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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Disabled Welfare – Convergence of programmes of Disabled Welfare Department, Medical & Health Department and Education Department for effective implementation of activities for the disabled under Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Programme – Orders – Issued.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CHILD WELFARE AND DISABLED WELFARE (DW) DEPARTMENT
Dated:02-12-2002
G.O.Ms.No.55 **Read the following:**

1. Letter of the Special Chief Secretary, PR&RD Dept., dated 26.8.2002
2. Lr. No. S.V/8034/2002, dt. 05.10.2002 of the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.

ORDER:-

In the letter first read above the Special Chief Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department has informed that the Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Programme (VELUGU Phase II) has included a sub component for the disabled sector with the long term objective of helping disabled persons and their caregivers to improve their livelihood opportunities and quality of life. The programme will cover disabled persons in 500 mandals during the project period of six years. Recognizing that the disabled persons are often among the poorest and the most marginalized of the poor, the APRPRP will focus on empowerment of the disabled within the communities and creation of awareness of rights and entitlements under of the PWD Act, and community interventions including community based rehabilitation.

2. This programme which envisages survey, conduct of camps, constitution of Medical board, issuance of ID and community based rehabilitation requires convergence with various Departments. In order to evolve a strategy for convergence the department for Disabled Welfare in collaboration with the SERP and National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped has organized a workshop on 3.10.2002 at NIMH involving the concerned departments viz., Medical & Health, Education, officials of the Disabled Welfare Department, National Institutes (NIMH, NIVH & AYJNHH), Disabled Activists and the NGOS working in the field of Disabled Welfare.

3. On the basis of the deliberations in the workshop, the following orders are issued for implementation of the Disabled Welfare sub Project under VELUGU in terms of the provisions of PWD Act, 1995.

ఈ ప్రభుత్వ ఉత్తర్వు ఆంధ్ర ప్రదేశ్ ప్రభుత్వము, ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి గారితో 2002 సం॥లో జారీచేయబడినది. ఈ ఉత్తర్వు ద్వారా వికలాంగులకు సంబంధించిన వెలుగు (ఇందిరా క్రాంతి పథం) కార్యక్రమాలు వివిధ సంబంధిత ప్రభుత్వ వైద్య, ఆరోగ్య, మహిళాశిశు, విద్యా, పంచాయితీరాజ్, మున్సిపల్, శాఖలు కలిసి సమన్వయంతో నిర్వహించాలి. వికలాంగుల చట్టం 1995 ప్రకారం వికలాంగుల సాధికారతకు, సామాజికాధారిత పునరావాసానికి తగిన చర్యలు చేపట్టుటకై వికలాంగుల సంక్షేమ శాఖ, వెలుగు, జాతీయ మానసిక వికలాంగుల సంస్థ న్నతాధికారులు కలిసి వర్క్ షాప్ ద్వారా విషయాలను చర్చించి తగిన సూచనల ప్రకారం ప్రభుత్వము ఈ ఉత్తర్వు జారీ చేసింది. ఈ ఉత్తర్వు ప్రకారం మండల స్థాయిలో మండల అభివృద్ధి అధికారి, జిల్లా స్థాయిలో జిల్లా కలెక్టర్లు చైర్మన్లుగా కమిటీలను నియమించాలి. ఈ కమిటీలలో పి.డి. వెలుగు, పి.డి. డి.ఆర్.డి.ఎ., ఎస్.సి., బి.సి., కార్పొరేషన్ అధికారులు వివిధ శాఖల సంబంధిత అధికారులు కలిసి సమావేశాలను నిర్వహించుకుంటూ వెలుగు ఇందిరాక్రాంతి పథకం కార్యక్రమాన్ని సమీక్షిస్తూ సమర్థవంతగా వికలాంగుల సాధికారతకు కృషి చేయాలి.

జిల్లా మండల వికలాంగుల సంఘాలు జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ల కలిసి 2002 సం॥లో జారీ చేసిన ఈ జి.ఓ. ఫర్చితంగా అమలు చేయుటకు మండల, జిల్లా స్థాయిలో కమిటీలు ఏర్పాటుచేయించుకొని ఆ కమిటీలలో అనుభవమున్న వికలాంగులు చేరి లన్ని శాఖల సమన్వయంతో గ్రామీణ వికలాంగుల సంక్షేమాభివృద్ధికి కృషి చేయగలరని ఈ ఉత్తర్వు కాపీని మీకు అందిస్తున్నాము.

(I) MEDICAL & HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. To impart training to the Anganwadi works, ANMs, para medical workers and other functionaries involved in the field of Disabled Welfare for intervention, early detection and identification of disabilities in the newly born child.
2. To sensitize and create awareness among the pregnant women to go for institutional deliveries.

