

Department of Social Welfare

Directorate of Social Welfare

Notification

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Government of Goa is pleased to make the following Scheme and is hereby published for general information of public, which shall come into force with the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

N. B. Narvekar, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Social Welfare).

Panaji, 4th March, 2011.

Schemes for setting up of Braille Library for Visually Challenged Persons

I. Introduction.— It has been the constant endeavor of the State Government to provide the disabled person with maximum facilities which are essential for the Social, Economic and Vocational Rehabilitation. After enactment of “The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995” (Central Act 1 of 1996) various surveys of persons with disabilities have been conducted. As per Census 2001, there are 15497 persons with disabilities living in the State of Goa. This scheme is focused on Visually Disabled Persons consisting of males - 2316 and females - 2071. About 3% of this population consists of children with visually disabilities below 14 years of age.

II. Objective.— The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the NGO's working for the rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities to set up Braille Library for Visually Disabled Persons, with sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard audio visual aid, Braille Books, talking books, etc.

III. Commencement of the Scheme.— The Scheme shall come into force from date of publication of scheme in the Official Gazette.

IV. Definitions.— (1) Government means the Government of Goa.

(2) Director means Director of Social Welfare, Government of Goa.

(3) NGO means a Non-Governmental Organization registered with the Directorate of Social Welfare under “The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995”.

V. Eligibility.— (1) Those NGO's which are registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or relevant State Societies Registration Act or as a Public Trust registered under any law for the time being in force or a Charitable Company licensed under section 525 of Companies Act, 1950 and are functioning for a minimum period of five years and working for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities on the date of making an application shall be considered for grant of financial assistance under this Scheme.

(2) The NGO's should also be registered under section 52 of the “Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995”.

(3) Application for GIA for setting up of Braille Library shall be forwarded to the Director of Social Welfare in prescribed format in Annexure-I appended to the scheme.

(4) The building required for setting up of Braille Library shall be owned/rented by the Organization having at least 50 sq. mts. (plinth area) available for setting up Braille Library.

(5) The building/premises should be clean, spacious, well lighted and ventilated to facilitate comfortable learning by the trainers.

(6) The building/premises should be provided with barrier free access with

signage's as per the requirements of visual disabilities.

VI. *Financial Assistance.*— (A) *Non-recurring:* (1) Under the Scheme an amount equivalent to 80% cost of the setting up of the Braille Library subject to maximum of Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen lakhs only) shall be sanctioned by the Director of Social Welfare for the purpose of setting up of Braille Library for at least 25 persons with visual disabilities; however at least 20% cost of the setting up of the Braille Library shall be borne by the grantee N.G.O.

(2) The amount sanctioned shall be released in two equal installments.

(3) The NGO shall utilize the amount sanctioned within six months, unless this condition is relaxed by Director of Social Welfare, however under no circumstances beyond a period of 12 months.

(4) The NGO shall maintain separate accounts of the Grants received under this scheme and they shall be open to check by an Officer deputed by the Directorate of Social Welfare and also by the Officer deputed by Directorate of Accounts, Government of Goa.

(5) Second installment shall be released only on submission of Utilization Certificate having utilized the first installment sanctioned.

(6) In addition to the above, an additional one time grant of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) shall be sanctioned for purchase of cupboards, tables, chairs for the purpose of library.

(B) *Recurring.*— (1) Under the Scheme monthly honorarium of Rs. 10,000/- p.m. shall be released for engaging one Assistant Librarian. The Librarian shall possess a Diploma in Special Education (V. I.).

(2) Monthly honorarium of Rs. 5,000/- p.m. shall be also released for engaging one

Attendant-cum-Sweeper with under the Scheme.

(3) In addition to above, an amount upto Rs. 10,000/- p.m. or actual in case of urban areas and upto Rs. 8,000/- p.m. or actual in case of rural area shall be granted towards the rent of premises utilized for the Braille Library. Also an amount equivalent to 20% of the amount of rent payable shall be granted as Maintenance Charges towards contingencies such as telephone bills, electricity bills, etc.

(4) Recurring expenditure sanctioned to the selected NGOs shall be claimed by the concerned NGOs on *Quarterly* basis and shall be reimbursed accordingly.

VII. *Mode of Application.*— Application for financial assistance shall be submitted to the Director of Social Welfare in the Prescribed Format in *Annexure-I* and shall be accompanied with the following documents:

(1) Copy of Registration Certificate issued by Competent Authority alongwith copy of the Memorandum of Association and details of aims and objectives of the Organization.

(2) A copy of Certificate of Registration issued by the Director of Social Welfare under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.

