

Guidelines for Providing Financial Assistance under the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Scheme for Providing Financial Assistance under National Fund for Persons with Disabilities

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Central Government has enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which came into force on 19.04.2017. Section 86 of the said Act mandates the Central Government to constitute the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities (herein after shall be referred as Fund). Accordingly the Government has constituted the National Fund vide its Office order dated 10.01.2018 and the Fund is functioning as a Trust under the Indian Trust Act on 18.04.2018.

1.2 The Central Government has notified the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 on 15.06.2017. Chapter X of these Rules deals with management and utilization of the Fund.

1.3 The Fund has been created taking into account the Funds available under the erstwhile National Fund for People with Disabilities constituted in August, 1983 and the Trust Fund for Empowerment of PwDs constituted in November, 2006. The Fund is invested in the form of fixed deposits or bond in the RBI. The interest accrued of this Fund shall be used for providing financial assistance for various activities keeping in view the provisions of the above RPwD Act, 2016 and Rules made thereunder.

1.4 The Governing Body of the Fund in its first meeting held on 09.01.2018 constituted a sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Ms Dolly Chakrabarty, Joint Secretary, DEPwD to identify the areas which could be supported under the Fund. The sub-committee has recommended that financial assistance under the Fund could be considered for the following areas/activities keeping in view the spirit of the RPwD Act and Rules made thereunder:-

- (i) Exhibitions/workshops to showcase the products including paintings, handicraft etc made by the PwDs.
- (ii) Support persons with benchmark disabilities who have excelled in sports or in fine arts/music/dance at the State level to participate in the

National/International events. Assistance from the Fund for the same event can be granted only once to a PwD.

- (iii) Support certain exclusive needs of persons with high support needs as recommended by the Assessment Boards on specific recommendation by the States on a case to case basis.

1.5 The Governing Body in its meeting held on 30.07.2018 accepted the recommendations of the sub-committee.

2.1 OBJECTIVES

The objective of these guidelines is to provide a framework to support financial assistance under the Fund for certain core areas relevant for empowerment of persons with disabilities which are not covered under the budgetary support programme of the Government.

3.1 COMPONENTS ADMISSIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME

A. Exhibitions/workshops to showcase the products including paintings, handicraft etc made by the PwDs.

- **Purpose** – To provide financial assistance for organising exhibition/workshops at National/Regional/State level to showcase the products including paintings, handicrafts etc made by persons with disabilities (persons with disabilities will have the same meaning as defined under the RPwD Act, 2016)
- **Eligibility** – Any Government organization or an organization registered under Societies Act/Companies Act/Trust Act for a period not less than three years and has experience of not less than 2 years for organizing exhibition/workshops in marketing products/paintings.
- **Extent of Financial Assistance** – The financial assistance would cover the following components:-
 - (a) Establishment cost towards organising the event including cost for arranging venue, TA/DA to the participating PwDs

invited to showcase their products/paintings, transportation cost etc.

- (b) Cost of additional logistics such as arrangement for LCD screen, light, music etc.
- (c) 50% of the grant will be released in advance and remaining 50% will be released after completion of the programme and after received of utilization certificate.
- (d) Maximum financial assistance will be Rs 20 lakh for National level, Rs 15 lakh for Regional level (five regions namely, Southern region (comprising of States – Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Telangana and Karnataka), Northern region (comprising of States – Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan), Western region (comprising of States – Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh), Eastern region (comprising of States – Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Sikkim, Jharkhand), North Eastern region (comprising of States – Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura) and Rs 10 lakh for State level.

Note: The exhibition will be considered as regional level if conducted at least for three States in that region.

- **How to Apply** – The eligible organizations may submit the proposal as per the proforma placed at **Annexure I** to these guidelines along with all supporting documents addressed to Joint Secretary & CEO of the Fund, Room No. 527, 5th Floor, B-III Wing, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.
- **Scrutiny, Evaluation and Sanction** – The proposal submitted by the eligible organizations will be scrutinized and evaluated by a Committee as may be constituted with the approval of JS&CEO of the Fund. The such Committee will submit its report for consideration of the Governing Body for sanctioning of the proposal.

