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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 31st March, 2015

To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries  
Social Welfare/Social Justice Departments of all States/UTs.


Subject : -Central Sector Scheme for Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centre.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to say that Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has approved the Central Sector Scheme of Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centre (effective from the financial year 2015-2016). The Scheme envisages a comprehensive management of spinal injuries. The detailed modalities of the Scheme is contained in the Scheme - a copy of which is enclosed. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned. The Scheme is also available on the website of the Ministry [www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in).

8. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(S.K. Mahto)

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Encl: As above

1. All Principal Secretary/Secretary, Deptt. Of Health & Family Welfare in the States/UTs
2. Secretary, Ministry of Health & FW, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. The Chairman, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, Sector C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.

Copy to:

- I. PS to Hon'ble Minister (SJ&E)
- II. PS to Hon'ble MoS (SJ&E)
- III. PPS to Secretary (DEPwD)
- IV. PS to JS (AKA)
- V. NIC Cell, for uploading on the website of the Department.

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**Scheme of 'Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centres**

(Effective from 2015-16)

**I. BACKGROUND**

1.1 India has a population of persons with disabilities of which person with various locomotor disabilities constitute a significant proportion. Though there is no proper epidemiological study on spinal injuries, rough estimates suggest that the incidence is around 20 per million population. At this rate, there would be around 20,000 fresh cases of spinal injury in a year. Since such patients require monitoring and management for life, the prevalence of this disabling ailment is substantial. The global estimate of spinal cord injury (SCI) incidence as estimated from literature is between 8 and 83 per million per year.

1.2. Spinal injury is one of the most disabling conditions which can afflict mankind. It not only physically disables the individual, but also shatters the individual and his whole family psycho socially and economically. If not given proper comprehensive management, many patients succumb to the fatal complications like terminal respiratory and urinary tract infections, bedsores, deep vein thrombosis etc. If properly treated, most patients can lead a near normal life and actively contribute to society. Currently, total numbers of beds in the whole of India equipped to handle such cases are few.

**2. SCHEME**

**2.1 Objectives**

The focus of the State Spinal Injury Centres shall be mainly on the comprehensive management of Spinal Injured. The operational objectives of the Centres shall be to provide following services:

- (i) Dedicated OPD
- (ii) 12 bed facility
- (iii) To make use of existing Orthopaedic OT with additional instruments
- (iv) Comprehensive rehabilitation facility under supervision of rehabilitation department
- (v) Orthotic and Prosthetic department and assistive technology; and
- (vi) Teaching and Training

**2.2 Plan**

A comprehensive rehabilitation centre attached to the district hospital of state capital/Union Territory with dedicated 12 beds shall be set up. The Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation attached to the district hospital where the Centre is to be set up, shall look after the activities of the Centre.

### 2.3 Role of State/UT Government

2.3.1 The approximate area required for the rehabilitation area and area for 12 beds' facilities is 4,000 - 6,000 sq. ft, which shall be provided by the concerned state/UT. The concerned states/UTs shall also to bear the infrastructure cost (basic structure work, finishing work including interior and other engineering services and cost on engineering plant requirement, if required. A separate area for Orthotic and Prosthetic Department and Assistive Technology is to be earmarked.

2.3.2 The recurring cost on (i) salaries of medical, paramedical and allied health staff required for running the Centre; (ii) drugs and consumables; (iii) maintenance of infrastructure and equipments shall be borne by the concerned State Spinal Injury Centre (State/UT).

2.3.3 Out of 12 beds, the concerned State/UT Government will bear the cost involved on management of two beds of State Spinal Injury Centre. The Centre Government will support by reimbursement to the State/UT the cost involved on management of remaining 10 beds daily for treatment of poor patients, as in Para 2.4.2 below.

2.3.4 The concerned State/UT shall also partially bear the cost involved on training/technical support/sensitisation of the doctors and staff of State Injury Centre by Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi, @ mentioned in para 2.5 below (TRAINING PROGRAMME).

