

**Scheme for Assistance to Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New
Delhi towards treatment of Spinal Cord Injury Poor Patients**

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**Government of India
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1.0 Introduction

Spinal Injury is one of the most disabling conditions that not only physically disables the individual but affects the entire family psychologically, socially and economically. Such patients require continuous monitoring and comprehensive management of life. In India, there was no facility dedicated to spinal injuries before independence and the concept of rehabilitation took time to grow amongst the medical fraternity.

1.1 Union Cabinet Decisions:

1.1.1 Date: 28.03.1989

- Establishment of Indian Spinal Injuries Centre in New Delhi – a joint venture of Government of Italy and Government of India through Italian NGO Italian Association for Solidarity among People (AISPO) and India Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC).
- One time grant of Rs.2.50 crore by the Government of India towards non-recurring expenditure during 1989-90.
- Grant amounting to 50% of recurring expenditure of the Centre for the first five years (Pay & Allowances, Maintenance and Spare Parts for Equipments, Surgical consumable items, Linen items, Cleaning materials, Drugs & Chemicals, Diet etc.).

1.1.2 Date 15.12.1997

- Amendment to the earlier Cabinet decision dated 28.03.1989 – instead of bearing 50% of the recurring expenditure, Govt. to sponsor 30 beds for indoor treatment of poor patients involving an expenditure of Rs.1.67 crore during the year 1997-98 and an annual increase of 10% thereafter.
- To release non-recurring grant of Rs.5.80 crore for completion of infrastructure.
- Project to be reviewed before the conclusion of IX FYP (1997-2002) and future grants on satisfactory functioning of ISIC as also on an assessment of necessity of funding it.

1.3 From 2004-05 onwards, 25 free-beds were to be reimbursed by the Government and 5 free beds to be borne by ISIC.

- 1.4 The Ministry has been releasing funds under the Scheme since 1989-90 based on the proposal received from ISIC and approved by the Ministry on year-to-year basis in the light of Cabinet decision and allocation of funds for the Scheme.
- 1.5 Recommendations/observations contained in various reports of Departmental Inspection Committees which conducted inspection of ISIC as well as recommendations/ observations contained in the Final Report of the Impact Evaluation Study of the ISIC Scheme conducted by National Productivity Council (NPC) during 2016-17 have been taken into consideration while formulating the Scheme.

2.0 Title of the Scheme

The scheme shall be called the Scheme for Assistance to Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi towards of Spinal Cord Injury Poor Patients.

3.0 Objective

The main objective of the Scheme is reimbursement of funds to ISIC by way of grants-in-aid by the Department for maintaining 25 free beds and 5 free beds to be maintained by ISIC for providing indoor treatment to spinal cord injured poor patients and their rehabilitation. 10% free beds to be maintained for indoor treatment of EWS category as per Delhi High Court Order dated 22.03.2007 will not be clubbed by ISIC with the Scheme of the Ministry.

4.0 Implementing Agency

Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), Sector-C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi shall be the sole implementing agency of the scheme.

5.0 Eligibility of the Beneficiaries

An Indian Citizen with spinal cord injury and having a family income not more than Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs) shall be eligible to get benefits under the Scheme. A certificate from Revenue Department of State Govt. may be obtained for each beneficiary.

6.0 Rate of Reimbursement

- 6.1 The rate of reimbursement would be Rs.7,000/- per bed per day on actual occupancy basis.
- 6.2 For future enhancement in the rate of reimbursement, ISIC should take prior approval based on complete costing analysis from the Department and any enhancement in this regard shall be subject to approval of the Competent Authority in the Ministry.

7.0 Procedure for receipt of Grants-in-aid

7.1 ISIC has to register with NGO Darpan Portal and generate a unique ID Number.

7.2 ISIC will submit their proposal for reimbursement of funds preferably on quarterly basis to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan). The proposal should be accompanied with the following documents/information.

- a. Detailed list of beneficiaries for whom reimbursement is claimed in the prescribed format (**Annexure-I**). 10% free beds to be maintained for indoor treatment of EWS category as per Delhi High Court Order dated 22.03.2007 will not be clubbed by ISIC with the Scheme of the Ministry.
- b. Utilization Certificate of previous grants-in-aid as per **Annexure-II**.
- c. A copy of Audited Accounts and Annual Report for the previous year.
- d. ISIC should also upload details of grants received, utilized and list of beneficiaries along with photo and Ration Card Number/Voter ID Number/Aadhaar Card Number, as the case may be, in the website.

