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

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CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-3  
Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> Sep., 2015

ORDER

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the Government of India for establishment of an Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, under the aegis of this Department, initially, to be located at Institute for Physically Handicapped, New Delhi. The Centre will have the following broad objectives.

- i) To develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language (ISL) including Bilingualism (i.e. Sign Language + Writing)
- ii) To promote the use of Indian Sign Language as an Educational mode for Hearing Impaired students at Primary, Secondary and Higher Education levels. The Centre shall work out modalities with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and State Education Departments.
- iii) To carry out research through collaboration with Universities and other educational institutions in India and abroad and create Linguistic records/analysis of the ISL, including creation of Indian Sign Language corpus (vocabulary).
- iv) To orient and train various groups, i.e. Govt. officials, Teachers, Professionals, Community leaders and the public at large for understanding and using Indian Sign Language.
- v) To collaborate with Organizations of the Deaf and other Institutions in the field of disability to promote and propagate Indian Sign Language.
- vi) To collect information relating to Sign Language used in other parts of the world so that this input can be used to upgrade the Indian Sign Language.

2. The Centre will be a Society under Societies Registration Act, with Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities as President of the General Council and 12 Members, as per details at Annexure-I. There will be an Executive Council consisting of a Chairperson and 9 Members, some Ex-officio and others as Experts from National Level Organisations of the Deaf/Universities/Academic Institutions and Independent Experts in ISL, as per details at Annexure-II.

3. The year wise phasing of recurring and non-recurring expenditure during the remaining period of XII Plan Period would be as under:

(Rs. In crore)

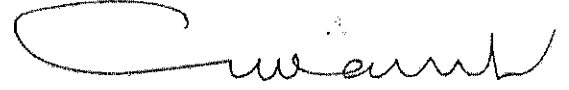
Expenditure	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Non-recurring (Equipments)	1.00	2.00	3.00
Recurring (human resource, hiring of space & misc.)	2.00	7.00	9.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>

Subsequently also, the Scheme will be funded out of Gross Budgetary Support by the Department.

4. The Centre will lead the way in academic development, training and propagation of the Indian Sign Language. Collaborative Centres would start functioning from financial year 2016-17. The Centre will collaborate with CBSE and other Central/State Boards to impart Sign Language education to deaf students in schools and colleges.

5. The Department may make the rules and regulations and issue guidelines to carry out the functions and objectives of the Centre. The Centre may decide on various courses from time to time keeping in view the requirements for the target group.

6. Orders regarding creation of posts for the Centre and sanction of requisite funds under plan for recurring and non-recurring expenditure will be issued separately.



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To

1. Director, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for Physically Handicapped, 4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi-110001, with the request to provide the necessary logistic support and for making arrangements for establishing the Centre.
2. Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. CCPD / RCI/ CMD (ALIMCO)/ CMD (NHFDC), Directors of National Institutes under the Department.
5. PS to Hon'ble Minister (SJ&E) / PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (SJ&E - KP) / Sr. PPS to Secretary (DEPwD)/ PS to JS (AKA) / PS to JS&FA, MSJ&E.
6. IFD /Budget/Establishment Division of DEPwD / Guard File.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF ISLRTC

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| 1.  | Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities                                    | - | President<br>(Ex-officio) |
| 2.  | Joint Secretary, (Disability), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.               | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 3.  | Joint Secretary & FA, M/o SJ&E.  | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 4.  | Joint Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare.  | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 5.  | Joint Secretary, Deptt. of School Education, and Literacy, M/o Human Resource Development            | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 6.  | Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Higher Education, M/o Human Resource Development                          | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 7.  | Joint Secretary, M/o Labour and Employment   | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 8.  | Director, AYJNIHH, Mumbai.   | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 9.  | Director, AIISH, Mysore.   | - | Member<br>(Ex-officio)    |
| 10. | 3 representatives from National Level Organizations of the Deaf, to be nominated by the Department . |   |                           |
| 11. | Director, ISLRTC.  | - | Member<br>Secretary       |

Department may associate other experts (not more than 3) in the Society, if necessary.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ISLRTC

1. Joint Secretary, (Disability), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. ; Chairperson
2. Joint Secretary & FA, M/o SJ&E
3. Director, AYJNIHH, Mumbai
4. Director, AIISH, Mysore
5. 3 representatives from National Level Organizations of the Deaf/Universities/Academic Institutions.
6. 2 representatives from National Level Organizations of Sign Language Interpreter.
7. 1 representative from RCI, Expert Committee on Hearing Impairment.

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