

MINUTES OF THE 14th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR GRANTS UNDER AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME HELD ON 11.11.2016 IN PT. DEENDAYAL ANTYODAYA BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.

The list of participants is as under:-

- i) Shri T.R. Mohanty, Deputy Director General, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (**In Chair**)
- ii) Shri Rakesh Singh Lal, Director , IFD, DEPwD- Member.
- iii) Shri RC. Joshi, Director, DAVP- Member.
- iv) Shri Kshitij Mohan, Director, DEPwD & Member Secretary.

2. At the outset, DDG , 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. 1 : Revised proposal of National Institute For The Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Formerly National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped (NIMH)) dated 8.11.2016 for 3 Regional Parents Meet and One National Parents Meet in place of earlier proposal received from **National Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad** seeking financial Assistance of Rs. 19,50,000/- for 3 Regional Parents Meet and One National Parents Meet under AGP Scheme instead of recommended amount of Rs.20.00 lakhs for 3 Regional Parents Meet and One National Parents Meet.

The Committee considered the revised proposal and recommended the financial assistance of Rs. 19.50 lakh for 3 Regional Parents Meet and One National Parents Meet (Rs. 4.00 lakh each for regional parents meet and Rs. 7.50 lakh for national Parents Meet) subject to the following conditions:-

- i) **TA/DA shall be restricted for domestic travel only for Parents/Resource Persons who are residents of India.**

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- ii) TA/DA shall be on actual reimbursement basis subject to the ceiling of total amount of Rs.2.50 lakhs recommended for the purpose.
- iii) Travel by air shall be restricted to Air-India only. Travel by private airline will require prior permission of the Department.

AGENDA No. 2 : Proposal received from **Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action, (ALPANA), New Delhi** seeking financial assistance of Rs. 10.00 lakh for an International event of Seminar, Exhibition, Art & Craft Workshop, Yoga Workshop and Performing Arts by Divyangjan from 11-13 November, 2016 (SAMBHAV 2016) at India International Centre, New Delhi under AGP Scheme.

The Committee recommended financial grant of Rs. 10.00 lakh to Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action, (ALPANA), New Delhi for an International event of Seminar, Exhibition, Art & Craft Workshop, Yoga Workshop and Performing Arts by Divyangjan from 11-13 November, 2016 (SAMBHAV 2016) at India International Centre, New Delhi under AGP Scheme.

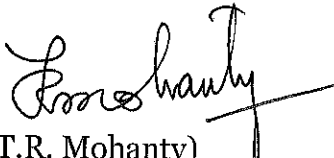
4. The Committee decided that for grants/financial assistance, organisations must fulfil the eligibility norms under the Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme. The components of recurring budget along with capital budget, that includes funds required to acquire new equipments, are not admissible under the Scheme.

5. The Committee also decided that the organisations seeking grants/financial assistance under the scheme should invite local area public representatives (Hon'ble MP, MLA etc.) and representatives of district administration and send documents in the form of CD and photographs of their programme.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(RC Joshi)
Director , DAVP & Member


(Rakesh Singh Lal)
Director (IFD) & Member


(T.R. Mohanty)
Deputy Director General & Chairman