### 2.4 Role of Central Government

2.4.1 The Central Government shall bear the non-recurring expenditure **upto Rs. 2.33 crores** on setting up of the State Spinal Injury Centre which include the expenditure on (i) medical equipments; (ii) medical/surgical instruments (OT); (iii) rehabilitation equipment - (a) OT & PT; (b) orthotics and prosthetics; and (c) assistive technology and non-recurring expenditure cost upto Rs. 0.56 crores for setting up of 12 bed wards.

2.4.2 Out of 12 beds, the Central Government shall support through reimbursement to the concerned State Spinal Injury Centre the cost involved on management of 10 beds daily for treatment of poor patients. The reimbursement shall be on year to year basis, @ Rs. 1,000 per bed per day or as per actual, whichever is less. The rate per bed shall be fixed by the Central Government from time to time. The concerned State shall bear the cost involved on management of remaining two beds. (For example, if the rate of reimbursement per bed per day is fixed Rs. 1,000 and 10 beds remained occupied for 360 days in a year, the Central Government shall reimburse to the State Rs.  $1,000 \times 10 \times 360 = 36,00,000$ )

2.4.3 The Central Government shall also reimburse to Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi the cost involved on technical support and training of staff and other professionals of the State Spinal Injury Centre @ mentioned in para 2.5 below.

## 2.5 Training Programme

2.5.1 Since there is shortage of Spine Surgeons, the Orthopaedic surgeons of the District hospital with which the Spinal Injury Centre in the State/UT is attached, shall be imparted training for treatment of the spinal injured patients. The orthopaedic surgeons, nursing staff and rehabilitation staff (physiotherapist and occupation therapist) deployed in the State Spinal Injury Centre shall be trained by Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi.

2.5.2 ISIC shall be providing technical support, training and implementing skills to State Spinal Injury Centre initially for three months and two months continuous training for nursing and rehabilitation staff respectively, followed by monthly support for two years from the date of establishment of the Centre. The initial training shall be imparted at ISIC, New Delhi. ISIC shall also conduct workshops and awareness camps of State Spinal Injury Centre for sensitizing the staff on spinal cord injuries. The expenses on technical support, training/teaching etc. indicated in para 2.5.1 above and para 2.5.2 shall be borne by the Central Government at the rates mentioned below:

- (a) Rs. 10,000 per day for training/workshops at ISIC, New Delhi.
- (b) ISIC shall provide accommodation to trainee doctors and other staff with fee of Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 1,000 per day respectively which shall be paid by the concerned State Spinal Injury Centre to ISIC. The food charges shall be as per actual. The concerned states/union territories shall make advance payment to ISIC towards accommodation for their staff/doctors deputed for training/workshops etc. in ISIC, New Delhi.
- (c) Expenses on lodging, TA / DA, as applicable, as and when ISIC's medical, technical and rehabilitation expert are required to visit State Spinal Injury Centre within two years of establishment of Centre

2.5.3 Expenditure on training etc. other than mentioned in para 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 above shall be borne by the concerned State Spinal Injury Centre, as under:

- a) As and when the medical and rehabilitation expert from ISIC is required by the State Spinal Injury Centre for training etc., the concerned State Spinal Injury Centre shall bear the expenses on TA (including air fare), DA and Rs. 15,000 per day as training fee. If the training is imparted at the ISIC premises then Rs. 10,000 per day
- b) Local cost of the technical team shall be borne by the concerned State Spinal Injury Centre

2.5.4 Any other expenditure on training/technical advice etc. by ISIC to the State Spinal Injury Centre beyond the period of two years of its establishment and on SOS basis within or beyond two years of its establishment shall be borne by the State Spinal Injury Centre.

## **2.6 Implementing Agency**

The Scheme shall be implemented by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, as a Central Sector Scheme. A Committee headed by Secretary (DEPWD) shall recommend to the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment for approval the names of the States/UTs (among interested States/UTs) where these centres would be set up. The Department shall release the funds to the concerned State/UT authorities for setting up the centre.

