



GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

WELFARE OF HANDICAPPED – Uniform definitions of Handicapped – Notified by Government of India- Implementation in Andhra Pradesh – Constitution of State and District Medical Boards – Orders – Issued.

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WOMEN DEVELOPMENT, CHILD WELFARE & LABOUR (WH.DESK) DEPT

G.O. Ms. No.109

Dated :15/06/1992

Read the following:

1. Government of India, Ministry of Welfare Deptt., Letter No. 4-2/86 HI.III dt. 6.8.1986.
2. From the Director, Welfare of handicapped, Letter No. 1560/D1/86 , dt.29.4.99

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ORDER:

Government of India vide their letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above have communicated the standard definitions on handicapped. The Director, Welfare of Handicapped in the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above has stated that the expert committee constituted by the Government of India categorized handicapped persons into four types namely the Visually Handicapped, hearing Handicapped , Orthopedically Handicapped and Mentally retarded.

2. The degree of disability was categorized as follows.

Mild	: Less than 40 % disability
Moderate	: 40 % and above
Severe	: 75 % and above
Profound	: 100 %

3. In the case of mental disorders the categorization is as follows:

Mild	: IQ 50 – 70
Moderate	: IQ 35 – 49
Severe	
Mental	
Retardation	: IQ 20 – 34
Profound	
Mentally	
Retarded	: IQ 20 and below

4. The various benefits envisaged to handicapped persons by the Government are to be extended only to persons whose disability is 40 % and above.

5. Persons with mild or minor handicaps were categorized as normal persons and the rules for physical fitness for various jobs need to be revised to accommodate minor handicapped individuals as normal persons, unless a particular post is technical in nature requiring the use of both the eyes or three dimensional vision. The Committee has recommended that the persons who have been declared unfit due to some temporary visual defect, need not be treated disabled if such a temporary impairment in the opinion of Medical Board could be overcome with treatment or with visual aids.

6. In view of the above the Director, Welfare of Handicapped has proposed the following:-

7. The definitions of the Government of India and the modalities recommended and the medical standards prescribed may be accepted based on the guidelines indicated by the Government of India and these may form part of the order that may be issued from Government.

8. Government after careful consideration hereby constitute the District Medical Boards with the following officials in order to examine and issue Medical certificates based on the guidelines issued by Government of India.

1. Chief Medical Officer/ Superintendent of District Head Quarters Hospital of the District.
2. Expert in the specified field of handicapped, i.e., ophthalmologist in case of Visually Handicapped , ENT Surgeon or Audiologist in the case of Speech and Hearing Handicapped ; Orthopedic surgeon in the case of orthopedically handicapped, psychologist or a clinical psychologist or a teacher in special education in the field of Mentally handicapped. In case the expert in any faculty is not available in the District Head Quarters, the Chief medical Officer / Superintendent of the Hospital may co-opt any registered private Medical Specialist in the concerned faculty to ensure that handicapped individuals are not inconvenienced in getting the Medical Board Certificates for want of regular Government Doctors.

9. The revised Medical Certificates issued should form part of identity card to be issued to handicapped wherein the facilities provided to handicapped by various institutions and Government agencies should be given and a note thereof may be made on the identity cards. The handicapped persons to whom these certificates are issued shall produce them as and when required by the agencies who extend assistance. These medical Certificates shall be issued to all the handicapped persons free of cost. Initially five lakhs medical certificates and identity cards may be got printed by the Director Welfare of Handicapped is requested to take action for getting the certificates and identity cards printed.

10. It shall also be ensured for a review of the existing certificates according to which the Handicapped persons register their names in employment exchanges. This work be entrusted to the Department of Employment and Training.

11. The existing Certificated be replaced as and when required and depending on need.

12. The Handicapped persons who are having permanent disability need not get their certificates renewed and their certificates and identity cards once issued are permanent , Temporary disabled persons should get their certificates reviewed once in a fort night in order to examine and for issue of revised certificates.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Principal Secretary, Health , Medical and Family Welfare Department.

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

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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