

MINUTES OF THE 15th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR GRANTS UNDER AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME HELD ON 10.02.2017 IN PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

The list of participants is as under:-

- i) Smt. Dolly Chakrabarty, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (**In Chair**)
- ii) Shri Kshitij Mohan, Director(IFD), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities- **Member**
- iii) Shri Vikash Prashad, Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities - **Member**

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities welcomed all the participants to the meeting and briefly outlined the salient features of revised Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme. Under the Scheme, financial assistance can be given for various activities including setting up of a help line for online counselling of the PwDs, content development, publications and news media, organizing national events, participation in the international initiatives or to support various schemes organized by NGOs or self-help groups, volunteer service / outreach programme for sensitizing commercial establishment and employers, recreation and tourism, participation in community radio, press / media tours; support awareness campaign for skill development & employment generation for PwDs including job fairs; support spreading awareness about universal accessibility by creating an enabling and barrier-free environment that include accessible buildings, accessible transport, accessible websites and carrying out accessibility audit; promote individual excellence in the field of disability sector; Sporting and abilympics activities to promote talent and skill among PwDs which are to be supported through events, awareness campaign, etc.

3. The following decisions were taken/observations were made:-

AGENDA NO. I: Proposals to organize awareness workshops on Accessible India Campaign and skill Development through National Institutes/CRCs/State Governments at Jammu, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Bhopal & Kolkata at a total budget of Rs. 9.98 lakh at each location. The approval of the Committee for Grants is solicited.

The Committee considered the proposals and in principle recommended financial grant of Rs. 9.98 lakhs for organization of workshops on Accessible India Campaign and skill Development through National Institutes/CRCs/State Governments at Jammu, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Bhopal & Kolkata on receipt of proposals in the prescribed application format and other documents as per the AGP Scheme. The Committee informed that payment of TA/DA to International expert/invitee will not be admissible for these proposals. Further it is subjected to actual amount incurred or total amount sanctioned under AGP whichever is lower.

AGENDA NO. II: Proposal to organize "Awareness Programme on Accessibility for PwDs" in North- East Region by NIOH, Kolkata with a total budget of Rs. 10.00 lakh. The programme is

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proposed to be held in the month of March, 2017 in collaboration with State Government. The proposal has been received on email on 10.02.2017.

The Committee considered the proposal and recommended financial grant of Rs. 9.98 lakhs to organize "Awareness Programme on Accessibility for PwDs" in North- East Region except Guwahati by NIOH, Kolkata as Guwahati is already covered under Agenda No. 1.

OTHER PROPOSALS

AGENDA NO. 1: Proposal received from National Trust, New Delhi, seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 04.70 lakh for National Trust Foundation Day on 30th December, 2016 under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and is of the view that the purpose of the proposal is not covered under the provisions of AGP Scheme. Therefore the proposal was not recommended by the Committee.

AGENDA NO. 2: Proposal received from National Trust, New Delhi, seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 09.50 lakh for Awareness Campaign, for making various professionals aware of the needs & problems of persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and observed that this proposal can be covered under National Trust's own budget.

AGENDA NO. 3: Proposal received from National Trust, New Delhi, seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 04.00 lakh for Promotional Material under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and advised that the Institute may be asked the details of copies to be printed in ^{& name of} regional languages.

AGENDA NO. 4: Proposal received from National Trust, New Delhi, seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 09.00 lakh for Regional Workshops for Widening the Coverage of the National Trust Activities, even to Tribal, Hilly & NE Region under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and recommended Rs. 5,40,000/- for 6 Workshops (Rs. 90,000/- for each workshop).

AGENDA NO. 5: Proposal received from National Trust, New Delhi, seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 09.00 lakh for Events (Celebration of International Days of World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) & World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD)) under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and recommended the financial grant of Rs. 4,50,000/- for 5 places only i.e. Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Tripura and Ahmedabad.

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AGENDA NO. 6: Proposal received from National Trust, New Delhi, seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 05.00 lakh for Computation of IIT/IIM students for creating new Assistive Devices for persons with National Trust Disabilities under AGP Scheme.

