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PRESS RELEASE

Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme

The umbrella Central Sector Scheme of this Ministry called the "**Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities**" was revised w.e.f. 01.04.2003 and was renamed as the "**Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)**". The revised Scheme now has two parts viz. Part-A consisting of the Scheme and the Documents (prescribed Performa) required for consideration of a proposal of Grant-in-aid under the Scheme and Part-B (Model Project Profiles) which elaborates the various model projects and cost norms for honoraria, recurring and non-recurring items of expenditure there under. The revised Scheme shall be effective from 01.04.2009.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the scheme are:

- To create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- To encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

APPROACH AND STRATEGY

The approach of this Scheme is to provide financial assistance to voluntary organizations to make available the whole range of services necessary for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities including early intervention, development of daily living skills, education and training. With a view to inclusion of persons with disabilities in the mainstream of society and actualizing their potential, the thrust is on education and training programmes. In order to achieve the objectives of the scheme, the key strategies are as follows:

- i. To enhance educational opportunities at all levels and in all forms and enlarge the scope of vocational and professional opportunities, income generation and gainful occupations.
- ii. To implement outreach and comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation programmes in urban and rural environments.
- iii. To support manpower development activities to train required personnel at different levels for all programmes/ projects/activities for persons with disabilities.
- iv. To encourage coordination, cooperation and networking and multi-sectoral linkages.
- v. To support people with disabilities in projects which are environment friendly and eco-promotive.

- vi. To establish and support facilities for recreation, leisure-time activities, excursions, creative and performing arts, cultural and socially inclusive activities etc.
- vii. To support and facilitate the availability of appropriate housing, homes and hostel facilities.
- viii. To support such other measures, which may meet the needs of the persons with disabilities and fulfill the obligations as prescribed under the law.

MODEL PROJECTS

The following are the model projects to be funded under the scheme

- I. Pre-Schools and Early Intervention and Training
- II. Special Schools for Children with Disabilities for
 - a. Intellectual Disability
 - b. Hearing & Speech Disability
 - c. Visual Disability
- III. Projects for Children with Cerebral Palsy
- IV. Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Persons
- V. Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally ill persons
- VI. Home-Based Rehabilitation and Home Management.
- VII. Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
- VIII. Low Vision Centers
- IX. Human Resource Development

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The following categories of organizations are eligible for applying for financial assistance under this scheme:

- i. Organizations registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), or any relevant Act of the State/Union Territory
- ii. A Trust registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 or any other similar Act for the time being in force
- iii. A Not-for-Profit company registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 or any relevant Act for the time being in force.

Note: All organizations implementing the scheme will henceforth be called Programme Implementing Agencies (PIAs).

- 1. Further, the registration should have been in force for at least 2 years at the time of applying for grant under this scheme.
- 2. The PIAs seeking Grant-in-Aid under the scheme must register themselves on the NITI Aayog portal (NGO-Darpan) and obtain Unique ID of NGO-Darpan before applying for Grant under the scheme.

3. Every organization seeking Grant-in-Aid must be registered either under erstwhile Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 or Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

An organization specified in Para (i) to (iii) should have the following characteristics:

- i. It should have a managing body with its powers, duties and responsibilities clearly defined and laid down in Memorandum of Association.
- ii. It should have resources, facilities and experience for undertaking the programme.
- iii. It should not be run for profit to any individual or a body of individuals.

Note: The conditions related to category of organization and period of existence as mentioned in para can be relaxed by the Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in consultation with Financial Advisor, in exceptional cases, for reasons to be recorded in writing.

NORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- The eligible Project Implementing Agencies (NGOs), after their project is approved by the competent authority shall be entitled for 90% of amount calculated based on the cost-norms as prescribed under this revised scheme.
- In case of projects located in **special areas**, 100% of the amount calculated based on revised cost norms shall be allowed.
- There will be no tapering of Grant-in-Aid even in urban areas. The earlier practice of tapering of Grant-in-Aid for urban areas is dispensed with.

Eligible and interested NGOs are requested to approach the nodal Officer (Disability) submit the filled application form in the Department of Social Welfare, Goalghar or in the Office of the CDPO Concern or to the Anganwadi Worker by 10th October 2020

THE DETAILED GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WEBSITE

<http://disabilityaffairs.gov.in/content/>


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