

**Office of Deputy Director (FAS/RTE/Litigation/R&I/Estate)**  
**Department of Social Welfare**  
**Government of NCT of Delhi**  
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Dated: 10.10.24

**Minutes of Meeting**

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sh. Saurabh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare with the Officers of Department of Social Welfare on 23.09.2024 at 12.30 PM in his chamber at Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi.

The following officers were present:

1. Sh. Navin Chaudhary, ACS(AR) link Secretary(SW)
  2. Ms Anjali Sehrawat, Director, Social Welfare
  3. Sh. O.P. Mishra, OSD to Minister
  4. Sh Anil Kumar, Deputy Director (FAS/Estate/RTE/Litigation)
  5. Sh Yogesh Pal, Dy. Director, DSWO( North East/East/Centre)
  6. Sh. Rajeev Kumar Saksena, Dy. Director (CTB/Prohibition /Social Security)
  7. Ms Neera, Supdt (FAS)
  8. Ms. Rachna Bharadwaj, Supdt (SS)
1. The issue of recent delay in the release of Old Age Assistance to the Central Share Beneficiaries were inquired by Hon.ble Minister. It was informed that among a total of approx 4.5 lakh beneficiaries, there are 106,166 beneficiaries who are recipient of central scheme @ rate Rs. 200(for the age group 60-79) and Rs. 500(for the age group 80 and above) per month. Over all Financial Assistance released to them is at par with state scheme guidelines. Central scheme amount being very small is topped up by the state funds.

Central funds were last received in September 2021 Due to non resolution of issue with Finance Department regarding refund of the then unspent amount to GOI and submission of undertaking countersigned by Secretary Finance, central share was held back. In the meanwhile, FD has been approving utilization of state funds to makeup, from time to time, for the uniform release old age Assistance to central share beneficiaries at par with state scheme beneficiaries. However, the arrangement was not agreed to be continued since March 2024. It had led to the disruption of release of old age assistance to central share beneficiaries.

After the resolving of long outstanding issues by FD in August, 2024 the matter was followed up with GOI and accordingly release of central funds received in August, 2024. It is expected that process of seeking and granting funds under central scheme will be smooth and regular. At an average approx Rs. 44 Crore is expected under central scheme funds annually.

Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare) stressed that the possibility of delay in the receipt of central funds cannot be eradicated. He directed for making an arrangement, wherein state fund are utilized in case of delay in the receipt of central fund in future. This shall entail timely and regular disbursement of old age assistance to the elderly, many of whom are severely dependent on the same. And if this required approval of Council of Minister, same may be processed.

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2. Regarding recreation centres, it was informed to Hon'ble Minister (SW) that erstwhile arrangement of release of funds to approx 150 recreation centres has been discontinued following observation of Finance Department.

The Department of Social Welfare is in the process of drafting of a fresh scheme for "Recreation Centres" which ready for placing before Hon'ble Minister (SW) for in principle approval.

Following the same, a draft cabinet note shall be circulated to all concerned departments for inviting comments. The same shall be examined and attended to before placing the scheme for approval of the cabinet.

3. It was informed to Hon'ble Minister (SW) that a cabinet note for Financial Assistance scheme for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities having High Support needs is ready for placing before cabinet for approval.
4. Hon'ble Minister (SW) was apprised that following court directives, MCD has offered to transfer its Nursing College Building and Nursing College Hostel building at Narela to Deptt. of Social welfare at a cost of Rs. 31 crore (approx). Proposal for seeking A.A for the takeover and budgetary provisioning is under process. The takeover of the buildings will pave the way to decongest Asha kiran at the earliest possible.
5. It was informed to Hon'ble Minister (SW) that a draft scheme for Transport Subsidy to the student with Benchmark Disabilities studying in Delhi schools is under final stages of development in the Department. The same shall be placed for in principle approval of Hon'ble Minister (SW) shortly.
6. It was brought to the notice of Hon'ble Minister (SW) that the issuance of UDID Cards in Delhi is lagging. The assessment of degree of disability is done by Health department for issuing UDID Cards. There are various issues which need redressal. Secretary (SW)/ Link officer directed to propose a meeting under the chairmanship with Health Department to address the issues.
7. Hon'ble Minister (SW) raised the issue of welfare schemes for Acid Attack Survivors. It was informed that acid attack is one of the 21 notified disabilities and all such survivors with benchmark disability are eligible for Disability Assistance @ Rs. 2500/- p.m.

However, the Hon'ble Minister (SW) stressed that such survivors often need lifelong surgeries/ medical procedures. He directed to explore framing of scheme to extend financial support for such medical procedures throughout the lives of the Acid Attack Survivors.

8. Hon'ble Minister (SW) raised the grievances being received by him regarding conduct of the officials with the beneficiaries visiting district offices for varied



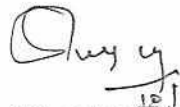
reasons. He directed that the District Office staff must be adequately sensitised with soft skill to deal with beneficiaries/ visitors appropriately.

He also directed that all offices concerned must be available for public meeting between 10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m positively.

He directed to place complaint box in all district offices. The report of complaint received and action taken may be reviewed at the H.Q on regular basis and the same should be intimated to Minister Office on weekly basis.

9. Hon'ble Minister has desired that all the School/ colleges and the departments of Delhi Govt. should maintain the reservation quota for the persons with bench mark disability. He has desired to write to all the stake holders to inform about the implementation of the reservation quota for physically challenged persons at present. And Department should seek compliance report.

The meeting was concluded with the thanks to the chair.

  
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1. OSD to Hon'ble Minister (SW), GNCTD, I.P State, Delhi Sachivalya, New Delhi.
2. State Commissioner Disabilities, Mata Sundari Road,
3. Director, SW, GNCTD, 7<sup>TH</sup> Floor, MSO Building. ITO, New Delhi-110002.
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5. DD (Disb.), SW, GNCTD, 7<sup>TH</sup> Floor, MSO Building. ITO, New Delhi-110002.
6. All DSWOs, Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD.
- ✓ 7. Sr. System Analyst (SW) to upload the circular on the website of the Department.
8. Guard file.

  
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