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3. To improve health delivery in urban slums for prevention of infant and maternal mortality.
4. To strengthen sub center services for improved health care for women and children.
5. To reduce low birth weight and take up systematic intervention for eradication of polio, measles, neonatal tetanus with appropriate community based activities etc.
6. To develop/replicate communication material and distribution of essential supplies.
7. To ensure that medical officers of all the Primary Health Centres undertake immunization of all women & children for prevention of disabilities.
8. To ensure that District Headquarters Hospitals and District Medical and Health Officers conduct Medical Camps along with the available Specialists in the field of ophthalmology, ENT, Orthopaedic and clinical Psychology.
9. To impart training to the Anganwadi Workers, ANMs working at village level to encourage the pregnant and lactating women, to take vitamin 'A' for reduction of visual deficiencies.
10. To provide mobile medical team for visiting villages, Thandas and slums to detect, prevent and identify the disabilities at the early stages i.e. in the age group of 0-5 years.

(II) WOMEN DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD WELFARE

1. To include the subject of prevention /early identification of disability in the regular job course training for Anganwadi workers.
2. To depute all Anganwadi workers for regular / periodical training in the subject of prevention of disability.
3. To ensure that Anganwadi workers arrange for full and complete immunization of all eligible women and children.
4. To recognize in an appropriate manner the efforts made by Anganwadi workers for early identification of disability.

(III) EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

1. To ensure 3% reservation in admissions both in Government and aided schools as per provisions of persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.
2. To take up printing of text books in Braille script for the use of the visually handicapped school going children by providing sufficient budgetary allocations for this purpose and to place the funds at the disposal of the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare to strengthen the Braille Press already established.
3. To mainstream education of disabled children on to the agenda of Education for All.
4. To give specific focus to the education of disabled children as well as adult illiterate disabled under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.
5. To develop disabilities specific teaching and learning materials such as Braille for visually impaired, teaching and learning material with sign language for hearing impaired etc.
6. To develop advanced teaching and learning materials for visually impaired and hearing impaired with the help of information technology packages.
7. To maintain and share with Disabled Welfare Department and NGOs the database created by DPEP regarding disabled children.
8. To develop Training module and manuals on special education and integrated education and conduct more training programmes for resource teachers of integrated education as well as normal teachers in the general education.
9. To maintain a separate teacher student ratio for various categories of disabilities.
10. To establish residential facilities at primary, secondary and higher levels for the disabled.
11. To give special focus to the disabled in mid day meal and other schemes introduced by Education Department.
12. To provide through schools assistive devices, aids and appliances, and professionals for frequent assessment, tests and care of the children and other facilities required for assessment, fitment and care of disabled children.

(IV) PANCHAYAT RAJ AND MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

1. Take steps to improve sanitation facilities particularly in the weaker section housing colonies.
2. To provide safe drinking water and reduce the fluorine content to check incidence of disability.
3. Promote barrier free environment in public places by enforcing C.P.W.D. code while approving building

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- plans.
4. All the Departments are requested to issue detailed operational guidelines and take action in a coordinated manner to achieve the desired objective of enabling the disabled persons to improve their livelihood opportunities and quality of life.
 5. In order to achieve the necessary convergence at the grassroots level, the following Mandal /District level Committees are constituted for monitoring and review.

MANDAL LEVEL COMMITTEE:

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| 1. Mandal Development Officer | : | Chairman & Convener |
| 2. Mandal Education Officer | : | Member |
| 3. Medical Officer of PHC | : | Member |
| 4. ICDS Supervisor | : | Member |
| 5. Community Coordinator
Velugu Project / Health APM | : | Member |
| 6. Representative of Mandal Samakhya | : | Member |

DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE

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| 1. District Collector | : | Chairman |
| 2. Assistant Director, Disabled Welfare | : | Convener |
| 3. Project Director, VELUGU | : | Member |
| 4. Project Director, DRDA | : | Member |
| 5. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad | : | Member |
| 6. Executive Director, SC Corporation | : | Member |
| 7. Executive Director, BC Corporation | : | Member |
| 8. Chief Planning Officer | : | Member |
| 9. Chief Executive Officer, SERSRI | : | Member |
| 10. Project Director, Women & Child Welfare | : | Member |
| 11. Regional Manager, APSRTC | : | Member |
| 12. District Employment Officer | : | Member |
| 13. District Educational Officer | : | Member |
| 14. Superintendent, District Head Quarters Hospitals | : | Member |
| 15. District Medical & Health Officer | : | Member |
| 16. District Manager, Housing Corporation | : | Member |
| 17. Branch Manager, Lead Bank | : | Member |
| 18. One Leading NGO in the District | : | Member |

6. At the State Level the existing State Coordination Committee will review the implementation of the programme periodically.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To,
The Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department, The Education Department
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department
The Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department

Copy to:

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The Director of School Education, The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad
The Director, Municipal Administration, Hyderabad, The Director, Women Development & Child Welfare,
Hyderabad, The Director, Information & Public Relations Department, All the District Collectors
SF/SC.

