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

Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex,
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
Dated the 23rd January , 2015

OFFICE MEMEORANDUM

Subject: Revised Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) – Guidelines for issuance of Disability Certificates to Children with Special Need (CWSN) for assistance under ADIP-SSA..

The undersigned is directed to say that under the Central Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP Scheme) is administered by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Grant-in-aid is provided to assist the needy Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances.

2. Assistive aids and appliances are also distributed to the children below 14 years of age and attending school under the Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme of the HRD Ministry. As per the agreement with Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), Kanpur, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as the implementing agency, is reimbursed 40% of the expenditure by the State Government Authorities and 60% of the expenditure through grants under ADIP Scheme. Supply of aids and appliances under ADIP-SSA Scheme has been continuing since 2004-05. The Scheme is continuing in the 12th Plan Period (2012-13 to 2016-17) for school going children at elementary stage of education .

3. Under the revised ADIP Scheme, which came into effect from 01.04.2014, it is mandatory for PwDs to produce disability certificate issued by competent medical authority to get aids and assistive devices under this Scheme. It has come to the notice of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, that State Governments are not participating in ADIP-SSA Scheme effectively as most of the

disabled students do not possess disability certificate. Thus, disabled students are deprived of aids/appliances for want of disability certificates.

4. Procedure for issuance of disability certificate for students with disabilities was simplified in 2010 and the onus lies with the Principal/Headmaster of the school to arrange for the disability certificate. In the case of obvious disability, the disability certificate can be issued at the level of Government Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and hospitals at the Sub-Divisional level. In case of non-obvious single disability, certificate can be issued by a single doctor specialist of concerned disability as notified by the State Government. It is only in the matter of multiple disabilities that a multi-member board consisting of specialists of concerned disability would be required for issuance of disability certificate.

5. In the Background Paper circulated during the National Convention on Inclusive Education of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights held at Vigyan Bhawan on 23.09.2014, it was pointed out that the 'Disability Certification' makes it difficult to SwDs to access appropriate aids and assistive devices. Hence, there is a need to reconsider the norms of 'Disability Certification' in the case of all CWSN under ADIP-SSA so as to have 100% coverage.

6. The issues have been examined in detail, in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education and Literacy, and it has now been decided that :

(i) Responsibility for issue of a Joint Disability certificate for availing the benefits under the ADIP-SSA will be that of a (a) Headmaster or Principal of the School (b) Government Doctor of Government Primary Health Centres (PHCs) or Community Health Centres (CHCs) (c) local SSA Authority and (d) representatives of ALIMCO.

(ii) In case of less than 40% disability, CWSN can be issued aids and assistive devices based on the joint certification mentioned at para 6(i) above.

(iii) For aids and assistive devices under ADIP-SSA, the cost ceiling for SwDs would be Rs 12,000/-

(iv) ALIMCO will upload complete information about each CWSN assisted under ADIP-SSA alongwith photograph of the student on their website.

(v) The revised guidelines may be given adequate publicity by the State Governments/ UTs through special campaigns in each and every school for issue of Disability Certificate to Children With Special Needs (CWSN) for which necessary instructions have already been issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education and Literacy vide their O.M.No. 21-21/2014-EE11 dated 11.12.2014

7. It is requested that the above guidelines may be brought into the notice of all concerned;

8. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



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with reference to OM No. F.No.21-21/2014-EE 11 dated
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