



Social Welfare – Welfare of Physically Handicapped – Establishment of Braille Library-cum-Research Training Centre for Visually Handicapped persons –Implementation through "NETHRODAYA" –Orders – Issued

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW.4) Department

G.O.Ms.No. 86

Dated, 4-6-2004

Read:-

- 1) G.O.(Ms). No.19, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 21-2-2003

Read also:-

- 2) From the State Special Commissioner for the Disabled, Letter No.12548/RD 2-1/2003, dated 29-4-2004

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, orders have been issued for sanction of a sum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs (Rupees five lakhs only) towards establishment of Braille Library-cum-Research Training Centre for Visually Handicapped persons at the State Resource and Training Centre, Chennai. The above amount shall be met from the funds available by the Special Bumper Lottery drawn for the benefit of the disabled persons which has now been transferred to the "Fund for the Welfare of the Disabled" which is being operated by the State Special Commissioner for the Disabled. It has also been permitted the State Special Commissioner for the Disabled to constitute a Committee of Experts and Visually Impaired users with the following members to look after the overall performance of the Library, identifying lacunae, if any and suggest improvements:-

1. Thiru A. K. Mittal,  
Regional Director,  
National Institute for the Visually Handicapped,  
Chennai.
2. Thiru Alfre George,  
Founder Secretary,  
Christian Foundation for the Blind,  
Chennai.



3. Dr. Mani,  
Ramakrishna Vidyalaya,  
Coimbatore.
4. Thiru. Amal Raj,  
National Federation for the Blind,  
Chennai
5. The Principal,  
Little Flower Convent,  
Chennai.
6. The Principal,  
Government Higher Secondary School for the Blind, Chennai

2) The State Special Commissioner for the Disabled has now stated that the orders issued in the G.O.Ms.No.19, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 21-2-2003 could not be implemented as a suitable location for establishment of the above institution could not be located and however, discussions were held with experts to establish the Braille Library cum Research Training Centre for Visually Handicapped. He has also added that an NGO by name "NETHRODAYA" made an appeal to Hon'ble Chief Minister for establishment of a "Centre of Excellence for visually impaired college going students in Chennai City" which was also similar proposal sanctioned by Government in G.O.Ms. No.19, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 21-2-2003. The institution submitted a very detailed proposal for establishment of a centre of excellence for Visually Impaired in Chennai City. The State Special Commissioner for the Disabled has further stated that instead of implementing Braille Library-cum-Research Training Centre for Visually Handicapped by Government, now it is proposed to implement the above scheme as sanctioned by Government in G.O.Ms.No.19, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 21-2-2003 through "NETHRODAYA" No. 8, Sparten Nagar, Mogappair, Chennai-58 and that the amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs may be allotted to Nethrodaya for implementing the Braille Library-cum-Research Training Centre for Visually Handicapped as per details found in G.O.Ms. No.19, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 21-2-2003 and stated that the amount of Rs. 5 lakhs may be released in two instalments - first instalment of Rs. 3 lakhs and after satisfactory progress made 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Rs. 2 lakhs may be released subject to the following conditions:-

1. The Library when established shall be open to Visually Handicapped from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. every day except Sundays and important National Holidays;
2. No fee or user charge should be collected from Visually Handicapped;
3. In case of permanent closure of the Library, all assets bought out of grant-in-aid should be returned to Office of the State Special Commissioner for the Disabled.



has also added that as Nethrodaya is one of the organisations which is spear heading the welfare of the Visually Handicapped and also running a free Hostel for the Visually Handicapped college students in Mogappair, Chennai-58. The State Special Commissioner for the Disabled has, therefore, recommended to allocate Rs. 5 lakhs sanctioned in the Government Order first read above, out of lottery fund for establishment of Braille Library-cum-Research Training Centre to "NETHRODAYA" an NGO serving Visually Handicapped to establish Braille Library-cum-Research Training Centre with same financial implications.