(3) Quotations from the recognized dealer for purchase of equipments/ appliances/books.

(4) A copy of the resolution passed by the Managing Committee of the Organization.

(5) Audited Statements of Accounts for the last two years.

(6) Detail report of the activities undertaken by the Organization.

(7) An Affidavit sworn by the President of the NGO before the Executive Magistrate/Notary Public stating that financial assistance is not availed/will not

be availed from any other Government Department/source for the similar project.

(8) A copy of Rent Certificate issued by Public Works Department, Government of Goa, alongwith a copy of rent agreement of the building utilized for the project. The building to be used for running Braille Library should be available for a period of at least 10 years from the date of application (Not required if the building is owned by the NGO).

(9) Copies of all Permissions/NOC's/ /Licenses/Certificates etc., required for setting up of Braille Library as per rules of the Government in force.

VIII. *Other terms and conditions.*— (1) The grant of financial assistance under the Scheme cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

(2) The NGO concerned shall purchase the equipments/appliances/books as listed in *Annexure II*.

(3) Director of Social Welfare or an Officer deputed by the Director of Social Welfare shall conduct the inspection of the Braille Library set up under this scheme at least once in a financial year.

(4) The honorarium granted for engaging the officials shall be claimed quarterly by the concerned NGO for the quarter ending June, September, December and March respectively.

(5) Library shall be operated to the Visually Disabled Persons from Monday to Friday from 10.00 a. m. to 5.00 p.m.

IX. *Interpretation and Relaxation.*— (1) The Director of Social Welfare shall be the final authority concerning the interpretation of this scheme.

(2) The Government may relax any of the provision of this Scheme.

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ANNEXURE-II

Illustrative List of Braille Books/Material to be procured for setting up of Braille Library

(1) Braille Books in Marathi and English at least 300 numbers on various topics like Literature, Computer Education, Dictionary, Novel, Story Books, Science Fiction, Autobiographies, Government Gazettes in Braille etc.

(2) At least Computers with JAWS Software, having Word processor, spreadsheet, Internet Surfing, Tech-Vision Software, Distance education features.

(3) Braille Printers.

(4) Recorded books/talking books.

(5) Braille writing slates.

(6) Braille typewriter.

(7) Braille chen boards.

(8) Braille playing cards.

(9) Mathematics kit.

(10) Science kit.

The above list is illustrative only, however the Grantee NGO may provide more facilities to the Visual Challenged persons.

ANNEXURE-I

APPLICATION FORMAT

To,

The Director,
Directorate of Social Welfare,
Panaji-Goa.

Sub.: Scheme to provide Grants for setting up of Braille Library.

Sir,

I, Shri/Smt. hereby apply for grant of financial assistance for setting up of Braille Library in our Organization.

The details of the Organization are as follows:

1. Name of the Non-Governmental Organization:
2. Complete address for correspondence:
3. (i) Name of the Head of the Organization:
(ii) Office Phone No.:
(iii) Resident Phone No.:
4. Nature of the activities of the Organization:
5. Total cost of the project:
6. Detailed with cost equipments to be purchased:
7. Whether premises are available with the Organization for setting up Braille Library:
8. If yes, whether the premises are owned/rented by the Organization.

(6) Detail report of the activities undertaken by the Organization.

(7) An Affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate/Notary Public stating that financial assistance is not availed/will not be availed from any other Government Department/source for the similar project.

(8) A copy of Rent Certificate issued by Public Works Department, Government of Goa, alongwith a copy of Rent agreement of the building utilized for the project. The building to be used for running Braille Library should be available for a period of at least 10 years from the date of application. (Not required if the building is owned by the NGO).

(9) Copies of all Permissions/NOC's/Licenses/ /Certificates etc., required for setting up of Braille Library as per the rules of the Government in force.

11. DECLARATION

I/We, the undersigned declare that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and I/We take entire responsibility for completion of the project within the stipulated time limit. I/We further declare that the amount sanctioned towards the setting up of Braille Library shall be utilized for the purpose for which it is sanctioned and undertake the responsibility to re-imburse the entire amount in case of misappropriation of funds.

Name of the President:.....

Signature of President:

Affix Rubber Stamp

Place:

Date:

Documents to be enclosed:

(1) Copy of Registration Certificate issued by Competent Authority alongwith copy of the Memorandum of Association and details of aims and objectives of the Organization.

(2) A copy of Certificate of Registration issued by The Director of Social Welfare under The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.

(3) Quotations from the recognized dealer for purchase of equipments/appliances/books.

(4) A copy of the resolution passed by the Managing Committee of the Organization.

(5) Audited Statements of Accounts for the last two years.

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