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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

Dated: 1st June 2001

NOTIFICATION

Subject:- Guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification.

No. 16-18/97-NI.I In order to review the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification as given in the Ministry of Welfare's O.M.No.4-2/83-HW.III, dated the 6th August, 1986 and to recommend appropriate modifications/alterations keeping in view the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, Government of India in Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, vide Order No. 16-18/97-NI.I, dated 28.8.98, set up four committees under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services-one each in the area of mental retardation, Locomotor/Orthopaedic disability, Visual disability and Speech & Hearing disability.

2. After having considered the reports of these committees the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the President to notify the guidelines for evaluation of following disabilities and procedure for certification:-

- Visual impairment
- Locomotor / Orthopaedic disability
- Speech & hearing disability
- Mental retardation

Copy of the Report is enclosed herewith as Annexure.

3. The minimum degree of disability should be 40% in order to be eligible for any concessions/benefits.

4. According to the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Rules, 1996 notified by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and (2) of section 73 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1of 1996), authorities to give disability Certificate will be a Medical Board duly constituted by the Central and the State Government . The State government may constitute a Medical Board consisting of at least three members out of which at least one shall be a specialist in the particular field for assessing locomotor/Visual including low vision/hearing and speech disability, mental retardation and leprosy cured, as the case may be.

5. Specified test as indicated in Annexure should be conducted by the medical board and recorded before a certificate is given.

6. The certificate would be valid for a period of five years for those whose disability is temporary and are below the age 18 years. For those who acquire permanent disability, the validity can be shown as 'Permanent'.

7. The State Govts./UT Admn. may constitute the medical boards indicated in para 4 above immediately.

8. The Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will be the final authority, should there arise any controversy/doubt regarding the interpretation of the definitions/classifications/evaluations tests etc.

(GAURI CHATTERJI)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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APPENDIX.I

No. 16-18/96-NI.I
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

New Delhi (India), Dated 28th August, 1998.

ORDER

In order to review the definitions of various types of disability, the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification as given in the Ministry of Welfare's O.M.No.4-2/83-HW.III, dated the 6th August, 1986 and to recommend appropriate modifications/alterations keeping in view the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the following Sub-Committees are hereby constituted in the areas of Mental Retardation, Orthopedic/Locomotor Disability, Visual Disability and Speech & Hearing disability:

- [Sub-Committee on Mental Retardation](#)
- [Sub-Committee on Locomotor / Orthopaedic Disability](#)
- [Sub-Committee on visual Disability](#)
- [Sub-Committee on Speech & Hearing Disability](#)

2. The terms of reference for the Committees are as follows :

- a) Providing uniform definitions and categorisation of degree and extent of the disability.
- b) Recommending authorities competent to give

certification.

c) The Committees will submit their report in two months.

3. TA/DA to the members of the Committee will be borne by the concerned Institute whose Director is included as Member-Secretary of the Sub- Committee.

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All Members of the Committees.
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Health Services
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Nirman Bhawan
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| 3. | Dr. G G Prabhu
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Mysore. | Member |
| 4. | Dr. (Mrs.)Neena Vohra
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Psychiatry,
Dr.R.M.L. Hospital,
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| 5. | Dr. Anand Pandit
Hony. Prof & Director
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| 6. | Dr. D K Menon,
Director
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Mentally Handicapped
Secunderabad | Member-Secretary |

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| 2. | Dr.K.K.Singh,
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AIIMS, New Delhi. | Co-Chairperson |
| 3. | Dr. Balu Sankaran
EX-DGHS & EX-Chairman
ALIMCO, New Delhi | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji
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| 5. | Dr. R K Srivastava
Medical Superintendent,
Safdarjung Hospital
New Delhi. | Member |
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Rehab. Conucil of India
New Delhi. | Member |
| 7. | Dr. B R Avadhani
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New Delhi | Member - Secretary |

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| 2. | Dr.V.K.Dada,
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Rajender Nagar,
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IV. Sub-Committee on Speech & Hearing Disability:

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ANNEXURE

Report of the Committee set up to review the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification as given in the Ministry of Welfare's O.M.No.4-2/83-HW.III, dated the 6th August, 1986 and to recommend appropriate modifications/alterations keeping in view the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

In order to review the definitions of various types of disability, the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification as given in the Ministry of Welfare's O.M.No.4-2/83-HW.III, dated the 6th August, 1986 and to recommend appropriate modifications/alterations keeping in view the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, three Sub-Committees were constituted in the areas of Mental Retardation, Orthopedic/Locomotor Disability, Visual Disability and Speech & Hearing disability, under the Chairmanship of Dr.S.P.Agarwal, Director General of Health Services, vide the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment's Order No.16-18/97-NI.I, dated 7.8.1998. A copy of the Order is at [Appendix.I.](#)

2. The four Sub-Committees submitted their reports. Detailed deliberations were held on the reports submitted by the Sub-Committees on mental retardation, locomotor/ orthopaedic disability, visual disability and speech & hearing disability. List of participants is at [Appendix.II.](#) The reports of the Committees set up to review the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification on each of the area of the disabilities are given in [Appendix.III.](#)

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