B. Support persons with benchmark disabilities who have excelled in sports/fine-arts/music/dance/film/theatre/literature at the State level to participate in the National and International events.

- **Purpose** – to provide financial assistance to an individual person with benchmark disability:-
 - (a) who has won medals in sporting events or any artist with disability graded as outstanding or promising as per the instructions of Ministry of Culture during the last three years to participate in National event;
 - (b) who have obtained top grade on performing arts from the respective accredidating bodies/certifying institutions or stood first in the sporting events at the State level for participation in National as well as international event.
 - (c) Youth with benchmark disabilities in the age group of 13-21 (not college/university going) for participation in National IT Challenge which is the main competition at the National level to decide candidates for participation in the Global IT Challenge. The eligibility of the youth with benchmark disabilities in the age group will be decided in terms of the norms of Global IT Challenge from time to time.

- **Eligibility** –
 - (a) Any person with benchmark disability (having disability 40% or more) who has won medals in sporting events or any artist with disability graded as outstanding or promising as per the instructions of Ministry of Culture during the last three years.
 - (b) The annual income of the family of the persons with benchmark disabilities for participating in the National event (including National IT Challenge) should not be more than Rs 3 lakh, whereas for International event, the annual income of the family should not be more than Rs 6 lakh.
 - (c) Assistance from the Fund for the similar event can be granted only once to a PwD (if a particular employee has been granted assistance under the Fund for one National/International event, he will not be eligible for financial assistance for similar events).

- **Extent of Financial Assistance** - The financial assistance would cover the following components:-

- (a) To and fro Second AC train fare (shortest route) of the candidate with disability along with one escort (where as applicable), in case he/she is unable to travel alone for participation at the National event, and an amount of Rs 2500/- per day towards boarding lodging per person.
- (b) In case of international event, to and fro economic air fare (shortest route) and an amount of Rs 4000/- per day for the entire duration of the event.

- **How to Apply** – The eligible individual persons with benchmark disabilities may submit the proposal as per the proforma placed at **Annexure II** to these guidelines addressed to Joint Secretary & CEO of the Fund, Room No. 527, 5th Floor, B-III Wing, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.
- While submitting the proposal the following documents needs to be provided:-
 - (a) Copy of valid permanent certificate of disability
 - (b) AADHAAR Number or AADHAAR enrollment number (if AADHAAR card not yet obtained).
 - (c) Certificate showing winning of medals at the State/National level or certificate showing achievement in the field of fine arts/painting/music.
 - (d) Invitation from the organizer of National/International event.
- **Scrutiny, Evaluation and Sanction** – The proposal submitted by the eligible organizations will be scrutinized and evaluated by a Committee as may be constituted with the approval of JS&CEO of the Fund. Such Committee will submit its report for consideration of the Governing Body for sanctioning of the proposal.

C. Support certain exclusive needs of persons with high support needs as recommended by the Assessment Boards on specific recommendation by the States on a case to case basis.

- **Purpose** - To provide financial support to assist the individual person with benchmark disability having high support needs to meet their certain exclusive needs as recommended by the Assessment Board.
- **Eligibility** – Persons with benchmark disabilities having high support needs as recommended by the Assessment Board

constituted by the States/UTs who have approached the States and the States could not provide such assistance from their Fund and has recommended for consideration under the Fund.

The annual family income of the PwD should not be more than Rs 3 lakh or as may be specified by the Governing Body.

