## Draft guidelines for Rehabilitation Grant to Physically Handicapped Persons:

Introduction:- As per 2011 cencus report there are 4,80,065/- nos. persons with disabilities in the state of Assam. All these disabled persons have the right to live in a peaceful way as the normal people living in the civil society with dignity and self respect, because they are also living in the same society as they are the part and parcel of the society. Therefore, they need to be empowered to make them equal to normal people in order to cause development to the country and its people without discrimination. Accordingly, Govt. of Assam, Social Welfare Department has under taken a scheme to empower and self employment of the un-employed persons with disabilities which is named as "Rehabilitation Grant to Physically Handicapped Persons" @Rs.10,000/- only for one time grant.

## **OBJECTIVES:-**

The objectives of the scheme are as follows:-

- To support persons with disabilities with financial assistance for self development and empowerment.
- To create self employment opportunities for un-employed persons with disabilities.
- To promote a positive image of people with disabilities in society.
- To create opportunity for the development of their artistic and creative potential.

## Eligibility criteria:-

The following category of persons with disability shall be eligible to get benefit under the scheme.

- (a) A person who is an un-employed having 40% and above hearing impairment.
- (b) A person who is an un-employed having 40% and above visually impairment.
- (c) A person who is an un-employed having 40% and above speech impairment.
- (d) A person who is an un-employed having 40% and above locomotors disabilities.
- (e) A person who is an un-employed having 40% and above leprosy cured.
- (f) A person who is an un-employed having 40% and above mental retardation.

- (g) A person who is an un-employed having 40% and above permanent disability (fluoride affected).
- (h) The maximum age of the person with disability should be 46 years and minimum age is 18 years.

## Implementation of the Scheme:-

- The District Social Welfare Officers will bring out a advertisement in respect of their own district through daily news papers to invite individual applications from eligible persons who are willing to apply for one time rehabilitation grant
- The applicant should submit his/her application to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer along with following documents.
  - (a) Project estimate for skill development/rehabilitation.
  - (b) Photocopy of disability certificate.
  - (c) Photocopy of age proof certificate.
  - (d) Photocopy of certificate/diploma of educational qualification etc.
  - (e) Photocopy of age proof certificate from any Govt. register Doctor/ Educational institute etc.
  - The District Social Welfare Officer will examine & scrutinize all relevant documents received from the applicants. After scrutiny of applications, the District Social Welfare Officer shall convene meeting of the District Level Selection Committee which will be constituted and notified by the Govt. The constitution of the District Level Selection Committee will be as follows:

a. Deputy Commissioner:

Chairperson.

b. Joint Director, Health Services:

Member

c. District Social Welfare Officer:

Member Secretary.

- The District Social Welfare Officers will place the beneficiary list before the District Level Selection Committee for selection and approval of eligible applicants.
- After that the District Social Welfare Officer will forward the minutes of the meeting alongwith approved physical & financial target to the Director, Social Welfare, Assam for accordance of necessary sanction and release of fund etc.

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