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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110 001

D.O.No.F.6-1/2012(SCT)

February, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

24 FEB 2012

Please find enclosed a copy of D.O. letter No.F.16-4/2011 dated 19.12.2011 from Sh. K.M. Acharya, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, (M/SJ&E), New Delhi received through the Ministry of Human Resource Development concerning the Scheme called "Scheme for Implementation of Persons With Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIDPA)".

As mentioned in the aforesaid D.O. letter, you are requested to send a self-contained proposals for financial assistance under the programme, complete in all respects, directly to the Joint Secretary (Disability), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 115 under intimation to Ministry of Human Resource Development and UGC. The details of the scheme are also available on the following:

website <http://darpn.nic.in>.

This may also be brought to the notice of all the Colleges affiliated to your University for compliance, so that grant can be released by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in the current financial year.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. K. C. Pathak)

Encl: As above.

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D.O.No16-04/2011-DD.III

December 19, 2011

Dear Smt Das,

Please refer to my DO letter No.16-13/2010-DD.III dated 13.12.2010 (copy enclosed) requesting you to advise:-

- (i) UGC;
- (ii) Central Universities; and
- (iii) Other autonomous bodies and institutions of your Department;

to send self-contained proposals for financial assistance under scheme called "Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disability Act (SIPDA)", for undertaking the following two activities:-

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| (a) For making building barrier-free | - | upto Rs.50.00 lakh per building |
| (b) For making websites accessible | - | upto Rs.20.00 lakh per website |

2. Though over a year has elapsed since the above letter, no proposal has so far been received by us from any of the above organisations, and I would be grateful if you could please urgently advise them to send requisite proposals, complete in all respects, so as to reach the Joint Secretary (Disability) in this Ministry **latest by 6th January, 2012**, to enable us to release financial assistance at least in the current financial year.

3. I would be grateful for a very early response.

Regards, Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

(K.M. Acharya)

Encl.: As above.

Smt. Vibha Puri Das,
Secretary,
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.

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D.O. No. 16-13/2010-DD.III

December 13, 2010

Section 46 ("Non-discrimination in the built environment") of the **Persons with Disabilities** (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) **Act, 1995** ("**the PwD Act**") casts an obligation on the appropriate governments to, *inter alia*, provide certain facilities and services in public buildings to persons with disabilities (PwDs). Article 9 ('Accessibility') of the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)**, which is relevant to all Ministries, also says that PwDs should have access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communication, including information and communication technologies and systems, etc.

2. Soon after coming into force of the UNCRPD, the then Minister, SJ&E, had drawn the attention of your Minister, vide her D.O. letter no 13-01/2007/DD-III dated 19.5.2008, to the provisions of the said Article 9, as also to other provisions of the Convention relevant to your Ministry. Again, in January this year, the present Minister, SJ&E, had, vide his D.O. letter dated 30th January, 2010 (copy enclosed as **Annexure-I**) written to your Minister requesting to make public buildings and websites of various Departments and Organizations under your Ministry accessible to persons with disabilities.

3. This Ministry has been providing financial assistance for undertaking activities in pursuance of the PwD Act, under a Scheme known as the "Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIPDA)".

In the context of para 2 above, it has been decided to provide non-recurring grants to institutions/organizations under the Central and State Governments under SIPDA, in the current financial year, especially for the following two purposes:

- i) To provide barrier-free environment in important government buildings, which would include provision of ramps, rails, lifts, adaptation of toilets for wheelchair users, brail signages and auditory signals, tactile flooring, etc.

- ii) To make websites accessible to PwDs, as per guidelines for Indian Government Websites issued by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (D/o AR&PG), Government of India, which are available on their website <http://darpg.nic.in>.

4. Indicative cost ceiling for the above two types of activities, which could be supported under SIPDA, are:-

- i) For making buildings barrier-free - upto Rs. 50.00 lakh per building
ii) For making websites accessible - upto Rs. 20.00 lakh per website

Preliminary cost estimate of the proposed work, in respect of each building/website, would have to be worked out by the concerned organization/institution, broadly within the indicative ceiling.

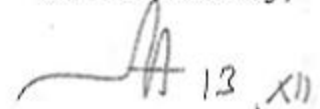
5. As regards your Ministry, we would be happy to sanction grant under SIPDA for the above two purposes, to the following:

- (i) UGC
(ii) Central Universities
(iii) Other autonomous bodies and institutes^{ions} of the Department.

6. I would be grateful if you could please urgently advise the above mentioned organizations to send self-contained proposals for financial assistance under SIPDA, for undertaking activities mentioned in para 4 above, in the proforma enclosed at **Annexure-II**, so as to reach the Joint Secretary (Disability) in this Ministry **latest by 15th January, 2011**.

7. I would appreciate an early line in reply.

Yours sincerely,



(K.M.Acharya)

Ms. Vibha Puri Das,
Secretary,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Department of Higher Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.

II. Making Websites Accessible to PwDs

- (i) Description of the website
- (ii) Estimated Cost

3. It is confirmed that : -

- (i) proposals regarding accessible websites conform to the guidelines for Indian Government Websites issued by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Government of India,
- (ii) the proposal has the approval of the Competent Authority, and
- (iii) Amount, if any, required for completing the proposed work, over and above the central assistance sanctioned by the Government of India, will be provided by the Institute/Organization/University.

4. The following documents are enclosed: -

(I) For proposals relating to Barrier free environment.

(i) Description & Justification of the proposal

- Description of the Building proposed to be made accessible
- Extent of its use by people in general & PwDs in particular
- Accessibility features, available at present
- Justification for the proposal
- Proposed method of selecting the Executing Agency for the proposed work
- Expected time of completion ;

(ii) Preliminary Cost Estimate signed by an officer not below an Executive Engineer of the Central Public Work Department.

(II) For proposal relating to making Government Websites Accessible

(i) Description & Justification of the proposal

- Description of the Website proposed to be made accessible
- Extent of its use by people in general & persons with disabilities in particular
- Accessibility features available at present
- Proposed additional features
- Justification for the proposal
- Proposed method of selecting the Executing Agency for the proposed work

— Expected time of completion

- (ii) **Preliminary cost estimate, prepared by NIC or a competent technical agency.**

5. It is requested that central assistance under the Scheme, as mentioned in Column 5 of the abstract above, may please be released at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosed as above

(.....)

Vice-Chancellor/Registrar of.....

Name of the Organization

Telephone

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e-mail: