



**Government of Odisha**

**Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

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From

**Ms. Mansi Nimbhal, IAS**  
Director

To

**All Collectors**

Sub: Revised Guidelines for Supply of free laptops to Visually Impaired students pursuing Higher Education.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the guidelines for Supply of free laptops to Visually Impaired students pursuing Higher Education were communicated by the then Women & Child Development Department is in operation in the State since 2014-15. With the creation and functioning of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department w.e.f. 01.07.2015, the subject matter relating to welfare of Persons with Disabilities has come to domain of this Department after bifurcation from Women & Child Development Department. During implementation of this scheme, some operational problems were brought to the notice of this Department. Thus, to protect the interest of the deserving cases and wider coverage of benefit, guidelines have been revised giving its effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

The revised guidelines with prescribed formats are enclosed here with for your information and taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
Director

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Copy forwarded to State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, SIDR Building, Capital Hospital Campus, Unit-VI, Bhubaneswar for information.



Under Secretary to Govt.

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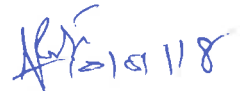
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## **Guidelines for supply free Laptops to Visually Impaired Students pursuing Under Graduate and Post Graduate Courses.**

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Visually Impaired students pursuing higher education including technical/professional courses find it hard to continue such courses without special aids like computers with compatible software. Access to laptops will not only enable such students to meet their learning requirements, but also prepare them to meet the challenges of rapidly changing society.

In order to fulfil the mandate under Section-27(f) of the Persons with Disabilities(Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, State Government have been pleased to include the provision of laptops to the visually impaired students for pursuing under Graduate and Post Graduate courses as special appliances in the existing scheme.

- The new provision of providing laptops to the visually impaired students forms part of the existing scheme “Special Appliances”.
- The applicant must be a resident of Odisha State.
- The applicant must have Disability Certificate with 40% and above disability issued by competent authority.
- The applicant must be pursuing 1<sup>st</sup> year and above Under Graduate or Post Graduate course including M.Phil, Phd, Law, Management, Medicine and other Technical courses.
- The applicant must not have received free laptop earlier.
- The applicant shall apply to the concerned Collector in the prescribed format enclosing a copy of the Disability Certificate and recommendation of the Principal or Head of the Institution in which the students has been enrolled.
- Collector will recommend the proposal on the basis of academic year of the student based on certificate given by the Principal of the College/Head on the Institution. All such proposals shall be sent to the Director, SSEPD by 31<sup>st</sup> July every year.
- The Director, SSEPD after scrutiny of the applicant shall procure the required no. of branded Laptops of reputed company on DGS&D rate. He shall also procure the JAWS software for Visually Impaired students.
- The Director, SSEPD shall distribute the laptops to the students on proper identification in camps organized in different regions of the State in presences of public representatives and Government Officers.

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