



सां/No.: 5-1(611)/2018-PD

दिनांक/Dated: 20.09.2019

प्रेषक / From: संयुक्त सचिव (प्रशासन)
Joint Secretary (Admn.)

सेवा में / To: सी.एस.आई.आर के सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालों/संस्थाओं/इकाईयों के निदेशक/प्रमुख
The Directors/Heads of all National Labs./Instts./Units of CSIR

विषय : दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 - सुगम्य भारत अभियान के संबंध में।

Sub. : The Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 – Accessible India Campaign reg.

महोदय/Sir / महोदया/Madam,

सचिव, भारत सरकार, सामाजिक न्याय और सशक्तिकरण मंत्रालय, दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग के दिनांक 30.08.2019 के अ.प. सं. 4-83/2016-AIC(Vol.II) (प्रति संलग्न) के संदर्भ में, मुझे, यह अनुरोध करने का निदेश हुआ है कि यह सुनिश्चित किया जाए कि सी.एस.आई.आर के प्रयोगशालों/संस्थाओं/कार्यालय के भवनों को बाधा रहित और सुलभ बनाया जाए, ताकि दिव्यांगजनों के लिए इन भवनों तक पहुँच आसान हो सके। भवनों को दिव्यांगजनों के बाधा रहित निर्मित परिवेश हेतु दिशानिर्देश एवं जगह मानक, 2016 के अनुसार अभिगम्य बनाया जाए। यह सूचना, अनुपालन और आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए सभी संबंधित के ध्यान में लाया जाए।

With reference to the Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) D.O. No. 4-83/2016-AIC(Vol.II) dated 30.08.2019, I am directed to request you that it may be ensured that all buildings of CSIR Labs./Instts./Offices must be made barrier free and accessible so as to facilitate easy access to such 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. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned for information, compliance and necessary action.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

(सिद्धार्थ दे /Siddhartha Dey)
अनु. अधि. (नीति प्रभाग) / SO(PD)

संलग्न/Encl. : यथोपरि/As above

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- 1) प्रमुख, आईटी डिवीजन - इस सर्कुलर पत्र को वेबसाइट और नीति रिपोजिटरी पर उपलब्ध कराने के अनुरोध के साथ / Head, IT Division with the request to make this circular letter available on the website & Policy Repository.

शकुन्ताला डौले गामलिन, भा.प्र.से.

सचिव

Shakuntala Doley Gamlin, IAS
Secretary



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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

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

30th August, 2019

Dear Dr. Shekhar C. Nande,

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 31st 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 -

- accessible approach and ramp at entrance of building;
- reserved parking near entrance;
- accessible pathway to entrance;

b. Indoor Features -

- accessible corridors
- accessible reception;
- lifts with braille; auditory commands;
- accessible toilets;
- staircases with handrails;
- auditory and visual signage;
- drinking water provision;
- tactile flooring; colour contrasting strips on steps of staircases;
- 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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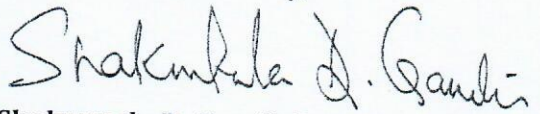
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- ii. It was also recommended that accessibility issues being faced by public during usage of various buildings, transportation services and ICT systems may be compiled via crowd sourcing mechanisms. The issues highlighted should directly be shared 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 3rd 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 25th September 2019, so as to apprise PMO accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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