The Committee was of the view that already grants under AGP Scheme have been considered for National Trust for two projects. As the funds are limited therefore, Committee did not recommend any grant for this proposal.

AGENDA NO. 7: Proposal received from Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, Bengaluru seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- for organizing the T-20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind, 2017 under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and recommended financial assistance of Rs. 10.00 lakh for organizing the T-20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind, 2017 under AGP Scheme. Subject to settlement of previous grants to Samarthanam Trust for Disabled. The Committee also advised that the organization may be advised that more and more Persons with Disabilities should be invited to witness such events.

AGENDA NO. 8 : Proposal received from Blind People Association (India), Ahmedabad an institution under D/o EPwDs, seeking financial Assistance of first Phase is Rs.5,23,000/-, Second Phase is Rs. 5,35,000/- and Third Phase is Rs. 5,03,000/- total amount is Rs. 15,61,000/- for Street Plays on Sugamaya Bharat by people with disabilities under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposals and recommended that the grants under AGP to be limited to Street Plays to 30 in first Phase, 40 in Second Phase, and 30 in Third Phase with the financial assistance of Rs. 06.00 lakh (Rs. 6,000X100 Street plays). The Committee also advised the organization to include more and more Persons with Disabilities to participate and witness such events.

AGENDA NO. 9: Proposal received from School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 9,50,000/- for conducting research in the area of "Assessment of Smart City Area of NDMC for Accessibility and Inclusiveness" as defined in the Accessible India Campaign of Government of India under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and found that the project does not come in the purview of the provisions of the Scheme and therefore, did not recommend the proposal. However, the Committee informed that the organization may be advised to work on some Awareness Programme and submit the proposal for the same for consideration under AGP Scheme. The Committee also informed that the organization may be advised to apply for financial assistance under Research and Development with DD III Section of the Department, details of which are available on the Website of the Department under the link "Schemes".

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AGENDA NO. 10: Proposal received from **Viklang Sahara Samiti, Delhi** seeking financial Assistance of **Rs. 9,75,000/-** for “**Divyang (viklang) Jan Shashaktikaran Mela**” for two days at North West Dist. New Delhi. under AGP Scheme.

The Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the “Divyang (viklang) Jan Shashaktikaran Mela” may be held at one place in the first instance. The Committee recommended financial assistance of Rs. 4.75 lakh for organization of “Divyang (viklang) Jan Shashaktikaran Mela” at one place. The Committee also advised that the organization may be advised that more and more Persons with Disabilities should be invited to witness such events.

AGENDA NO. 11: Proposal received from **Shishu Sarothi, Assam** who is an empanelled Access Auditor with the Department seeking financial Assistance of **Rs. 1,40,500/-** for One and a half day programme on various Central and State Government Schemes for PwDs in Assam. Shishu Sarothi has executed programs earlier also with the grant under AGP.

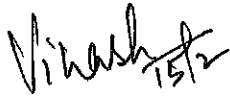
The Committee considered the proposal and recommended financial grant of Rs. 1,40,500/- for One and a half day programme on various Central and State Government Schemes for PwDs in Assam subject to submission of application in the prescribed format with all the requisite Information/documents including State Government recommendation as required under the Scheme. Shishu Sarothi has executed programs earlier also with the grant under AGP Scheme. The proposal was also recommended by the Committee in view of non – utilization of funds under NER head during the year 2016-17.

AGENDA NO. 12 : Proposal received from **Shishu Sarothi, Assam** who is an Access Auditor with the Department seeking financial Assistance of **Rs. 5,00,000/-** for awareness creation about rights of disable persons and disability legislations by Disability Equity Training for Government official in Jorhat, Dibrugarh and Tinsukia District, Community level workshop in Sivasagar district, Workshop for University administrator/faculty, students in Dibrugarh district, Awareness programme for School authorities, teachers parents and children in Jorhat district. Shishu Sarothi has executed programs earlier also with the grant under AGP.

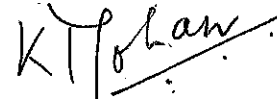
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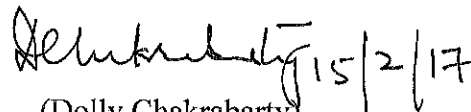
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