3) After careful consideration, the Government accept the proposal of the State Special Commissioner for the Disabled and hereby cancel the orders issued in the Government Order first read above and sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs (Rupees Five lakhs only) to NETHRODAYA, Chennai-58 towards establishment of a Braille Library-cum-Research Centre as per the following details:-

- (1) First instalment of Rs.3.00 lakhs and after satisfactory progress made and second instalment of Rs.2.00 lakhs may be released.
- (2) The Library when established shall be open to Visually Handicapped from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. every day except Sundays and Important National Holidays;
- (3) No fee or user charge should be collected from Visually Handicapped;
- (4) In case of permanent closure of the Library, all assets bought out of grant-in-aid should be returned to the Office of the State Special Commissioner for the Disabled.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NON-RECURRING) BRAILLE BOOKS**

Sl. No.	Item	Cost Rs.
a.	Books & Journal in Braille*	50,000.00
b.	Special Canvas bags for forwarding braille books to readers	2,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>52,800.00</b>

**Cassette Books**

Sl. no.	Item	Cost Rs.
a.	High Speed reliable cassette copler for copying 3 cassettes at a time within 3 minutes	1,50,000.00 (approx.)
b.	Deck(Special Tape recorder)	18,000.00
c.	Amplifier	2,000.00
d.	Microphone with stand	2,200.00
e.	Speaker	1,000.00
f.	Sound proofing, carpeting and furnishing of one reader cabin (6 x 4 ft. in size)	50,000.00 (approx.)



g.	Mixer (Indigenous model)	15,000.00
h.	Air conditioner 1.0 ton capacity	21,000.00
i.	5000 master and duplicating cassettes (Rs.20/- per cassette)	1,00,000.00
TOTAL		3,59,200.00

#### Computer read books/electronic books

Sl. no	Item	Cost Rs.
a.	Intel Pentium III processor	41,000.00
b.	HP Scanner with 2400 optical resolutions & OCR facility	19,000.00
c.	Franklin Language Master (Talking Dictionary)	28,000.00
TOTAL		88,000.00

GRAND TOTAL = Rs.5,00,000.00

4. The staff attached to the State Resource cum Training Centre will coordinate and supervise the work of the 3 sections and ensure smooth service delivery for readers, record books readout by volunteers, to look after storage and receipt/despatch of cassettes, testing and making duplicate copies of cassettes. Volunteer will read out books in English or Tamil into the microphone for recording purposes with proper modulation and correct pronunclation.

#### SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Sl. No.	Section	Space Requirement	Purpose
a.	Braille books	40 x 40 sq.ft.	for storage of large volumes of braille books and for reading corner purposes.
b.	Books on cassette tapes	6 x 4 sq.ft.	Reading cabin for the volunteer reader to sit on comfortable and read out the book into the microphone for recording.
c.	Books on Cassette tapes	12x 10 sq.ft.	Monitoring and storage room for recording, storing, duplicating and despatch/receipt of cassettes.
d.	Computer books	12 x 10 sq.ft.	For use by individual visually impaired readers for consulting the talking dictionary or operating the PC for reading out books

5) The expenditure sanctioned in para 3 above shall be met from the funds available by the Special Bumper Lottery drawn for the benefit of the disabled persons which has now been transferred to the "Fund for the Welfare of the Disabled" which is



ing operated by the State Commissioner for the Disabled . He is permitted to draw and disburse the amount to the said Non-Governmental Organisation.

6) The Government also permit the State <sup>Special</sup> Commissioner for the Disabled to constitute a committee of experts and visually impaired users with the following Members to look after the overall performance of the library, identifying lacunae, if any and suggest improvements

1. Thiru.A.K. Mittal, Regional Director, National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Chennai.
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6. The Principal, Government Higher Secondary School for the Blind, Chennai.

7) This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 1577/FS/P/2004 dated 26-5-2004.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C.K.GARIYALI  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The State Special Commissioner for the Disabled, Chennai-6  
"NETHRODAYA", No.8. Sparten Nagar, Mogappair,  
Chennai-58 (Through the State Special Commissioner for the Disabled, Chennai-6)  
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