## **2.7 Selection of States/UTs**

A Committee comprising of the following shall recommend to the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment for his/her approval, the names of the States/UTs (among interested States/UTs), where these centres shall be set up:

(i)	Secretary (DEPWD)	-	Chairperson
(ii)	JS (Health), Min. of Health	-	Member
(iii)	Chairman, ISIC or his representative	-	Member
(iv)	JS & FA, SJ&E	-	Member
(v)	JS, DEPWD	-	Member-Convenor

The Committee shall also monitor the implementation of the Scheme.

The Scheme shall be reviewed after 2-3 years.

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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Paryavaran Bhawan, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, CGO Complex,  
Lodi Road, New Delhi, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Sub: Minutes of the First meeting of the Committee for Selection of States/UTs for release of Grants under the Scheme of "Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centre " held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 - regarding.

I am directed to forward herewith the Minutes of the First meeting of the Committee for Selection of States/UTs for release of Grants under the Scheme of "Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centre " held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 .



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2. Shri Awanish K Awashthi, Joint Secretary, DEPwD.
3. Ms Dharitri Panda, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health &FW, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. Ms. T.C.A.Kalyani, Joint Secretary & FA, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. Principal Secretary, Medical Health & FW, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur
6. Additional Director , Directorate of Differently Abled, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
7. Joint Director(P&S), Social Welfare Department, Civil Secretariat, Govt. of J&K, Srinagar,
8. Copy to file No. 11-02/2015.

## DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

### First Meeting of the Committee for Selection of States/UTs for release of Grants under the Scheme of "Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centre."

#### MINUTES

The Meeting of the Committee for Selection of States/UTs for release of Grants under the Scheme for "Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centre" was held at 11.30 AM on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in the Chamber of Secretary, DEPwD, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003. The meeting was attended by all Members as per the Attendance Sheet.

2. Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, DEPwD welcomed the Members for the meeting. Shri Awanish K. Awasthi, JS and Member Convener, opening the discussions outlined the broad parameters of the scheme. The utmost need for an initiative by providing assistance to State/UT Governments with the paramount objective of establishment of such centres across the country, commensurate with the large number of incidence of Spinal injuries, were described. The Committee deliberated on the need for establishment of such Centres along with the various modalities of operation of the Scheme. The following were decided:-

- (a) Para 2.3.2. of the Scheme may be deleted in light of the actual cost of reimbursement being clearly defined in Para 2.4.2 of the Scheme. Approval of the competent authority may be taken.
- (b) The release of recurring grants by the Central Government as reimbursement of cost of treatment in respect of patients admitted on 10 beds ( Including duration of stay for treatment in ICU in the same hospital ) shall be in respect of only actual occupancy of beds.
- (c) All the 12 beds covered under the scheme, including the 10 occupied beds for treatment of poor patients, for which reimbursement shall be admissible, will be free for patients. Reimbursement shall be for occupied beds only as per actual occupancy and if beds are occupied a flat rate of Rs.1000/- per bed, per day shall be reimbursed. The decision on admission of poor patients in these free beds under the scheme shall be with the State Government.

- (d) The State Government should upload details of admitted patients under this scheme including their financial status on the web portal of the Hospital/State Government on monthly basis.
- (e) The proposal of State Government of Jammu & Kashmir for establishment of a Centre at Government Medical College, Jammu was also considered and approved, in principle, subject to reframing of the proposal in line with the proposal of State Government of Rajasthan. The proposal of the State Government in respect of the Centre at Srinagar at B&J Hospital shall be considered in the next phase alongwith those of other States/UTs Governments.
3. The proposal of the State Government of Rajasthan for establishment of the Centre at Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur was approved for release of Central Grants of Rs.2.33 crore towards non-recurring expenditure of which the first installment of Rs.50 lakh may be released out of the BE 2015-16 allocations for the purpose. The balance shall be released on availability of budgetary grants in RE 2015-16 or BE 2016-17.

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