

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

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110 003

Dated the 5th May, 2016

To

Director
National Institute for Visually Handicapped
116, Rajpur Road
Dehradun-248 001

Subject: Meeting of Core Group for Visually Impaired held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DEPwD) on 21.03.2016-regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the meeting of Core Group for Hearing Impaired held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DEPwD) on 21.03.2016 and to say that Minutes of the meeting has already been circulated vide OM of even number dated 08.04.2016.

2. Approval of the Competent Authority is hereby conveyed to the following decisions taken in the meeting of Core Group for Visually Impaired held on 21.03.2016:

- I. There is no need to explore the possibility to include photography as a skill within the ADIP Scheme.
- II. Approved up-gradation of free soft ware/paid soft ware available in the market to the existing devices notified by the Ministry for visually impaired.
- III. Clarification letter to be issued by Director, NIVH regarding provision of aids and appliances under ADIP Scheme to visually impaired students enrolled in distance education as recognized by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)/Distance Education Council/Central and State Universities/IGNOU.
- IV. Kit comprising a smart phone and smart cane for visually impaired students studying above 11th Standard may be provided if the total cost of both the items do not exceed the limit provided in para 7.0 (i) of ADIP Scheme i.e. Rs.10,000.00.
- V. Inclusion of DAISY player for students of 9th & 10th Standard shall be considered if the same is recommended by Braille Council of India.
- VI. Proposal to be moved by NIVH in the matter of imparting training to beneficiaries for the usage of smart phone and smart cane.
- VII. Suitable proposal to be sent by NIVH to the Department for providing 100 Brailers for visually impaired.

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VIII. Vide OM No.4-2 (7)/2014/DD-I dated 23.07.2015, the Department had notified list of various assistive devices for Visually Impaired. Existing title of 'KIT 4: FOR HIGHER SECONDARY AND ABOVE SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR CLASS 11TH AND 12TH' shall be substituted as "KIT 4: FOR HIGHER SECONDARY AND ABOVE CLASSES (11TH, 12TH AND ABOVE).

3. NIVHH is requested to intimate follow up-action taken in respect of action points concerning them as at para 2 above to this Department, expeditiously.

Yours faithfully,



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1. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, G. T. Road, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
2. Joint Secretary & FA, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, Executive Director, Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council, 'A' Wing Vishwaskarma Bhavan, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Katwariasarai, New Delhi-110016.
4. Shri R.K. Mathur, Deputy General Manager, ALIMCO, New Delhi
5. Prof. Sam Taraporewala, Department of Sociology & Director Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged St. Xavier's College, 5 Mahapalika Marg Mumbai - Associate Expert Member of the Expert Committee.
6. Shri Dipendra Manocha, Director, Regional Resource Centre, Daisy Foundation, Daisy Forum of India, 486, Double Storey, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110 060 - Associate Expert Member of the Expert Committee.
7. Shri S.K. Rungta, General Secretary, National Federation of the Blind, Plot No. 21, Sector VI, M.B. Road, Pushp Vihar, New Delhi-110017 - Associate Expert Member of the Expert Committee.
8. Dr. Sara Varughese, Regional Director, CBM India, South Asia Regional Office & Representative of Mobility India, #140, "Commerce Cube", 2nd Floor, 5th Main, Puttannachetty Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018.
9. Shri A.K. Mittal, All India Confederation of the Blind, Braille Bhawan (Behind Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Hospital), Sector-5, Rohini Delhi 110085.
10. PS to Minister (SJ&E)/PS to Minister of State (SJ&E-KP)/Sr.PPS to Secretary (DEPwD)/PPS to JS (AKA), DEPwD.