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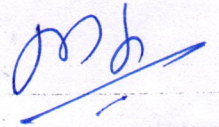
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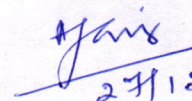
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ENDORSEMENT

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi has issued O.M. No. 4-38/2019-AIC dated 22.11.2019 regarding Implementation of the Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016 and Accessible India Campaign. The above mentioned O.M. dated 22.11.2019 is being uploaded on the ICAR website [www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in) and e-office for information and necessary action.

  
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(Ajai Verma)  
Under Secretary(GAC)

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D. O. No. 4-83/2016- AIC (Vol. II)

30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

Dear Shri Siran K.,

The Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 mandates that all public buildings and services are to be made accessible in a timeframe of five and two years respectively. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities launched the Accessible India Campaign (AIC) to add impetus to the mandate in implementing this provision of the Act. All Ministries must work in concert towards achieving the objective of the law within the given timeframe.

2. During the PRAGATI meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019, status of AIC has been reviewed in detail and the following recommendations were made:

- i. All public buildings must be made barrier free and accessible so as to facilitate easy access to public buildings for Persons with Disabilities. The buildings have to be made accessible as per "Harmonized Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Environment for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons, 2016" issued by MoUD (Details at <https://cpwd.gov.in/publication/harmonisedguidelinesreleasedon23rdmarch2016.pdf>). Accessible features in the guidelines can be categorized in two parts i.e.
  - a. Outdoor Features -
    - i. accessible approach and ramp at entrance of building;
    - ii. reserved parking near entrance;
    - iii. accessible pathway to entrance;
  - b. Indoor Features -
    - i. accessible corridors
    - ii. accessible reception;
    - iii. lifts with braille; auditory commands;
    - iv. accessible toilets;
    - v. staircases with handrails;
    - vi. auditory and visual signage;
    - vii. drinking water provision;
    - viii. tactile flooring; colour contrasting strips on steps of staircases;
    - ix. durable railings along the staircases

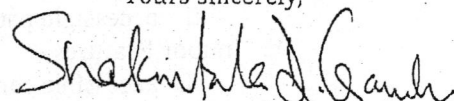
Furthermore, features to be incorporated in public utilities and services such as public buildings, railways, airports, bus stands and bus terminals have been elaborated in paras 10.3 and 10.4 of the Harmonized Guidelines. In this regard, you are requested to share details of buildings where retrofitting work has been completed and the timelines for completion of retrofitting in buildings where work is underway.

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- ii. It was also recommended that accessibility issues being faced by public during usage of various buildings, transportation services and ICT systems may be compiled via crowd sourcing mechanisms. The issues highlighted should directly be shared with the owners/maintaining agencies of these public assets, so that immediate corrective steps may be initiated. In this regard, a mobile application or MIS may be designed by respective State/UT Departments, to capture and process these issues on a real-time basis. Implementation plans may be shared with this Department at the earliest.
- iii. As per RPwD Act 2016, all services including transport and ICT services were to be made accessible as per standards by 15 June, 2019. Hence, it may be ensured that the websites of Central Govt. departments are made accessible as per the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites, 2017.
3. It may also be reminded that as per Department of Expenditure's OM (OM no. 24(35)/PF-II/2012 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018) all Central Government Ministries/Departments mandatorily have to incorporate accessibility standards and features in their DPR/EFC proposals.
4. I would like to seek your help in the endeavour for achieving universal accessibility by requesting you to monitor and track the progress of these features implemented in your organization and in the premises occupied on a priority basis. I shall be grateful for your personal intervention to arrange to take appropriate steps as mentioned above and to provide necessary details. An action taken report may be sent to the Department preferably by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 so as to apprise PMO accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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Minutes of Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (SJE) on 18.09.2019 at Shastri Bhawan to review Accessible India Campaign

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 in his Chamber at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to review the progress made by nodal Central Ministries against targets of Accessible India Campaign (AIC). Meeting was also attended by Shri Krishan Pal Gujjar, Hon'ble Minister of State (SJE). Details of participants are annexed.

2. Initiating the discussions, Hon'ble Minister (SJE) recapitulated the three pillars of AIC, namely, accessibility in built-up environment, accessibility of transport systems and accessibility of ICT for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). He emphasised on the need of concrete changes in the ecosystem of public infrastructure to make it accessible for Divyangjan.

3. Secretary, DEPwD raised concerns about the slow pace of implementation of AIC. She informed that Hon'ble Prime Minister during review of AIC under PRAGATI held on 31.7.2019 emphasised on timely completion of the targets and the development of crowd-sourcing applications for capturing problems/issues being faced by PwDs.

