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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE
(SECRETARIAT WING)

(G.O. Ms. No. 2/SWS/2023-24/6413, Puducherry, dated 07th June 2023)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to approve Scheme for Supply of Free Laptops to Visually Impaired Students in the Union territory of Puducherry and for the said purpose hereby makes the following rules, viz., "Issue of Free Laptops to the Visually Impaired Students who are pursuing U.G/P.G Courses in the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2021".

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* their I.D.No. 21205/FC/FD/F5/A2/2022-23, dated 15-02-2023.

(By order of the Lieutenant- Governor)

A. KUMARAN,

Under Secretary to Government (Social Welfare).

**RULES FOR SUPPLY OF FREE LAPTOPS TO VISUALLY
IMPAIRED STUDENTS PURSUING UNDER/POSTGRADUATE
COURSES, 2021**

1. Short title and commencement.— 1. These rules may be called *viz.*, “Rules for Free Supply of Laptops to Visually Impaired Students, pursuing Under graduate/Postgraduate Courses 2021”.

2. They shall apply to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

3. They shall come into force with effect from the date of publications in the Official Gazette.

2. Objective of the Scheme.— The objective of the Scheme is to encourage Visually Impaired Students for pursuing higher education including technical and professional education courses. But, pursuing such courses find hard to continue without special aid like computer with compatible software along with access to Laptop will not only enable them to meet their learning ability and but, also to prepare them to meet out rapid challenging society.

3. Scope.— The Scheme is applicable to the Visually Impaired Students those who belong to Union territory of Puducherry and pursuing regular Under graduate/Postgraduate Courses in the Union territory of Puducherry.

4. Definitions.— (1) In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) “Act” means, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016;

(b) “Department” means, the Department of Social Welfare;

(c) "Director" means, the Director of Social Welfare;

(d) "Government" means, the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed under Article 239 of Constitution of India;

(e) "Form" means, the Form appended to these rules;

(f) "Medical Authority" mean, any Medical Officer not below the rank of specialist Grade-II in the field of Disability concerned of the Government General Hospital;

(g) "Students" means, Visually Impaired Higher Education Students.

5. Eligibility Conditions.— 1. All Visually Impaired Students having disability not less than 40% and above on the date of applications.

2. Students must belong to the Union territory of Puducherry either by birth or by continuous residence of not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of application. Students who have not resided in the Union Territory for a period of at least 5 years on the date of applications, claims nativity by virtue of birth shall not be eligible under the Scheme.

3. The students should currently pursue regular Under graduate/ Postgraduate courses in the Educational Institutions recognized/affiliated by Government of Puducherry or any other Educational Institutions recognized by the UGC/AICTE.

4. The students should be pursuing Under graduate/Postgraduate courses on regular basis, *i.e.*, (10 +2+3/4) system/existing system replaced by New Education Policy.

5. Student's family income should not exceed ₹ 2,00,000. In-case, if, it is exceeded, the benefit could not be granted.

6. During course of study, students should not have availed the same benefit previously on any course of study or any manner.

6. Specifications of Laptops.— Specifications and other technical feature of Laptop especially for the use of Visually Impaired Students shall be decided by the Social Welfare Department to cater the needs and interest of students.

7. Mode of Procurement.— The procedure for procuring Laptops shall be done through GeM portal as specified in rule 149 of General Financial Rules, 2017 based on the quantum of applications received under the Scheme. In case of non-availability of items in the GeM portal, e-tender procurement or any other procedure decided by the Government from time to time will be followed to meet out requirements of Visually Impaired Students.

8. Application of Scheme.— 1. An application shall be made in the appropriate Form as prescribed and the same is appended to these rules as Annexure-I.

2. The application duly filled in all respects along with Certificates/Documents as specified under rule 9 subject to fulfill the eligibility conditions prescribed under the Scheme shall be sent to this Department either through Institution or in person.

9. Documents to be Enclosed.— The duly filled in application shall be accompanied by the following Certificates/Documents, namely.—

(i) The Nativity/Residence/Community and Income Certificate issued by the Competent Authority not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar.

(ii) Medical Certificate (Disability Certificate) issued by the Competent Authority.

(iii) Study Certificate obtained from concerned Institutions/Universities.

(iv) Aadhaar Card.

(v) Pension Card (if available)/UDID Card.

(vi) Family Ration Card.

10. Scrutiny of Applications.— Applications received under this Scheme are scrutinized by the Social Welfare Department as per rules of the Scheme. Eligible list of beneficiaries will be submitted to the Government for approval to Supply of Free Laptops.

11. Disqualifications.— 1. It is one-time benefit Scheme. Students may avail the benefit either for U.G course, P.G. course or Doctor of Philosophy course once in a lifetime. Subsequently, the benefits cannot be extended to the students already availed this benefit under this Scheme.

2. No students pursuing education at School/Higher Secondary level will be considered.

3. In case, if, students are pursuing higher education through correspondence/non-regular stream course, such applications shall be summarily rejected.

12. Other Conditions.— The Government reserves the right to amend the rules without prior notice.

13. Budget.— The expenditure of the Scheme will be debited under the Head of Account “Welfare programmes of the Differently Abled Persons” of the allocated Budget Estimate of Social Welfare Department, Puducherry.

14. Interpretation and Clarification.— If, any doubt arises with regard to interpretation of any of the provisions of the Scheme, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary to Government (Social Welfare Department), whose decision thereon shall be final and binding.

A. KUMARAN,

Under Secretary to Government (Social Welfare).

APPENDIX-I

APPLICATION FORM FOR SUPPLY OF FREE LAPTOPS TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS

[see rule 8 (1)]

Name of the Student in full :
(Block letters)

Father's/Guardian's name :

Father's/Guardian's occupation :

Place and date of birth :

Gender :

- Nationality :
- Nature of disability with % :
- Caste :
- Religion :
- Whether native of Puducherry by :
birth or by continuous residence
of not less than five years.
- Details of Aadhaar Card No. :
- Name and address of Institution :
where presently studying.
- Name and year of the course last :
studied.
- List of enclosures : 1. Study Certificate
2. Income/Residence/Caste/
Nativity Certificate
3. Aadhaar Card
4. Financial Assistance Card
(if available)
5. Disability Certificate
6. Family Ration Card
7. UDID Card

It is certified that the particulars furnished above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I assure that in case, any particulars furnished by me are not found to be in order, my application may be cancelled at any time without any prior notice to me.

Place :

Signature of the applicant

Date :

CERTIFICATE

(To be furnished by the Head of Institution in which the Student is Pursuing)

It is certified that-

- (i) The information given by the applicant have been verified and found to be correct.
- (ii) This institution is affiliated to
University/Board and is recognized by the Government of India/State Government of
- (iii) The applicant is pursuing course of duration of (Semester) in this Institution.
- (iv) The individual is not in receipt of same benefit from any other source.

Signature of the Head of Institution

Name in Capital Letters :

Place :

Designation :

Date :

Address :

(This Certificate should be signed by a Revenue Official not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar of Taluk or Sub-Taluk Office concerned)

NATIONALITY / COMMUNITY / RESIDENCE / INCOME CERTIFICATE

(To be obtained from the Revenue Department)

This is to certify that Thiru/Tmt./Selvi
 son/daughter/wife of Thiru
 residing at
 Puducherry, who has applied for has
 continuous Residence for..... years preceding from the date
 of issue of this Certificate.

He/She belongs to the Caste / Community which
 is recognised as He/She is an Indian National.

His/Her annual family income is ₹
 (Rupees..... only) during the year.

Place : *Signature of the Tahsildar/Deputy Tahsildar*

Date : (with office seal)
