

**Central Sector Scheme of “Support for establishment/
modernization/capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses”**

(2017-18 to 2019-20)



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1. Background

1.1 The mandate of the Constitution is to ensure equality, justice and dignity of all individuals, which implies an inclusive society for all, especially the disadvantaged. Article 41 of Part IV ("Directive Principles of State Policy") which is particularly relevant with regard to Persons with Disabilities, reads as follows:-

"41 Right to work, to education and to public assistance in certain cases:

The State shall, within the limits of its economic capacity and development, make effective provision for securing the right to work to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases of underserved want."

1.2 The Central Government enacted The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation Act), 1995 which came into force with effect from 1st January, 1996. The Act is the basic legislation that deals with the rights and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Clause 27 (f) of Chapter V

(Education) of the Act provides that the appropriate Governments and the local authorities shall by notification make schemes for providing every child with disability, free of cost special books and equipment needed for their education.

2. Objectives

2.1 The objective of the scheme are:

- (a) to establish 12 new Braille Presses in the States where strong organizations are already present;
- (b) to establish 03 small scale Braille printing units in UTs;
- (c) to modernize 01 old Braille Presses using traditional and low speed printing equipment.

2.2 Criteria for selection of Braille Presses for modernization and augmentation of printing capacity

(A) Modernization: Braille Press established by the State Governments or registered societies or charitable trusts under Societies Registration Act, 1986 shall be modernized. The criteria for selection of Braille Presses for modernization shall be :

- (i) It has been in existence for more than five years;
- (ii) It has at least two small scale computerized Braille printers with minimum speed of printing of 100 pages per hour or has an old Braille printing machine on which printing is done using Zinc plates;
- (iii) It has one Braille Press Manager, one Machine Operator, one Data Entry Operator and one Proof Reader on its strength and;
- (iv) It has proper system of maintaining an auditing of accounts.

(B) Augmentation: The Braille Presses established by the State Governments or a registered societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1986 or a charitable trust will be augmented. The criteria for selection of Braille Presses for augmentation of Braille printing capacity shall be:-

- (i) It has successfully undertaken printing of school text books in Braille for at least five years;
- (ii) It has the experience to operate high speed Braille printers having minimum speed of printing 1200 Braille pages per hours;
- (iii) It has a separate building block or build area in which the Braille press is established;
- (iv) It has a team comprising at least two Proof Readers, two Braille Editors, two Copy Holders, two Data Entry Operators and two Machine Operators on its strength;
- (v) It has a proper arrangement for storage of paper, Braille books and spares of machines and
- (vi) It has a proper system of maintaining and auditing of accounts.

3. Implementing Agencies:

The implementing agencies of the Scheme shall be State Governments, UT administrations and voluntary organizations running Braille Presses for more than five years or any other establishment designated by the State Governments or UTadministration for running a Braille Press. The proposals from co-operative societies having mandate of publishing books, etc. shall also be considered for implementation of Scheme on merit if the

response of the State Governments/UTs and voluntary organizations is not found to be adequate.

3.1 Implementing strategy

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) through Braille Council of India (BCI) shall be the Nodal Agency of the Scheme that shall be entrusted with the following tasks:-

- Issue advertisement in the newspapers as well as in its websites inviting proposals of establishment/modernization of Braille presses and also sends letters to various States and UT Governments inviting proposals/applications.
- Screening of applications.
- Technical evaluation of applications.
- Recommending improvements and additional inputs in the applications.
- Mentoring role in the entire process of establishing a new Braille press or augmenting capacity of an existing Braille press.
- Act as a monitoring body and submit regular reports in the prescribed format to the Government.
- The BCI to formulate guidelines for establishing Braille presses and a check list for preparing and processing the project proposals.
- BCI could also be tasked with feasibility study or evaluation study after receiving proposals from the applicant agencies on the pattern of inspection of agencies being conducted by RCI where special education and rehabilitation courses are proposed to be started.
- To process the applications and submit the same before the following Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment the States/UTs/implementing agencies for his/her approval for providing grant under the Scheme for establishment/modernization/augmentation of Braille Presses:-

(i)	Joint Secretary, DEPwD	...	Chairman
(ii)	Director, NIEPVD, Dehradun	...	Member
(iii)	Representative of BCI	...	Member
(iv)	Director(Finance), DEPwD	...	Member
(v)	Concerned Director/DS	...	Member Convenor

- To make recommendation to the Government for release of funds to the Braille presses established/modernized/augmented under the Scheme on the basis of number of Braille pages printed by such Braille presses. NIEPVD shall also submit to the Government the relevant documents confirming production level of the Braille Presses for which grant is recommended.

5% of the actual expenditure on the Scheme shall be earmarked for various activities to be undertaken by NIEPVD or the BCI or its members. Engagement of one Consultant and One MTS and their remuneration may also be met out of the 5% of the actual expenditure earmarked for various activities under the Scheme.

4. Funding Pattern

4.1 The upper limit for Non-Recurring and recurring expenditure under the Scheme would be:

(Rs. in Crore)

Item	Non-Recurring	Recurring*	Total
Braille Press in State	2.60	1.00	3.60
Braille Press in UT	0.60	0.50	1.10
Modernization of Braille Press	2.00	1.00	3.00
Capacity augmentation of Braille Press	1.75	0.75	2.50

*** on yearly basis thereafter subject to production level.**

4.2 The recurring cost shall be verified based on overall number of pages printed by the Braille Presses. The cost per page of Rs.2.00 shall be used as norm w.e.f. 10.08.2017. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) would meet the Recurring and Non-Recurring expenditure on the Scheme for the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The concerned State Governments/UTs/NGOs will meet the Recurring cost of the Scheme beyond 2019-20.

4.3 The Non-Recurring cost on implementation of the Scheme will be released in two equal installments i.e. the 50% of the total cost (Non- Recurring) as first installment in advance under the GFR norms and remaining 50% as Second installment after procurement, installation of software & hardware, other equipments and become modernized/capacity augmented under the Scheme. As regards the Recurring expenditure, the funds will be released quarterly.

4.4. Under the Scheme all students with visual impairments will be provided free of cost special books printed in the Braille presses established/modernized/capacity augmented under the Scheme.

5. Implementation of Scheme from 2017-18 to 2019-20

5.1 This Scheme is to be implemented in phased manner during the period of 2017-18 to 2019-20 as under:-

Item	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
12 New Braille presses	4 Braille Presses	4 Braille presses	4 Braille presses
3 New small units of Braille presses in UTs	--	3 in UTs	--
1 Press to be modernized	--	1 Braille press to be modernized	