4. Thereafter, JS, DEPwD made a power point presentation (PPT) on various components of AIC, progress made and points of discussion for nodal central Ministries/Departments. She elaborated on the requirement for meeting up the prescribed specifications of accessibility that are mandated to be retrofitted or built into the design concepts in public infrastructure to make them barrier-free and easily accessible. Gaps in adaptation evidenced through retrofitment works done in buildings so far, as well as at railway stations were also highlighted during the presentation.

5. After detailed deliberations, following recommendations were made:-

- (i) MoH&UA informed that 34 States/UTs have already adopted the Model Building Bye-laws. However, concerns were raised regarding implementation



and enforcement of building bye-laws and Hon'ble Minister directed the Department to make endeavours in enforcing the "Model Building Bye-laws" by various State Governments, Urban Local Bodies. Creating awareness, training and sensitization workshops need to be conducted for CPSUs and State PwDs officials to ensure that accessibility becomes an innate feature in building designs ethos without any difficulty.

(ii) The CPWD needs to share the documented report on pre and post-retrofitting (before and after) audit of buildings already made accessible by them. Continuous training and sensitization workshops to be conducted for CPWD engineers/officials so as to sensitize them about accessibility standards.

(iii) The Ministry of Railways to formulate accessibility standards at the earliest. Progress of work to be expedited to achieve the target of making 50% of all Railway Stations accessible. Action Taken Report on SPA (School of Planning & Architecture) Report wherein shortcomings in retrofitting work of railway stations have been highlighted needs to be done in a time bound manner. Efforts to be made to provide boarding assistance and other services for PwDs during their rail journey.

(iv) The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to expedite provision of boarding facilities in buses alongwith making bus terminals/depot/stands accessible.

(v) The Ministry of Civil Aviation to formulate accessibility standards/guidelines for accessible aircrafts and terminal buildings alongwith boarding and deboarding facilities; seamless security navigation of divyangjans at airports are to be provided.

(vi) The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to devise implementation targets to make all central government websites accessible within a timeline. Finalisation of standards for procurement of accessible hardware and software to be completed. MeitY to take up the issue with States/UTs about the websites made accessible by ERNET India but pending for hosting at their end.

(vii) The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting informed that the accessibility guidelines for TV viewing for the persons with disabilities have already been formulated and notified by them. In this regard, it was pointed out that the Standards notified are only for persons with hearing disabilities and not other categories. The same needs to be taken up to make them accessible for the other categories of disabilities.

(viii) The Ministry of Health Family Welfare to devise capacity building and training programme for medical authorities of States and district level for providing disability certificates and sensitize about PwDs health care needs.

(ix) All nodal Ministries/Departments under AIC to develop an application for crowd-sourcing the problems/issues being faced by PwDs related to accessibility, creating a repository of accessibility in public utilities and services, trouble shooting and prompt corrective measures, on a real time basis.

6. The Hon'ble Minister (SJE) launched an MIS portal developed by the DEPwD for the purpose of creating a centralised data source relating to built-up environment, transport and ICT ecosystem under AIC. Trainings have been imparted to all States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments. User IDs/Passwords have been provided to nodal officers. This electronic data information system will be accessed for uploading the required information by the concerned nodal officers at regular intervals.

7. Meeting ended with a note of thanks to the Chair.



## Annexure

Details of participants who attended the review meeting on AIC held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (SJE) on 18.09.2019.

S.no	Name	Designation	Ministry/Department
1	Ms. Shakuntala D. Gamlin	Secretary	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
2	Sh. Ajay Sawhney	Secretary	M/o Electronics and Information Technology
3	Sh. Vishvesh Chaubey	Member (Engg.)	M/o Railways
4	Sh. Atul Tiwari	Add. Secretary	M/o Information and Broadcasting
5	Ms. Tarika Roy	Joint Secretary	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
6	Sh. Abhay Damle	Joint Secretary	M/o Road Transport & Highways
7	Sh. Sanjay Kumar	Joint Secretary	M/o Housing and Urban Affairs
8	Sh. Sudhir Kumar	Joint Secretary	M/o Health and Family Welfare
9	Dr. Neeta Verma	DG	NIC, M/o Electronics and Information Technology
10	Ms. Geeta Kathpalia	DG	ERNET India
11	Sh. P. Lenin	DDG	NIC, M/o Electronics and Information Technology
12	Sh. Harish Kumar	DDG (Works)	Central Public Works Department
13	Sh. Anand G. Joshi	Executive Director	AAI, M/o Civil Aviation
14	Sh. Vivek Anand	Executive Director	AAI, M/o Civil Aviation
15	Sh. Vivek Saxena	Executive Director	M/o Railways
16	Sh. Neeraj Sharma	Executive Director	M/o Railways
17	Ms. Meenakshi Agarwal	Scientist 'D'	M/o Electronics & IT
18	Sh. I.N. Murthy	Member (ops)	AAI, M/o Civil Aviation
19	Sh. Vikash Prasad	Director	Department of empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
20	Sh. B B Tiwari	Senior Director	ERNET India