

F. No. 11-1/2022-SC/ST
Government of India
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Department of Higher Education
(SC/ST Cell)

West Block-1, Wing-6, Level-2,
R.K. Puram, New Delhi 110 066
Dated: 16th June 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Provision of sign language interpretation in every meeting/seminar/workshop including press briefing, being organized by the Ministries/Departments/their organizations – regarding

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith DO Letter No. 29-06/2022-DD.III dated 02.06.2022 (copy enclosed) from Secretary, Department Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwDs) regarding the above mentioned subject with request to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned including the organizations under the administrative control of this Department to ensure availability of sign language interpretation during meetings/seminars/workshop press briefings and also to intimate the action taken in this regard to DEPwD.

2. It has been also emphasized in the DO letter that the Government has set up Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) for the purpose of promoting the use of sign language in the country. The Ministries/Departments may take technical support of this Institute for the provisioning of Sign language interpretation at their meetings/seminars workshops/press briefings.

3. In view of above, all Bureaus of this Department are requested to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned including the organizations under the administrative control of this Department to ensure availability of sign language interpretation during meetings/seminars/workshop press briefings and also intimate the action taken in this regard to DEPwD directly.

Encl: As above

Bherav Dutt

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Deputy Secretary (SC/ST)
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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
(Divyangjan)

D.O. No. 29-06/2022-DD-III

02nd June, 2022

Dear Secretary,

Kindly refer to the DO Letter No. 38-02/2018-DD-III dated 20th September 2018 from my predecessor requesting provision of sign language interpreter at meetings/seminars/workshops organised by the Ministries/Departments in compliance of the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (copy enclosed). Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment has also written to Hon'ble Ministers of Central Ministries on 8th October, 2021 requesting for using the services of sign language interpreter at meetings/seminars/workshops organized by the Ministries/Departments. (copy enclosed).

2. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 mandates the appropriate Government to create barrier free environment for persons with disabilities in physical infrastructure, transport, information and communication technology and other facilities and services. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the Government to ensure that all public information relating to each sector is accessible to all categories of the persons with disabilities including persons with hearing impairment. Since sign language is one of the preferred modes of communication for persons with hearing impairment, it will be in the proper fitness of things for making provisions of sign language interpretation in every meeting/seminar/workshop including press briefing, being organized by the Ministries/Departments/their organizations.

3. I would like to inform you that the Government has set up Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) for the purpose of promoting the use of sign language in the country. The Ministries/Departments may take technical support of this Institute for the provisioning of Sign language interpretation at their meetings/seminars workshops/press briefings

4. I shall be grateful if you kindly issue appropriate instructions to all concerned including the organizations under your administrative control to ensure availability of sign language interpretation during meetings/seminars/workshops/press briefings. Action taken in this regard may kindly be intimated to this Department.

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With deep regards.

Yours Sincerely,

Anjali Bhawra
(Anjali Bhawra)

To
The Secretaries of all the Central Ministries/Departments

Encl: As above



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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Dhyangjan)

D. O. No. 38-02/2018-DD-III

20th September, 2018

Dear Shri Rajiv Kumar,

As you are aware, the Government has enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which came into force from 19.04.2017. The Act recognises sign language as a means of communication which is especially useful while communicating to the persons with hearing impairment.

2. As per the provisions of the above Act, it is incumbent upon the Government to create a barrier free environment for persons with disabilities not only in respect of built environment but also in the area of transportation, ICT eco-system and other facilities and services. As such it is incumbent upon all the Ministries/Departments to take steps in this direction so that all information is available in accessible format for the use of all categories of PwDs.

3. Further, with a view to reach out to the persons with hearing impairment it would be appropriate if sign language interpretation is made available in all Government meetings/seminars/workshops organised by the Ministries/Departments. It may be noted that the Department has established Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre at New Delhi, dedicatedly for the purpose of promoting use of sign language in the country and supporting technical assistance for provisioning of sign language interpretation in all such Government meetings/seminars/workshops.

