F. No: N-2204/9/2022-N1 Government of India Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Room No. 517, 5th floor, Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi 110003 Dated 16th December 2022

To

Director of all National Institutes, (under the administrative control of DEPwD)

Subject: Directives for Optimizing Infrastructure at NIs/CRCs.

As DEPwD has been established to take steps for assisting ease of living for all PwDs, and to improve skills of education/rehabilitation professionals in this field, we should continually strive to take steps and decisions towards these objectives. I would like to suggest the following:

- (v) At all our NIs and CRCs, Registration/Diagnostics/Treatment Fee may be waived off for UDID card holders, as well as for those who have disability certificate and have got enrolled on UDID portal, irrespective of % of disability, w.e.f. 1st January 2023.
- (vi) Full course fee may be waived off for those students of various courses at our NIs and CRCs, who are UDID card holders, as well as for those who have disability certificate and have got enrolled on UDID portal, irrespective of % of disability. This should be done for 2022-23 batch students onwards (including those who are doing two year or more courses and are in their 2nd/3rd/4th year).
- (vii) Each NI and CRC should have a dedicated counter to help PwDs file UDID applications.
- (viii) Treatment facilities at all our NIs & CRCs should be available to all persons on Saturday & Sunday also.
- 2. Necessary approval/ratifications of concerned ECs in this regard may be taken before 31 December 2022.

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