- **Extent of Financial Assistance** - The financial assistance would cover the following components:-
 - (a) The financial assistance is limited to:
 - Actual cost of the customized mobility equipment to improve activity of daily living or Rs 1 lakh whichever is lower.
- **How to Apply** – The eligible individual persons with benchmark disabilities seeking high support needs who have been assessed by the State Assessment Boards may submit the proposal as per the proforma placed at **Annexure III** to these guidelines addressed to Joint Secretary & CEO of the Fund, Room No. 527, 5th Floor, B-III Wing, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.
- While submitting the proposal the following documents needs to be provided:-
 - (a) Copy of valid permanent certificate of disability
 - (b) AADHAAR Number or AADHAAR enrollment number (if AADHAAR not yet obtained).
 - (c) Copy of the recommendations of the Assessment Board
 - (d) Certificate from the State Government conveying that the initially the proposal was submitted to them and it was not possible for the States to grant any assistance. In addition a copy of the recommendation from the State clearly indicating the requirement of assistance.
- **Scrutiny, Evaluation and Sanction** – The proposal submitted by the eligible organizations will be scrutinized and evaluated by a Committee as may be constituted with the approval of JS&CEO of the Fund. Such Committee will submit its report for consideration of the Governing Body for sanctioning of the proposal.

1. Organisation Details : _____
2. Whether Registered under Societies Act/Companies Act/Trust Act :

3. Registration Number : _____
4. Purpose for seeking Financial Assistance:
 - (i) Holding Exhibition showcasing Products including handicrafts made by PwDs.
 - (ii) Holding Exhibition showcasing Painting.
5. Contact Details : _____
6. Experience of the Organisation in the field of exhibition etc :

7. Place Date and Duration of the Exhibition :

8. Number of PwDs Participating : _____
9. Types/Number of Products to be Displayed : _____
10. Marketing/Trade Associations Involved : _____
11. Whether the Proposed Event has been Cleared by the Respective Agencies :

12. Whether Adequate Arrangements has been made for accommodation of the participants _____
13. Whether these facilities are accessible or not : _____

List of Documents to be attached:-

- (i) Certificate of Registration
- (ii) Supporting Document showing Experience of the Organisation
- (iii) Memorandum of Association of the Organisation
- (iv) PAN/TAN/GST Number
- (v) Invitation letter inviting trade/marketing bodies

(Authorized signatory of organization)

(Seal of the organization)

1. Applicants Name: _____
2. Fathers/Mothers Name: _____
3. Applicants Address: _____
4. Tel/Mobile/Email ID: _____
5. Date of Birth: _____ Gender : _____
6. Type of Disability : _____
7. AADHAAR Number : _____
8. Passport Number (required in case of seeking assistance for international participation) : _____
9. Annual Income of the family : _____
10. Disability Certificate Details :-
 - (i) Registration Number : _____
 - (ii) Date of Issue : _____
 - (iii) Issued by : _____
11. Purpose for seeking Financial Assistance:

12. Date and Duration of the Event : _____
13. Whether graded under Ministry of Culture or any other accrediting/certifying body, if yes, indicate Grade/certifying agency: _____

14. Medals won in Sporting activities/other areas: _____

List of Documents to be attached:-

- (i) Certificate of Disability
- (ii) Recommendation of the Assessment Board
- (iii) Income Certificate
- (iv) PAN Number, if any
- (v) AADHAAR/AADHAAR Enrollment Receipt
- (vi) Certificate or Medal won in Sporting events or gradation certificate in respect of fine-arts/performing arts.

(Signature of the applicant)

1. Applicants Name: _____
2. Fathers/Mothers Name: _____
3. Applicants Address: _____
4. Tel/Mobile/Email ID: _____
5. Date of Birth : _____ Gender : _____
6. Type of Disability : _____
7. AADHAAR Number/AADHAAR enrollment number :

8. Annual Income of the family : _____
9. Disability Certificate Details :-
 - (a) Registration Number : _____
 - (b) Date of Issue : _____
 - (c) Issued by : _____
10. Purpose and Quantum of Financial Assistance:

(Details of the customized Mobility equipment to improve activity of daily living - amount required)
11. Recommendations of the Assessment Board : _____
12. State Government Recommendations (copy to be enclosed) :

13. List of Documents to be attached:-
 - (a) Certificate of Disability
 - (b) Recommendation of the Assessment Board
 - (c) Income Certificate
 - (d) PAN Number, if any
 - (e) AADHAAR/AADHAAR Enrollment Receipt
 - (f) Quotations with respect to the cost of the equipment/services required

(Signature of the applicant)