

**MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR GRANTS UNDER AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME HELD ON 10.07.2017 IN FARYAVARAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

The list of participants is as under:-

- i) Shri Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (**In Chair**)
- ii) Shri Kshitij Mohan, Director(IFD), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- iii) Shri Vikas Prasad, Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities welcomed all the participants to the meeting and briefly outlined the salient features of revised Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme. Under the Scheme, financial assistance can be given for various activities including setting up of a help line for online counseling 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; support awareness campaign for skill development & employment generation for PwDs including job fairs; support spreading awareness about universal accessibility by creating an enabling and barrier-free environment that include accessible buildings, accessible transport, accessible websites and carrying out accessibility audit; promote individual excellence in the field of disability sector; Sporting and abilympics activities to promote talent and skill among PwDs which are to be supported through events, awareness campaign, etc.

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

**AGENDA NO. 1:** Proposal received from **NIT Kurukshetra** seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 13,90,000/- to organize of National I.T. Challenge for Youth with Disability 2017, at NIT Kurukshetra.

***The Committee considered the proposal and recommended financial assistance of Rs. 13.00 Lakh to NIT Kurukshetra for organizing the National I.T. Challenge for Youth with Disability 2017 at NIT Kurukshetra.***

**AGENDA NO. 2:** : Proposal received from **National Trust** seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 13,50,000/- for 9 workshops under "Inclusive India Initiative.

***The Committee considered the proposal and in view of the limited funds available under the AGP Scheme recommended financial assistance of Rs. 7.50 Lakh to National Trust, New Delhi for organizing 5 workshops ( @ Rs. 1.5 Lakh per workshop) in Eastern, Western, Northern, Southern and Central region of the country.***

**AGENDA NO. 3:** Proposal received from “**God’s Foundation Nursing Educational Society**” seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 10,27,620/- for conducting awareness programmes workshop / seminar at 25 Mandals of Kurnool Distt. , Andhra Pradesh.

*The Committee considered the proposal and in view of the limited funds available under the AGP Scheme recommended financial assistance of Rs. 03.00 Lakh to God’s Foundation Nursing Educational Society, Andhra Pradesh for conducting awareness programmes workshop / seminar in 10 Mandals of Kurnool Distt. The Committee also decided not to provide financial assistance for the capital items as procurement of equipments is not permissible under the AGP Scheme.*

**AGENDA NO. 4:** Proposal received from “**SNEHA Educational Rural Development Society**” seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 10,11,600/- for Print & release of monthly magazine on successful stories of persons with disability in Andhra Pradesh.

*The Committee considered the proposal and in view of the limited funds available under AGP Scheme recommended financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 Lakh to SNEHA Educational Rural Development Society, Andhra Pradesh for Print & release of 2500 copies of quarterly (instead of monthly) magazine for a period of one year on successful stories of persons with disabilities.*

**AGENDA NO. 5:** Proposal received from “**Santhi Professional Educational Society**” seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 10,02,150/- for conducting awareness programmes workshop / seminar at 25 Mandals of Vishakhapatnam, Distt. Andhra Pradesh.

*The Committee considered the proposal and in view of the limited funds available under AGP Scheme recommended financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 Lakh to Santhi Professional Educational Society for conducting awareness programmes workshop / seminar in 10 Mandals of Vishakhapatnam, Distt. The Committee also decided not to provide financial assistance for the capital items as procurement of equipments is not permissible under the AGP Scheme.*

**AGENDA NO. 6:** Proposal received from “**SOCIETY FOR HUMANITY**” seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 9,98,550/-, for conducting Awareness Generation and publicity for the persons with Disability at Anantpuram District in Andhra Pradesh .

*The Committee considered the proposal and in view of the limited funds available under AGP Scheme recommended financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 Lakh to Society For Humanity, Andhra Pradesh for conducting awareness generation and publicity programme for the persons with Disabilities. The Committee also decided not to provide financial assistance for the capital items as procurement of equipments is not permissible under the AGP Scheme.*

**AGENDA NO. 7:** Proposal received from "Parivaar" seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 10,80,000/- for District Awareness programme for detection, early intervention, pre-schooling of children with intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in six district of Maharashtra.

*The Committee considered the proposal and in view of the limited funds available under the AGP Scheme recommended financial assistance of Rs. 3.60 Lakh (@ Rs. 1.80 Lakh per programme) for organizing two District Awareness programme for detection, early intervention, pre-schooling of children with intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Maharashtra.*

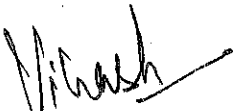
**AGENDA NO. 8:** Proposal received from "Sahyog Kushthayagna Trust, Sabarkantha seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 5.89 lakh for celebration of International disability Day on 03.12.2015.

*The Committee considered the proposal. Financial assistance of Rs. 5.00 Lakh for celebration of International disability Day on 03.12.2015 was approved by Committee for Grant under AGP Scheme in its meeting held on 22.04.2015 subject to the condition that implementing institution is nominated by the State Government. Since the event is already held, the Committee decided to approve financial assistance of Rs. 5.00 Lakh to Sahyog Kushthayagna Trust, Gujarat on reimbursement basis.*

4. The Committee decided that for grants/financial assistance, organizations must fulfill the eligibility norms under the Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme. The components of recurring budget along with capital budget, that includes funds required to acquire new equipments, are not admissible under the Scheme.

5. The Committee also decided that the organizations seeking grants/financial assistance under the scheme should invite local area public representatives (Hon'ble MP, MLA etc.) and representatives of district administration and send documents in the form of CD and photographs of their programme.

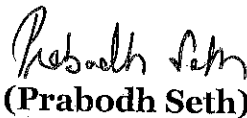
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Vikash Prasad)  
Director, DEPwD



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