

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

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From

**Niten Chandra, IAS**  
Principal Secretary to Government

To

**All RDCs**  
**All Collectors**

**Sub: Decision of the meeting of all DSSOs held on 17.09.2016**

Madam/Sir,

A meeting was held of all the DSSOs at Bhubaneswar on 17.09.2016 to review the performance of the programmes of SSEPD Department. The DSSOs of Sambalpur, Nuapada, Puri and Dhenkanal were absent.

The Department deals with the welfare of the pensioners, PwDs, transgenders, parents, senior citizens and victims of substance abuse with the help of the programmes of the State Government and the Central Government in the Departments of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Social Justice, Department of Revenue, Department of Rural Development and the Department of Expenditure.

1. **Administrative issues:**

Collectors need to strengthen the administrative support of the DSSOs. Due to lack of clerical support DSSOs are facing difficulty in drawal of bills including salary bills as a result of which the staff of the Department have not been paid salary for several months. This needs to be redressed immediately as it constrains the delivery of benefits to the targeted population and retards the progress of the programmes of the State Government and Central Government.

The DSSOs also raised their grievance regarding the recommendation for fixing of their Grade Pay by the Finance Department at ₹4,800. They said that all other equivalent posts in the district carry the Grade Pay of ₹5,400 (namely CSO, DPO, DSWO, etc.). They said that they have to supervise the work of the block level administration and it would be difficult to exercise authority over the field staff if the anomaly in Grade Pay is not rectified. In addition, it will also undermine the morale of the officers in the district. Department should take up this matter with the Finance Department.

2. **Scholarships:**

Every DSSO has been given the targets of 7 and 3 PwD students in every block for pre-matric and post-matric scholarship respectively. No district has been able to furnish the required number of scholarship applications. Considering that the last date of submission of application for scholarships is 30.9.016 in Government of India all districts must ensure that target numbers of applications are sponsored.

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3. **Marriage incentives:**

Each district should identify the eligible cases for marriage incentives and provide them the financial benefit in a campaign mode. Disbursements can be accompanied with other publicity programmes for awareness generation and capacity building.

4. **Preparation for 3<sup>rd</sup> December – World Disability Day**

Every district should take adequate steps for proper observation of the World Disability Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 and submit a plan of action to the Department.

5. **DRI loans / CMRF**

Good works being done by the Sambalpur district and Malkangiri district were appreciated. Other districts should follow similar model for providing DRI loans to the PwD beneficiaries. Self Help Groups of PwDs should also be constituted under Mission Khayamata and Odisha Rural Livelihood Mission programme.

6. **UDID**

The dates for organisation of training workshops for the CDMOs and DSSOs were informed to the DSSOs and they were requested to make all arrangements for the success of these training programmes under UDID. Disability certificates are to be issued to all categories of PwDs even with less than 40% disability. The entire software for UDID has been developed by Government of India and has uniform application throughout the country. Office of CDMOs and DSSOs have to be well equipped and acquainted with the operation of UDID software to ensure timely issue of universal ID to the PwDs.

7. **BBSA**

All districts are required to be in readiness for organisation of the BBSA camps for identification, registration of PwDs and issue of certificates, aids and appliances and other benefits for rehabilitation. For the issue of certificates the UDID software should preferably be used.

8. **National Trust Schemes**

National Trust provides for 10 schemes for PwDs (Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities). The District Level Committee Meeting should be held under the chairmanship of the Collector so that flow of funds can be ensured from the National Trust to the beneficiaries through the registered NGOs. In each block the Block Level Committee should be constituted for implementation of the National Trust schemes in a convergence mode including representatives from the Health and FW Department, School & Mass Education Department, Transport Department, SC & ST Dev. Department and Skill Development Department.

9. **Vocational Training and Skill Development**

Programmes of VRCH, ITI, empanelled training agencies and DDUGKY should be used for sponsoring eligible persons out of the targeted population for vocational training and skill development programmes. On an average, in every block there are over 2,000 PwDs out of which at least 800 PwDs are in working age category. Accordingly a list of at least 100 eligible PwDs should be prepared for sponsoring them in a phased manner for skill development particularly under DDUGKY.

10. **National Family Benefit Scheme:**

Under National Family Benefit Scheme time bound action is required to be taken under ORTPS Act, 2012 and the guidelines of NFBS of Government of India should be strictly followed (copy of the guidelines of NSAP was circulated to all the DSSOs during the meeting). Districts should submit the requirement of funds as and when the need arises.

11. **Seeding of Aadhar numbers**

A presentation was made by ECIL (PSU of Government of India) on the results of pilot held at Dhauli G.P. in Khurda district. It was shown that with the help of the hand-held device it was possible to eliminate ghost beneficiaries of previous schemes by taking thumb impression or iris impression with the help of the hand-held device for Aadhar number identification. It was decided that this pilot will be extended to all the districts by taking one Panchayat in each district. Districts should speed up seeding of Aadhar numbers.

12. **Administrative support under NSAP**

It was pointed out by the DSSOs that the NSAP computer is still lying with the CDPO and Programme Assistant (PA) is still stationed in the office of the CDPO. The Collector should issue directions for the transfer of the NSAP computer and Programme Assistant to the Block Office for use by the BSSO as the BSSOs are unable to submit the on-line MPRs. The Department will also provide additional administrative support to each block of rupees one lakh per block for meeting block level administrative expenditure in accordance with the NSAP guidelines.

13. **UCs under NSAP and MBPY**

Pending Utilisation Certificates should be submitted under MBPY and NSAP by the eight defaulting districts.

14. **SECC (Socio-Economic Caste Census)**

Every district should submit a list of persons who have been included under SECC but are not covered under NSAP for pension. The list should be segregated in two parts namely, those who are getting pension under MBPY and those who are not getting pension under any scheme. This list should be submitted on the next review of DSSOs or before.

15. **Transgenders**

Steps should be taken for proper awareness generation among transgenders and their registration.

16. **Senior Citizens**

The meeting of District Level Committee of Senior Citizens should be held in every district. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2016, the Senior Citizens Day, steps should be taken for awareness generation and organisation of health camps by the CDMOs for senior citizens of the district.

17. **Drug De-addiction Centre**

The Centres should be visited by the senior officers of the district to review their functioning according to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court and send report to the Department in the prescribed format.

In the light of the decisions in the foregoing paragraphs appropriate action may be taken and compliance report submitted to the undersigned by 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Yours faithfully,

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20.9.16  
Principal Secretary

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Copy forwarded to all DSSOs for information and necessary action.

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