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Government of India  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110 003  
24<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

DO NO.22-37(02)/2010-DD-II

Dear Shri Srivastava,

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities gives financial assistance for establishment of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities (PwDs), e.g.

- Awareness generation
- Survey, Identification, Early intervention and Counselling
- Assessment of need for assistive devices, provision/fitment of assistive devices and their follow up/repair
- Therapeutic Services, e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy etc.
- Referral and arrangement for surgical correction, through Govt. and Charitable Institutions
- Facilitation of issue of Disability Certificates and bus passes, sanction of bank loans etc. for PwDs
- Promotion of barrier-free environment
- Supportive and complimentary services to promote education, vocational training and employment for PwDs.

2. So far, DDRCs have been approved for 310 districts of the country (including North Goa District, Pannaji), against which funds have been sanctioned for 249 DDRCs while for 61 districts either no proposal or proposal with deficiencies in documents have been received from States/UTs. The DDRC was approved in 2000-01 and initially funded by the National Institute of Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai under this Department for the first 3 years. Thereafter, no proposal has been received from the DDRC for funds.

3. Collector, South Goa district sent a request for setting up a DDRC in South Goa District, Margao, Goa vide his letter dated 28.3.2013. The matter has been examined and it has been decided to set up DDRC at South Goa District also as well as to revive the DDRC Panaji set up earlier.

4. As per the relevant Scheme, Central assistance for establishment of DDRCs is provided on the following pattern:

➤ Non recurring	-	Rs. 7.00 lakh
➤ Recurring	-	Rs. 8.10 lakh
➤ Contingencies	-	Rs. 2.10 lakh

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5. Central assistance is first released by us for the DDRC (directly to the District level) after State Govt./Distt. Administration take the following steps:-

- Formation of District Management Team (DMT) headed by the District Collector and having representatives of concerned Departments, to manage the DDRC, and be the custodian of its assets.
- Identification of suitable Implementing Agency (IA) by DMT for running the DDRC: DMT has to select a local Implementing Agency, preferably the District Red Cross Society, a similar autonomous/semi-autonomous body of the State Government, or a reputed NGO, for the day-to-day running of the DDRC. A suitable functionary of the IA is designated as the Nodal Officer for the DDRC.
- Accommodation : Provision of suitable rent-free accommodation, preferably barrier-free, and having adequate electricity and water facilities, for the DDRC.
- Preparatory action for Staffing: Each DDRC may have a maximum of 10 staff members, having specified qualifications, who are paid fixed honorarium. The Scheme does not envisage creation of permanent posts, and staff has to be appointed on honorarium/contractual basis by the Implementing Agency/DMT. State Govt. needs to issue necessary instructions and guidelines to the DMT regarding advance action, so that personnel are appointed as soon as the DDRC is sanctioned.
- Bank authorization details regarding separate account in the name of DDRC to be operated jointly by one official of DMT authorized by the DM and authorized signatory of the Implementing agency.

6. A copy of the DDRC Scheme (Annexure II) and spelling out the procedure for sending us proposals, is also being endorsed to the DM/Distt. Collector of the district.

7. I would be grateful if you could kindly have proposals for setting up new DDRC at South Goa district and proposal for revival of DDRC Panaji complete with prescribed documents under the DDRC scheme are sent to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, B-Wing, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003 , to enable us to take further action.

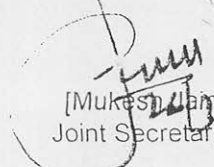
With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
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Shri R.K. Srivastava,  
Chief Secretary of Goa,  
Govt. of Goa,  
Panaji (Goa)

Copy to: 1. Sh. Nila Mohanan, Distt. Collector, North Goa Distt. Collectorate, Collectorate Building, Panaji, Goa-403001.

2. Shri Sachin Shinde, IAS (2008), Collector & District Magistrate, Collectorate of South Goa, Opp Municipal Garden, Margao-Goa.

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Joint Secretary

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT DISABILITY REHABILITATION  
CENTRES IN UNSERVED DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTRY**

**A. Background**

During 1985-1990, District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) started as outreach activity of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment of Government of India for providing comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities at the grass root level and for facilitating creation of the infrastructure and capacity building at the district level for awareness generation, rehabilitation and training of rehabilitation professionals. Suitable changes as were deemed necessary for the *PwD Act* have been effected accordingly.

The District Disability Rehabilitation Centres are set up under the Plan Scheme . "Scheme for implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995 (SIPDA). Initially, establishment of DDRCs started as an out reach activity of this Ministry for providing comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities at the grass root level and for facilitating creation of the infrastructure and capacity building at the district level for awareness generation, rehabilitation and training of rehabilitation professionals.

**B. Objectives of setting up of DDRC**

Setting up of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) which would provide rehabilitative support to persons with disabilities through

- ❖ Survey & identification of persons with disabilities through camp approach;
- ❖ Awareness Generation for encouraging and enhancing prevention of disabilities, early detection and intervention etc.
- ❖ Early Intervention;
- ❖ Assessment of need of assistive devices, provision/fitment of assistive devices, follow up/repair of assistive devices
- ❖ Therapeutic Services e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy etc.;

