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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

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NOTIFICATION

Subject:- Guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification.

No. 16-18/97-NI.I In order to review the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification as given in the Ministry of Welfare's O.M. No.4-2/83-HW.III, dated the 6th August, 1986 and to recommend appropriate modifications/alterations keeping in view the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, Government of India in Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, vide Order No. 16-18/97-NI.I, dated 28.8.98, set up four committees under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services-one each in the area of mental retardation, Locomotor/ Orthopaedic disability, Visual disability and Speech & Hearing disability.

2. After having considered the reports of these committees the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the President to notify the guidelines for evaluation of following disabilities and procedure for certification:-

- Visual impairment*
- Locomotor / Orthopaedic disability*
- Speech & hearing disability*
- Mental retardation*

Copy of the Report is enclosed herewith as **Annexure**.

3. The minimum degree of disability should be 40% in order to be eligible for any concessions/benefits.

4. According to the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Rules, 1996 notified by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and (2) of section 73 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 1996), authorities to give disability Certificate will be a Medical Board duly constituted by the Central and the State Government . The State government may constitute a Medical Board consisting of at least three members out of which at least one shall be a specialist in the particular field for assessing locomotor/Visual including low vision/hearing and speech disability, mental retardation and leprosy cured, as the case may be.

5. Specified test as indicated in **Annexure** should be conducted by the medical board and recorded before a certificate is given.

6. The certificate would be valid for a period of five years for those whose disability is temporary and are below the age 18 years. For those who acquire permanent disability, the validity can be shown as 'Permanent'.

7. The State Govts./UT Admn. may constitute the medical boards indicated in para 4 above immediately.

8. The Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will be the final authority, should there arise any c