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This Ministry gives financial assistance for establishment of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) to provide comprehensive services to persons with disabilities (PwDs), e.g.

- Awareness generation
- Survey, Identification, Early intervention, and Counseling
- Assessment of need for assistive devices, provision/fitment of assistive devices, and their follow up/repair
- Therapeutic Services, e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc.
- Referral and arrangement for surgical correction, through Govt. & Charitable Institutions
- Facilitation of issue of Disability Certificates and bus passes, sanction of bank loans etc., for PwDs.
- Promotion of barrier-free environment
- Supportive and complimentary services to promote education, vocational training and employment for PwDs.

2. So far, DDRCs have been approved for 199 districts of the country, including ____ districts of your State. We propose to establish another 50 DDRCs in un-served districts of the country during each of the remaining two years of the XI Plan i.e. 50 in the current financial year, and another 50, next year.

3. The annexure to this letter shows (i) _____districts of your State where DDRCs have been already sanctioned earlier, and (ii) _____ districts, where DDRCs are now proposed to be established in the remaining two years of the XI Plan. These districts have been identified on the basis of high disabled population and their un-served/under-served character.

4. As per the relevant Scheme, Central assistance for establishment of DDRCs is provided on the following pattern:

- **Non recurring** (for equipment) - Rs. 5 lakh
- **Recurring** - Rs. 7.14 lakh p.a. for the first three/five years, and thereafter on a tapering basis.

5. Central assistance is first released by us for the DDRC (directly to the District level) after State Govt./Distt. Administration take the following steps:-

- (i) **Formation of District Management Team (DMT)** headed by the District Collector and having representatives of concerned Departments, to manage the DDRC, and be the custodian of its assets.
- (ii) **Identification of suitable Implementing Agency (IA) by DMT for running the DDRC:** DMT has to select a local Implementing Agency, preferably the District Red Cross Society, a similar autonomous/semi-autonomous body of the State Government, or a reputed NGO, for the day-to-day running of the DDRC. A suitable functionary of the IA is designated as the Nodal Officer for the DDRC.
- (iii) **Accommodation:** Provision of suitable rent-free accommodation, preferably barrier-free, and having adequate electricity and water facilities, for the DDRC.
- (iv) **Preparatory action for Staffing:** Each DDRC may have a maximum of 10 staff members, having specified qualifications, who are paid fixed honorarium. The Scheme does not envisage creation of permanent posts, and staff has to be appointed on honorarium/contractual basis by the Implementing Agency/DMT. State Govt. needs to issue necessary instructions and guidelines to the DMT regarding advance action, so that personnel is appointed as soon as the DDRC is sanctioned.

6. A letter enclosing a copy of the DDRC Scheme and spelling out the procedure for sending us proposals, is being sent separately to your Principal Secretary concerned. Since 50 of the total of 100 DDRCs in the XI Plan are to be set up this year, mainly on a "first come first served"

basis, we would be grateful if you could kindly have proposals for setting up new DDRCs in the districts of your State mentioned in Part 'B' of the Annexure, sent to us, complete in all respects, latest **by 31st July, 2010**, to enable us to take further action.

Yours sincerely,

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To All Chief Secretaries