accessibility audit will help not only in making these 100 building fully accessible for cross disability people with disabilities but also show case model for further replication, expansion and retrofitting in other cities of India. The following area to be covered Parking, building entrances-ramps, staircases and lifts, handrails and grab-bars way finding and room signage, information and service counters/reception, communications facilities, visual contrast and illumination, flooring, General circulation area-corridors, doors and hardware material, passages, rooms safety exit points-emergency routes etc.

The Committee approved for taking up accessibility audits for 50 building/public places (25 each in Delhi & Gurgaon) as the rate finalized by IPH through the EOI process. The organization shall associate & take inputs from CCPD, IPH, DUAC/DDA/NDMC/CPWD while conducting the audits and also prepare an audit template suitable on Pan-India level for conducting accessibility audit for the purpose of standardization & uniformity.

Agenda 15.

Trainings , workshops, seminars for Accessible India Campaign (AIC) by DEPwD.

The proposal is for conducting seminars and workshops with stakeholders that includes State Govt., Municipal Corporations, Development Authorities, Town Planner, Architects, Engineering Department, etc, in 10 locations across the country for sensitizing training and implementing the AIC during the current financial year 2015-16. This would be implemented by the DEPWD. The budgetary requirement is Rs.60.00 lakhs for conducting the training workshop/seminars(10 location @ 6 lakh each).

The Committee approved an amount of Rs. 60.00 lakh for conducting training, workshops/seminars under AIC.

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