



ABSTRACT

Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Department – International Day of the Differently Abled Persons – State Award –Extension of categories as per section 2(zc) of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act,2016- Additional Number of Awards and Sanction of amount -Orders- Issued.

Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP 2) Department

G.O.(2D) No.07

Dated: 28.11.2019

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms.) No.02, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP.2.1) Department, dated 20.06.2011.
2. G.O. (Ms.) No.47, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP.2.1) Department, dated 19.10.2015.
3. G.O. (Ms.) No,13, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP.2.1) Department, dated 04.05.2018.
4. From the Director for the Differently Abled Letter No. 9437/DAW2-2/2019, dated 09.10.2019.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued for reconstitution of Selection Committee at State Level for selection of State Awards given during Independence Day and the International Day of the Differently Abled under various categories.

2. In the Government Order second read above, orders were issued fixing the selection criteria for State Awards under various categories given on the occasion of International Day for the differently abled persons.

3. In the Government Order third read above, orders were issued delegating powers to the Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled to implement 52 schemes of Differently Abled Persons to incur the expenditure within the Budget provision. The Scheme of International Day for the Differently Abled Persons is also one among the schemes.

4. In the letter fourth read above, the Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled has stated that, at present the following State awards are given during International Day of the differently abled which is celebrated every year on 3 rd December:-

SI.No	Name of the Award	No of Awards	Nature of the Award
1	Best Employer	1	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
2	Best Employee	5 (HI/VI/LD/LC/ID)	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
3	Best Teacher	3 (HI/VI/ID)	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
4	Best Institution	1	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
5	Best Social Worker	1	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
6	Best EIC teacher	2 (HI/ID)	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
7	Best Conductor	1	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
8	Best Driver	1	10 grams of gold medal and certificate
Total		15	

The number of awards given to best Employee is 5 and this is the only award conferred to differently abled persons under the categories of Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Locomotor Disability, Leprosy Cured and Intellectual Disability.

5. The Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled has further stated that, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 is in force since 19.4.2017. As per section 2(zc) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPD Act, 2016), 21 categories of disabilities have been recognized as specified disability. Accordingly the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India also confers National Awards in recognition of contributions/skills of persons with disabilities individually or otherwise and also in recognition of the contribution made by the Government and the private bodies in the field of empowerment of persons with disabilities. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities have also amended "Guidelines for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities" vide Notification No. 263, dated 2.8.2018 as per the provisions in the RPD Act, 2016.

6. The Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled has also stated that as per the provisions of RPD Act, 2016, Government may increase the number of awards under "Best Employee" category from 5 to 10 i.e the additional categories will be as follows:

- i. Speech and Language Disability (Speech and Language Disability)
- ii. Developmental Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder, Specific Learning Disability)
- iii. Mental Behavior (Mental Illness)
- iv. Disability caused due to blood disorder (Haemophilia, Thalassemia Sickle Cell Disease)

- v. Chronic Neurological Conditions (Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease)
- vi. Multiple Disabilities (Multiple Disabilities involving any two or more of the above 8 broad categories)

The Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled has also stated that the existing State award conferred to leprosy cured may be merged under Locomotor Disability. Therefore additional awards will be 5.

7. The Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled has further stated that in the Budget Estimate 2019-2020, a sum of ₹.21,77,000/- has been sanctioned under this Head. The additional amount to be sanctioned by the Government towards purchase of 5 additional 10 grams of gold medals will be ₹.1,81,800/- (₹ 36360/ x 5 gold medals).

8. The Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled has therefore requested orders on the following:-

- i. To increase the number of awards under Best Employee from 5 to 10 and also to categorize leprosy cured under Locomotor disability from the year 2019-2020 onwards
- ii. To sanction an additional amount of ₹ 1,81,800/- (Rupees One lakh eighty one thousand and eight hundred only) towards purchase of additional 5 ten grams gold medals
- iii. To permit the Director for Welfare of the differently abled to incur the additional amount pending inclusion in the Revised Estimate 2019-2020.
- iv. To permit the Director for Welfare of the differently abled to give a press release inviting applications from persons having specified disabilities under new 6 broad categories.

9. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Director for Welfare of Differently Abled to increase the number of awards under Best Employee from 5 to 10 and also to categorize leprosy cured under Locomotor disability from the year 2019-2020 onwards. The Government also sanction an additional amount of ₹1,81,800/- (Rupees One lakh eighty one thousand and eight hundred only) towards purchase of additional 5 ten grams gold medals.

10. The Director for Welfare of Differently Abled is also permitted to give a press release inviting applications from persons having specified disabilities under new 6 broad categories.

11. The Additional expenditure sanctioned in para 9 above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

"2235 - Social Security and Welfare – 02. Social Welfare – 101 – Welfare of Differently Abled Persons – State's Expenditure-DA-Grant to Differently Abled Persons for sports events and cultural programmes -09 - Grants in Aid -03 Grants for Specific Schemes .

(IFHRMS (DPC – 2235 -02-101-DA-30903)

OLD DPC–2235-02-101-DA-0933

12. Necessary additional funds of ₹.1,81,800/- will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019-2020. Pending provision of such funds in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019-20, the Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para-9 above. The Director for Welfare of Differently Abled shall include this additional expenditure while sending the proposal to Government in Finance (SW) Department, for inclusion in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019-2020 without fail.

13. This order issues with concurrence of the Finance department vide its U.O.No.59880/Fin(SW)/2019, dated: 27.11.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.2298 (Two thousand two hundred and ninety eight)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C. VIJAYARAJ KUMAR,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
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The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai -18.
✓ The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai – 35.

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Under Secretary to Government
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