

Guidelines for implementation of

“ Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punorsansthapon Achoni “

---- A Rehabilitation Programme for Skilled Unemployed Youth with Disabilities

Aims & Objectives :-

The PwD Act, 1995 has been replaced by RPwD Act, 2016 under which persons with 40% of disabilities are to be considered as disabled persons. The Govt. departments of Assam, especially the Social Welfare Department has been adopting and implementing various beneficial schemes with a view to empowering the persons with disabilities so that they could cope with in various fields with their unique abilities. But as regards to rehabilitation and self-employment, the Department continued to provide one-time grant of Rs.10,000/-yearly to each of the 200 beneficiaries only all over Assam up to 2017-18 as per target which was not adequate to cover other needy persons especially the skilled unemployed youth with disabilities.

In view of the above, the new scheme called “*Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punorsansthapon Achoni*” has been introduced in 2018-19 with a budget provision against Rehabilitation grants to Persons with Disabilities. It aims at providing a financial assistance of Rs.20,000 as one-time grant to a skilled unemployed youth with disability who endeavours in running a business for self-employment but needs financial support to go ahead. In addition, preference shall be given to the applicant with disability who possesses certificate on skill development training course issued by a Government department/registered NGO. The beneficiaries having disabilities of 40% and above only shall be considered to be eligible for the scheme.

Eligibility criteria :-

1. The Applicant must have Disability Certificate issued by the competent Govt. authority of Health Services of the district. Disability Certificate of 40% and above will be considered to be eligible for the scheme (certificate to be enclosed with the application form).
2. The person must be within the age group of 18 to 50 years.
3. The Applicant must be a permanent resident of Assam.
4. The person should have minimum qualification of X (ten) standard pass.
5. The Annual income should not be more than Rs.2.0 lakh per year for the individual.
6. Preference shall be given to the applicant who possesses certificate on skill development training course (certificate to be enclosed) as well as who endeavours in running a business for self-employment but needs financial support to go ahead.
7. The Applicant must possess his/her own Bank Account Number in any Nationalized Bank which is to be entered correctly in the column of the application form indicating IFSC Code of the Bank. The name of the applicant should be matched according to the name as printed in the Bank Pass Book (front page of Bank Account's photocopy to be enclosed).
8. One passport size photo is to be affixed in the necessary box of the application form.
9. The person intending to apply for the scheme is to furnish required particulars in prescribed form only. Under the scheme, different trades like Bee-keeping, Goatery, Electronic works, Provision store, Fishery, Handicrafts, Bamboo-products etc. may be proposed. For the purpose, a model of the proposed scheme to be undertaken has to be enclosed with the application duly countersigned by the concerned department associated with it.

Implementation Mechanism :

A District Level Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner shall be constituted comprising following members for proper implementation of the programme,

"Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punorsansthapon Achoni".

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| 1. The Deputy Commissioner | ----- Chairperson |
| 2. All MLAs or their representatives | ----- Members |
| 3. The District Development Commissioner/
Addl. Deputy Commissioner | ----- Vice-Chairperson |
| 4. All MLAs or their representatives | ----- Members |
| 5. The District Social Welfare Officer | ----- Member-Convener |
| 6. The CEO, Zila Parishad | ----- Member |
| 7. The Joint Director, Health Services | ----- Member |
| 8. The General Manager, DIC | ----- Member |
| 9. The Dist. Veterinary Officer | ----- Member |
| 10. The DEEO/Inspector of Schools | ----- Member |
| 11. The District Fishery Officer | ----- Member |
| 12. The Asstt. Director, Handloom & Textiles | ----- Member |
| 13. All CDPOs in the district | ----- Members |
| 14. The Suptd. of Sericulture | ----- Member |
| 15. One Social Worker (DC can nominate the
Social Worker or any of the persons if deems
necessary for inclusion in the Committee) | ----- Members |

The Director/District Social Welfare Officers will widely publicize the scheme. The District Social Welfare Officer shall act as the Nodal Officer for implementation of the scheme in the District. The application forms (**Application Form** attached) shall be obtainable free of cost from the local offices of District Social Welfare Officer or the Child Development Project Officers. The District Social Welfare Officer will receive the applications submitted by the applicants for the scheme. After scrutiny of the applications, he/she will convey meeting of the District Level Selection Committee which is a competent authority for verification of the contents of the applications and selection of beneficiaries as well.

The selection of beneficiaries shall have to be done observing all the eligibility criteria as per norms. List of beneficiaries should be prepared Constituency-wise as per target as allotted against each Constituency (list enclosed) and then the Committee is to send the recommended list to the Directorate of Social Welfare Officer, Assam for necessary action towards accordance of financial sanction and to release the grant amount directly to the A/C Nos. of beneficiaries through DBT mode. It must be ensured that no any anomalies shall be there pertaining to the name and A/C No./IFSC Code of the beneficiary while preparation of the list. The name, A/C No. etc. should be matched as per front page of the Bank Pass Book, as it will invariably be required by the Bank Authority to carry out the process of transaction by avoiding the possibility of rejection.

The fund will be released in **2 instalments**, i.e., **Rs.12,000 (60%)** and **Rs. 8,000 (40%)** in 1st and final Instalments respectively. Hence, it is stressed the need to have regular monitoring in it as to whether the schemes are functioning or properly executed by the beneficiaries receiving the grants (1st instalment). Afterwards, the subsequent or final instalment will be released subject to recommendation of the Committee on the basis of satisfactory performance in the scheme-works being implemented by the beneficiaries to whom the grants are provided.