4. I shall be grateful if you kindly issue appropriate instructions to all the autonomous bodies, public sector undertakings attached and subordinate offices under your administrative control as well as within your Ministry/Department to make arrangement for sign language interpreters in all Government meetings/seminars/workshops.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shakuntala D. Gamlin
(Shakuntala D. Gamlin)

To
Secretaries of all Central Ministries/Departments

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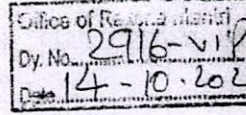
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आदरणीय श्री राज नाथ सिंह जी,

सरकार ने दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम (RPwD), 2016 को अधिनियमित किया है जो 19.04.2017 से लागू हुआ है। अधिनियम की धारा 42, के अनुसार सरकार द्वारा यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कदम उठाना है कि ऑडियो, प्रिंट और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया में उपलब्ध सभी सामग्री सुलभ प्रारूप में हो और ऑडियो विवरण, सांकेतिक भाषा की व्याख्या और क्लोज कैप्शनिंग के साथ दिव्यांगों का इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया तक पहुंच हो।

2. श्रवण बाधितों के लिए सुगम्यता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए, सरकार ने सितंबर, 2015 में इस मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग के प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण में एक स्वायत्त निकाय के रूप में भारतीय सांकेतिक भाषा अनुसंधान एवं प्रशिक्षण केंद्र (ISLRTC), नई दिल्ली की स्थापना की। केंद्र का मुख्य उद्देश्य भारतीय सांकेतिक भाषा में प्रयोग, शिक्षण और अनुसंधान के लिए जनशक्ति का विकास करना है।

3. संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने 23 सितंबर को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सांकेतिक भाषा दिवस के रूप में घोषित किया है। आईएसएलआरटीसी, नई दिल्ली हर वर्ष सांकेतिक भाषा दिवस मनाता है, जिसका मुख्य उद्देश्य आम जनता को भारतीय सांकेतिक भाषा के महत्व और श्रवण बाधितों के लिए सूचना और संचार पहुंच के बारे में जागरूक करना है। सांकेतिक भाषा न केवल शिक्षा में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती है; बल्कि यह श्रवण बाधितों के लिए रोजगार और व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती है।

4. श्रवण बाधितों के लाभ के लिए मेरे मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित किए जा रहे अधिकांश कार्यक्रमों की भारतीय सांकेतिक भाषा (आईएसएल) में व्याख्या की

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जाती हैं। 23 सितंबर, 2021 को आयोजित सांकेतिक भाषा दिवस के कार्यक्रम की भी आईएसएल में व्याख्या की गई और मुझे आईएसएल व्याख्या के माध्यम से कुछ श्रवण बाधित पुरस्कृत छात्रों के साथ बातचीत करने का अवसर मिला।

5. मेरा मानना है कि यह श्रवण बाधितों के लिए काफी उपयोगी होगा यदि मंत्रालयों/विभागों द्वारा आयोजित सभी सरकारी बैठकों/संगोष्ठियों/कार्यशालाओं में आईएसएल व्याख्या उपलब्ध कराई जाए। यह सुनिश्चित करेगा कि श्रवण बाधितों को सरकार की सभी योजनाओं और कार्यक्रमों का लाभ प्राप्त हो सके। आईएसएलआरटीसी, नई दिल्ली सरकारी बैठकों/संगोष्ठियों/कार्यशालाओं में आईएसएल दुभाषियों को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए आवश्यक तकनीकी सहायता प्रदान करता है।

6. मैं आपका आभारी रहूंगा, यदि आप कृपया अपने मंत्रालय/विभाग के साथ-साथ अपने प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण के अंतर्गत सभी स्वायत्त निकायों/सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों और अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों की सभी सरकारी बैठकों/सेमिनार/कार्यशालाओं में आईएसएल दुभाषियों की व्यवस्था करने के लिए उचित निर्देश जारी करें, ताकि हमारी सरकार के समावेशी दृष्टिकोण को आगे बढ़ाया जा सके।

सादर,

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