

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Dated: 6th March, 2017

Notice Inviting Objections and Suggestions on the
Draft RPwD Rules, 2017

Consequent upon passing of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016 by the Parliament in its last winter session, the Central Government has notified the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 on 28.12.2016. The copy of the Act is available on the website of this Department www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in. However, the Act is yet to be brought into force.

2. Section 100 of the RPwD Act enlists the provisions under which the Central Government is required to frame Rules. With a view to implement the said Act at an early date, the Central Government is in the process of framing Rules and has constituted a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD for this purpose.

3. The Working Group has recommended the Draft Rules to be notified by the Central Government. The Department has referred the Draft Rules to Legislative Department, Ministry of Law & Justice for vetting. After vetting by Ministry of Law, the Department will publish the Draft Rules in the official Gazette inviting objections and suggestions from general public within a period of 30 days.

4. A copy of the said Draft Rules as referred to Ministry of Law & Justice is placed on the website of the Department. Meanwhile, in order to finalise the Rules at the earliest, objections and suggestions from the public on the Draft Rules are hereby invited by 06.04.2017. Communications in this regard may be sent by email at kvs.rao13@nic.in or by post addressed to Shri K.V.S. Rao, Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Room No. 518, 5th Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.

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