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CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
दिनांक/ Dated: 20th July 2023

To,

The Principals

All concerned schools as per list

Subject: Financial support for strengthening STEM labs for XI and XII standards in schools providing education to students with disabilities-regarding

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that there is a provision of financial support of Rupees Five Lakhs or 75% of actual expenditure incurred whichever is less, for strengthening STEM labs for XI and XII standards especially for Blind/ Deaf/ ID schools under the National Fund being administered by the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The eligibility conditions are enclosed as Annex-I.

2. It is requested that the eligible schools may apply for the said support in the application form enclosed as Annex-II **latest by 15.08.2023**. The application may be addressed to the following officer:

Shri Nithali Ram,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,
Room No. 521, B2 Wing, 5th Floor,
Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi- 110003
Phone Number: 011-24369068
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Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(अमित श्रीवास्तव/ **Amit Srivastava**)

भारत सरकार के अवर सचिव

Under Secretary to the Government of India

दूरभाष/ Tel: 011-24369054

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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

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दिनांक / Dated: 31.05.2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of Eighth Meeting of the Governing Body of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held on 29.05.2023 at 03:00 P.M. – reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Governing Body of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held on 29.05.2023 at 03:00 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DePwD cum Chairperson Governing Body, National Fund for Persons with Disabilities for information and necessary action.


(अमित श्रीवास्तव/Amit Srivastava) —

अवर सचिव भारत सरकार/ Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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1. Shri Sanjay Pandey, JS&FA, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. JS & CEO, National Trust, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi
3. Shri Purnendu Kishore Banerjee, JS, D/o Higher Education, M/o Education.
4. Shri Vijay Kumar Meena, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment
5. Shri Ajeetsingh Mahavirsingh Shekhawat, Shekhawat Dagra & Associates, B-320, Swagat Rain Forest-II, Kудasan, Gandhinagar-382421, Gujarat
6. Dr. Sri Govindraj, No. 86, Harvey Paddi, Tirupuramkuntram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu-625005

Copy to:

- i. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DEPwD
- ii. JS (RY)

issued
31.05.2023

Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Governing Body under National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DEPwD – cum – Chairperson, Governing Body on 29th May, 2023 at 3:00 pm

List of participants is at Annex.

2. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD – cum – Chairperson, Governing Body welcomed the participants and requested Shri Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary & CEO to make a presentation on the agenda points for consideration of the Governing Body.

3. Agenda-wise decisions taken by the Governing Body (GB) is summarized below:-

3.1 Agenda 1 - Proposed new components in the existing scheme guidelines.

S.No.	New Component	Details of eligibility etc.
1.	Strengthening STEM labs for class XI, XII especially for Blind/Deaf/ID Schools under National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and CBSE/ICSE and other Central/State school boards – having minimum 10 Children with Special Needs (CwSN) students passing class 10th. For Inclusive schools, there should be minimum 50 CwSN, and minimum 10 PwD students passing 10th exam	<p>After detailed deliberations, the GB approved the following:</p> <p>Eligibility –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blind/Deaf/ID Schools under National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and CBSE/ICSE and other Central/State school boards – minimum 10 CwSN students passing class 10th • Inclusive schools - minimum 50 CwSN, and minimum 10 PwD students passing 10th exam <p>Provision –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One time Grant-in-aid not exceeding Rs. 5 lakh or 75% of actual expenditure, whichever is less, to each of such schools (maximum 100 schools in a financial year) for creating STEM labs in classes 11th and 12th. The amount will be incurred on creation of lab facilities (building infrastructure not included). • Grant will be released in two equal installments. Second installment will be released on receipt of utilization certificates, supporting receipts, certificate from Head of the School etc.

S.No.	New Component	Details of eligibility etc.
		<p>How to apply –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools under NIOS/CBSE/ICSE/other Central Boards - Proposal will be submitted to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. • Schools under State Boards and Inclusive Schools - Proposal will be submitted to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. • Head of the School will be required to submit the final bills, utilization certificates etc. within 15 days of the conclusion of the event. <p>Approving Authority– The Governing Body shall be the competent authority to approve the proposal.</p>
2.	Travel, boarding and lodging of athletes, coaches and escorts for participation in sports events organized by the Center for Disability Sports.	<p>GB approved the following:</p> <p>Purpose – In order to popularize the Center for Disability Sports (CDS), travel, boarding and lodging of athletes with disabilities, escorts (wherever required) and coaches will be financially supported from the National Fund.</p> <p>Eligibility –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support will be considered on recommendation of the Director, CDS. • To encourage participation of persons with disabilities, there shall be no income limit for participation in the CDS events till 31st March 2024. Governing Body will review the said time limit subsequently. • Applicant must not have obtained or applied for financial assistance for the same event from any other source. A certificate will be submitted to this effect along with the application. • Financial support will be given only once in a financial year to an individual. • Financial Assistance will initially be available only till 31st March 2024. Governing Body will

**Form for Application for Financial Support under National Fund for Persons
with Disabilities for strengthening/ creating STEM Labs**

S. No.	Details Sought	Response
1.	Name of the School	
2.	Type of School (Inclusive/Blind/Deaf/Intellectual Disability)	
3.	Board Affiliation (CBSE/ ICSE/ State Board/ NIOS etc.)	
4.	If inclusive school, total number of students with special needs	
5.	No. of students with special needs who passed the standard 10 th in previous academic year	
6.	Details of facilities proposed to be created under STEM Lab for 11 th and 12 th standards	
7.	Number of students with disabilities registered in 11 th standard (Science stream- PCB/PCM)	
8.	Total expenditure to be incurred	
9.	Amount of funding sought from the National Fund	
10.	Details of Nodal Officer (Name, Address, contact number, email id etc.)	

11.	<p>Enclosures to be provided with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. UDID Cards of minimum 10 students with special needs passing class 10th in the previous academic year II. UDID cards of students with disabilities in standard 11th and 12th science stream III. Copy of board certification IV. Copy of recognition letter by state/central government 	
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Note: The applicant may be required to submit any other document as deemed appropriate by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed therefrom.

Signature and Stamp of Designated Authority

Date: