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Government of Orissa
Women & Child Development Deptt.

No. HW-I-A-14/2003 14676 /W&CD., Dt. 8.7.03

From

Shri R.B. Nayak,
Director, Social Welfare.

To

All Collectors.

Sub ; Periodical check up for treatment of visually Handicapped Persons admitted to Blind Schools run by State Govt. or Voluntary Organisations for education/rehabilitation of Visually Handicapped Persons running with G.I.A. from State or Central Govt.

Sir,

In pursuance of Section 26 of Chapter V of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the State Govt. is providing access to the children with Disabilities to free education in an appropriate environment till he/she attains the age of 18 years. State Govt. is providing grant-in-aid to the Institutions imparting education to the students with disabilities including visually Handicapped children for the above purpose. Besides, some Schools for disabilities are running under direct administration of State Govt. in the State. Vocational Institutions have also been set up either by the State Govt. or by the Voluntary Organisations for the rehabilitation of the Persons with visually Handicapped.

In addition to the responsibilities to run these institutions, it is the duty of the concerned authority of the State Govt. as well as the management of the institution to ensure the safty of the students/trainees of the institutions in term of health and environment.

Keeping in view the importance of the afore-mentioned responsibilities, the Central Govt. have formulated a scheme for periodical check up and treatment of visually handicapped persons admitted to blind schools run by Delhi Administration or Voluntary Organisations for education/rehabilitation of Visually Handicapped Persons; A copy of the Scheme is enclosed for reference. The above scheme meets the problems of the inmates of the institutions in connection with medical check up and treatment of Blind Persons to a great extent.

p.t.o.

In order to gear up this system through out the country, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in their order dt.29.1.03 in the matter of Civil Appeal No.679 of 2003 arising out of SLP (C) No.20821 of 1997, issued direction to the State Govt. to adopt the scheme formulated by a State Govt. mutatis mutandis for the well being of the visually handicapped persons.

In pursuance of the aforesaid direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, State Govt. in H. & F.W. Deptt. in resolution No.12631 dt.16.4.2003 (copy enclosed) have ordered that periodical check up and treatment of visually handicapped persons, who have been admitted in blind school by State Govt. or Voluntary Organisations for education/rehabilitation of Visually Handicapped Persons be made by all medical institutions of the State and report submitted to H. & F.W. as well as to W. & C.D. Department for record.

In view of the above, following procedures may be adopted by the Institutions under administrative control of State Govt. or the institutions recognised by the State Govt. or any Voluntary Organisation working for Education/Rehabilitation of Visually Handicapped Persons in the State.

1. Each institutions shall be assigned one or more hospitals/professionally competent ophthalmological centre, certified by the Ministry of Health State Govt. and capable of giving free service in this regard, for initial check up.
2. It shall be the duty of the concerned organisation to take students to the concerned hospitals/medical centres for diagnosis and arrange transport for this purpose where it is not possible for the concerned hospital/medical centre to send mobile van for medical check up in the school itself.
3. At the time of admission to the school, the consent of the parent/guardian would be taken for surgical intervention as and when required.
4. Students identified after initial check up for treatment/surgery shall be assigned to particular hospital/medical centre recommended by Ministry of Health/State Govt. for further treatment/surgery where such services are extended free of cost.

5. A condition shall be added to the existing agreement executed by NGOs receiving financial assistance from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment/State Govt. that they shall, undertake to have periodical check up of students admitted by them and also their subsequent treatment including surgical intervention on the basis of such check up in the assigned hospitals/centres.

6. At the time of release of grant the concerned N.G.O. will give an undertaking regarding medical check up and treatment of the students. No Grant-in-aid will be released till this certificate is furnished.

7. Students whose eye-sight is resorted, partially or fully, shall be placed in integrated schools or vocational training centres managed or aided by State Govt. or by Ministry of S.J. & E./Ministry of Human Resources Deptt., Govt. of India as per the requirement.

You are therefore requested to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to by the concerned institutions.

Yours faithfully,

17.6.2003
Director, Social Welfare.

Memo No. 14677 /W&CD.,Dt. 8.7.03

Copy forwarded to all DSWOs with the request to see that the above instructions are observed in the institutions for education/rehabilitation of Persons with visually impaired. This aspect of instruction may be indicated in the annual inspection report.

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 14678 /W&CD.,Dt. 8.7.03

Copy alongwith copy of its enclosures forwarded to all departments for information & necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 14679 /W&CD.,Dt. 8.7.03

Copy forwarded to all sections of W & C.D. Deptt. for information & necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 14680 /W&CD.,Dt. 8.7.03

Copy forwarded to all Spl. Schools imparting education to the students with ~~ix~~ visually handicapped/Vocational training Centres for Visually impaired/All Orissa Blind Association, Bhubaneswar for information & immediate necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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10 copies to the guard file.

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

ANNEXURE P-4

SCHEME FOR PERIODICAL CHECK UP AND TREATMENT
OF VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS ADMITTED TO
BLIND SCHOOLS RUN BY DELHI ADMINISTRATION OR
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR EDUCATION/
REHABILITATION OF VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

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4. Students identified after initial check up for treatment/surgery shall be assigned to particular hospital/medical centre recommended by Ministry of Health, for further treatment/surgery where such services are extended free of cost.
 5. A condition shall be added to the existing agreement executed by NGOs receiving financial assistance from Ministry of Welfare that they shall, undertake to have periodical check up of students admitted by them and also their subsequent treatment including surgical intervention on the basis of such check up in the assigned hospitals/centres.
 6. At the time of release of grant the concerned NGO will give an undertaking regarding medical check up and treatment of the students. No grant-in-aid will be released till this certificate is furnished.
 7. Students whose eye-sight is resorted, partially or fully, shall be placed in integrated schools or vocational training centres managed or added by Delhi Administration or by Ministry of Welfare/Ministry of Human Resource Development as per the requirement.
 8. A nodal officer shall be designated in the Directorate of Welfare, Delhi Administration to receive any complaint about difficulties being faced in this regards and its redressal".