OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) – Setting up of a Working Group on Empowering the Disabled.

In the context of the formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12), the Chairman of the Steering Group on Social Welfare has decided to set up a Working Group on Empowering the Disabled with the following composition:

1. Dr. G. N. Karna, Chairman
   President of Society and Rehabilitation for Disabled
   Indian Association for Special Education & Rehabilitation
   SAKET
   New Delhi

2. Representative, Member
   Ministry of Women and Child Development,
   Shastri Bhavan,
   New Delhi -- 110 001.

3. Representative, Member
   Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
   Nirman Bhavan,
   New Delhi-110 011.

4. Representative, Member
   Department of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy,
   Red Cross Building
   New Delhi – 110 001.

5. Representative, Member
   Ministry of Rural Development,
   Krishi Bhavan,
   New Delhi-110 001.

6. Representative, Member
   Ministry of Labour,
   Shram Shakti Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.
7. Representative, Ministry of Science & Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.

8. Representative, Deptt. of Elementary Education, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.


11. Representative, Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001.


14. Dr. Manoj Kumar, Chief Commissioner for Disability O/O the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Sarejini House, 6, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi.

16. Director,  
National Inst. for the Visually Handicapped,  
118, Rajpur Road,  
Dehradun.  
Member

17. Director,  
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for  
The Hearing Handicapped,  
Bandra West,  
Mumbai.  
Member

18. Director,  
National Institute for the Orthopaedically  
Handicapped,  
B.T. Road, Bari, Hoogly,  
Kolkata.  
Member

19. Director,  
National Institute for the Rehabilitation,  
Training & Research,  
Olapur, Bari, Cuttack (Orissa).  
Member

20. Director,  
National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped,  
Manavikash Nagar,  
Secunderabad – 500 009.  
Member

21. Director,  
Institute for the Physically Handicapped,  
4, Vishnu Digambar Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.  
Member

22. Director,  
National Institute for the Mental  
Health & Neuro Science,  
Bangalore.  
Member

23. Chairman & Managing Director,  
National Handicapped Finance &  
Development Corporation,  
Red Cross Bhavan,  
Opposite Mini Secretariat,  
Faridabad (Haryana) – 121 007.  
Member

24. Secretary,  
Deptt. of Social Welfare,  
Govt. of Assam,  
Bal Bhavan,  
Pujan Bazar,  
Guwahati – 781 001.  
Member
25. Secretary,  
Deptt. of Social Welfare,  
Govt. of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai – 400 032.  
Member

26. Secretary,  
Deptt. of Social Welfare,  
Govt. of J&K, Civil Secretariat,  
Srinagar (J&K).  
Member

27. Secretary,  
Deptt. of Social Welfare,  
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,  
Secretariat Annexe,  
Lucknow – 226 001.  
Member

28. Secretary,  
Deptt. of Social Welfare,  
Govt. of Kerala, Govt. Secretariat,  
Thiruananthapuram – 695 001.  
Member

29. Dr. Uma Tuli,  
Ex-Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities,  
N-192, Greater Kailash Part-I,  
New Delhi – 110 048.  
Member

30. Smt. Saraswati Narayanaswami,  
Principal,  
School for Young Deaf Children,  
Bal Vidyalaya, 14th Cross Street,  
Shastri Nagar,  
Chennai – 600 020.  
Member

31. Dr. Bhushan Punani,  
Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Road,  
Vastrapur,  
Ahmedabad – 380 015.  
Member

32. President,  
All India Federation of Deaf,  
Northern Complex,  
Rama Krishna Marg,  
New Delhi.  
Member

33. Dr., Gautam Gawali,  
Professor of Psychology,  
Deptt. of Applied Psychology,  
University of Mumbai,  
Mumbai.  
Member
2. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group will be as follows:

i) to review the existing approach, strategies, priorities, the on-going policies and programmes and their implementation for the welfare, development and empowerment of the Disabled and suggest rationalization/minimization of the on-going programmes and effective inter-sectoral convergence;

ii) To identify neglected areas and groups; gaps, weakness and bottlenecks in the implementation; and take note of the emerging problems/situations related to welfare, development and empowerment of the Disabled in the changing scenario and suggest interventions, wherever necessary;

iii) To review the effectiveness of the implementation of the ‘Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995’ (now being amended) and other related legislations and suggest measures for effective implementation;

iv) To review the functioning of the institutional arrangements both at the Central and State levels for implementation of policies and programmes in ‘empowering the Disabled’ and suggest measures to make them more effective;

v) To review and assess the involvement of Panchayati Raj institutions / Local Self-Government Bodies and NGOs in the implementation of programmes relating to the ‘empowerment of the Disabled’, and suggest measures for their effective involvement in the planning process; and

vi) To review the physical and financial achievements in relation to the targets fixed under various programmes for the Disabled during the Tenth Plan and project programme-wise requirements, both physical and financial, for ‘empowering the Disabled’, during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12).

4. The Chairman of the Working Group, if necessary, may constitute Sub-Groups on any specific area / problem and also co-opt additional Members.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by the parent Department / Ministry / Organisation to which the officers belong. Non-Official Members will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to Grade-I Officers of the Government of India and this will be paid by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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To:
Chairman and all the Members of the Working Group:
Copy to:

1. PS to Deputy Chairman
2. PS to Member
3. PS to Secretary
4. All Heads of Divisions
5. Joint Secretary (PC & Admn.)
6. Adviser (SJ)
7. Administration I Branch/Accounts Branch
8. Guard File

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