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New Delhi 110 001
Dated : May 23, 2006

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) – Setting up of a Working Group on Empowering the Disabled.

In the context of the formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12), the Chairman of the Steering Group on Social Welfare has decided to set up a Working Group on Empowering the Disabled with the following composition:

1. Dr. G. N. Karna, Chairman
President of Society and Rehabilitation for Disabled
Indian Association for Special Education
& Rehabilitation
SAKET
New Delhi
2. Representative, Member
Ministry of Women and Child Development,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
3. Representative, Member
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhavan,
New Delhi-110 011.
4. Representative, Member
Department of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha
& Homoeopathy,
Red Cross Building
New Delhi – 110 001.
5. Representative, Member
Ministry of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhavan,
New Delhi-110 001.
6. Representative, Member
Ministry of Labour,
Shram Shakti Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.

7. Representative,
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Technology Bhavan,
New Delhi-110 001. Member
8. Representative
Deptt. of Elementary Education,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi-110 001. Member
9. Representative,
Deptt. of Higher Education,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi-110 001. Member
10. Representative,
Ministry of Urban Affairs &
Poverty Alleviation,
Nirman Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110 011. Member
11. Representative,
Ministry of Railways,
Rail Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110 001. Member
12. Representative,
Ministry of Surface Transport,
Transport Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110 001. Member
13. Representative,
Social Welfare Division,
Planning Commission,
New Delhi - 110 001. Member
14. Dr. Manoj Kumar,
Chief Commissioner for Disability
O/O the Chief Commissioner for
Persons with Disabilities,
Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Das Road,
New Delhi. Member
15. Chairman,
Rehabilitation Council of India,
23-A, 2nd floor, Shivaji Marg,
Near Karampura Complex,
New Delhi. Member

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16. Director, Member
National Instt. for the Visually Handicapped,
118, Rajpur Road,
Dehradun.
17. Director, Member
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for
The Hearing Handicapped,
Bandra West,
Mumbai.
18. Director, Member
National Institute for the Orthopaedically
Handicapped,
B.T. Road, Bon, Hoogly,
Kolkatta.
19. Director, Member
National Institute for the Rehabilitation,
Training & Research,
Olatpur, Barioi, Cuttack (Orissa).
20. Director, Member
National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped,
Manovikash Nagar,
Secunderabad – 500 009.
21. Director, Member
Institute for the Physically Handicapped,
4, Vishnu Digambar Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
22. Director, Member
National Institute for the Mental
Health & Neuro Science,
Bangalore.
- 23.. Chairman & Managing Director,
National Handicapped Finance &
Development Corporation,
Red Cross Bhavan,
Opposite Mini Secretariat,
Faridabad (Haryana) – 121 007.
24. Secretary, Member
Deptt. of Social Welfare,
Govt. of Assam,
Bal Bhavan,
Pujan Bazar,
Guwahati – 781 001.

25. Secretary, Member
Deptt. of Social Welfare,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Mumbai – 400 032.
26. Secretary, Member
Deptt. of Social Welfare,
Govt. of J&K, Civil Secretariat,
Srinagar (J&K).
27. Secretary, Member
Deptt. of Social Welfare,
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,
Secretariat Annexe,
Lucknow – 226 001.
28. Secretary, Member
Deptt. of Social Welfare,
Govt. of Kerala, Govt. Secretariat,
Thiruananthapuram – 695 001.
29. Dr. Uma Tuli, Member
Ex-Chief Commissioner for
Persons with Disabilities,
N-192, Greater Kailash Part-I,
New Delhi – 110 048.
30. Smt. Saraswati Naraynaswami, Member
Principal,
School for Young Deaf Children,
Bal Vidyalaya, 14th Cross Street,
Shastri Nagar,
Chennai – 600 020.
31. Dr. Bhushan Punani, Member
Dr. Vikaram Sarabhai Road,
Vastrapur,
Ahmedabad – 380 015.
32. President, Member
All India Federation of Deaf,
Northern Complex,
Rama Krishna Marg,
New Delhi.
33. Dr., Gautam Gawali, Member
Professor of Psychology,
Deptt. of Applied Psychology,
University of Mumbai,
Mumbai.

34. Shri Sanjay Deshmukh, Member
Centre for Russian Studies,
University of Mumbai,
Vidya Nagri,
Santa Cruz (East),
Mumbai – 400 098.

35. Joint Secretary (DD), Convener
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.

2. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group will be as follows:

- i) to review the existing approach, strategies, priorities; the on-going policies and programmes and their implementation for the welfare, development and empowerment of the Disabled and suggest rationalization/minimization of the on-going programmes and effective inter-sectoral convergence;
- ii) To identify neglected areas and groups; gaps, weakness and bottlenecks in the implementation; and take note of the emerging problems/situations related to welfare, development and empowerment of the Disabled in the changing scenario and suggest interventions, wherever necessary;
- iii) To review the effectiveness of the implementation of the 'Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995' (now being amended) and other related legislations and suggest measures for effective implementation;
- iv) To review the functioning of the institutional arrangements both at the Central and State levels for implementation of policies and programmes in 'empowering the Disabled' and suggest measures to make them more effective;
- v) To review and assess the involvement of Panchayati Raj institutions / Local Self-Government Bodies and NGOs in the implementation of programmes relating to the 'empowerment of the Disabled', and suggest measures for their effective involvement in the planning process; and
- vi) To review the physical and financial achievements in relation to the targets fixed under various programmes for the Disabled during the Tenth Plan and project programme-wise requirements, both physical and financial, for 'empowering the Disabled', during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12).


3. The Working Group shall submit its Final Report positively by September, 2006.

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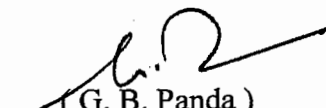
4. The Chairman of the Working Group, if necessary, may constitute Sub-Groups on any specific area / problem and also co-opt additional Members.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by the parent Department / Ministry / Organisation to which the officers belong. Non-Official Members will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to Grade-I Officers of the Government of India and this will be paid by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.


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To:
Chairman and all the Members of the Working Group:
Copy to:

1. PS to Deputy Chairman
2. PS to Member
3. PS to Secretary
4. All Heads of Divisions
5. Joint Secretary (PC & Admn.)
6. Adviser (SJ)
7. Administration I Branch/Accounts Branch
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