8.0 Sanction/release of Grants-in-aid

ISIC will be sanctioned grants-in-aid in a particular financial year after receiving complete proposal as stipulated in para 7.0 above. The subsequent financial assistance would be sanctioned after receipt of Utilization Certificate as prescribed for previous grants-in-aid.

Departmental Inspection Committee shall monitor implementation of the scheme. Periodical Third Party Impact Evaluation Study of the Scheme shall be done by the Department.

9.0 Conditions for assistance

- i. ISIC shall obtain proof regarding monthly income of beneficiaries assisted.
- ii. ISIC will maintain separate record of beneficiaries assisted under the Scheme.
- iii. ISIC shall maintain a separate account of funds received and utilized from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) for maintaining 25 free beds for poor patients. The funds received under the scheme should be kept in a separate bank account i.e. Saving Account and operated accordingly. The final accounts for a financial year will be rendered through Utilization Certificate and Audited Accounts signed by Chartered Accountant within six months of the close of the financial year.

- iv. ISIC will be open to inspection by an Officer of the Department/Departmental Committee/Third Party Agency authorized by the Department/CAG/Internal Audit.
- v. When the Government of India has reasons to believe that the sanction is not being utilized for the approved purpose, the amount would be recovered from ISIC with interest and no further assistance would be given to the Centre. The Department will be at liberty to debar the organization and to take legal action as per law.
- vi. The funds released under the scheme shall be utilized by ISIC as per terms and conditions stipulated in the Sanction Order including utilization of funds earmarked for SC/ST beneficiaries.
- vii. List of beneficiaries provide free-bed treatment under the Scheme of the Department will be uploaded on the website of ISIC (**Annexure-I**).
- viii. Prominent display of free bed facility provided by the Centre for poor patients under the Scheme of the Department in the public domain of the Centre shall be ensured by the Centre for wide publicity among needy patients.

Annexure-I

List of beneficiaries provided free-bed treatment with spinal cord injuries under the Scheme of DEPwD to be maintained/uploaded on the website of ISIC excluding the Aadhaar Number

S.No.	Name of beneficiary with name of father/ mother/ husband	Complete Address	Age	Male/ Female	Category Gen/SC/ ST	Monthly Income (income certificate to be obtained)	Nature of case	Date of Admission	Date of discharge
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Duration of stay (in days)	Expenditure incurred	Aadhaar Card No.#	Besides Aadhaar Card, documents required as Identity proof*	Mobile No. or land line number with STD Code**	Photo of beneficiary
11	12	13	14	15	16

Aadhaar Number of beneficiaries should not be disclosed / uploaded on the website.

*** Voter ID Card/ Passport/ Driving License/ Passbook of a nationalized bank with photo ID/PAN Card/Employee Government ID Card/ Ration Card with photo/ Photo ID card issued by the Competent Authority for SC/ST/OBC/Photo identity Card issued by Competent Authority for differently abled.**

**** Uploading mobile number or land line number with STD Code of beneficiary to enable the Ministry to get feedback about the free treatment provided to the beneficiary by ISIC. In case the same is not available with beneficiary, mobile number or land line number with STD Code of relative/acquaintance of the beneficiary has to be uploaded.**

Annexure-II

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[See Rule 212(1)]

Form of Utilization Certificate

S. No.	Letter No. and Date	Amount (Rs.)	Certified that out of Rs. _____ of grants-in-aid sanctioned during the year _____ in favour of _____ under this Ministry/Department letter No. given in the margin and Rs. _____ on account of unspent balance of the previous year, a sum of Rs. _____ has been utilized for the purpose of _____ for which it was sanctioned and that the balance of Rs. _____ remaining unutilized at the end of the year has been surrendered to Government (vide No. _____ dated _____)/ will be adjusted towards the grants-in-aid payable during next year _____.
	Total		

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Kinds of checks exercised

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature _____
Designation _____
Date _____