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Directorate of Social Justice,
Vikas Bhavan,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated: 13-01-2023

From

The State Public Information Officer
Directorate of Social Justice
Thiruvananthapuram.

To

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Sir,

Sub:- Social Justice Department - -Directorate of Social Justice- Reply of RTI
Application - reg

Ref:- 1. Your Application for Information under Right to Information Act, 2005 - Dt:
20/12/2022

Kind attention is invited to the reference cited. The Information sought in your
letter under Right to Information Act 2005 is submitted as follows

1. In the State of Kerala, District Level Committees on Disability are not constituted as per the Section 72 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
2. District Level Committees on Disability are not operational in the State of Kerala,
3. Not Applicable
4. Not Applicable
5. The members of the District Level Committees are nominated based on the provisions in the Section 26 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities(Kerala) Rules 2020
6. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub sections (1) and (2) of the Section 101 of the RPwD Act , 2016 the Government of Kerala issued the Rights of Persons with Disabilities(Kerala) Rules 2020 vide GO(P) No. 3/2020/SJD, Dt: 28/03/2020. The Section 27 of the RPwD(Kerala) rules prescribes the functions of the District level Committee as listed below

- (a) to ensure and to co-ordinate activities of various agencies in the implementation of the Act and these Rules in the district;
- (b) to advise the district administration on matters of persons with disability;
- (c) to mobilize community support to meet requirements of persons with disability;
- (d) to monitor budgetary allocations and schemes involving persons with disability.
- (e) to take up issues of persons with disabilities with authorities concerned and to ensure that benefit reaches the persons/families concerned;
- (f) to take steps for barrier free atmosphere for persons with disabilities and to provide accessibility campaign and prioritise it for public services and buildings;
- (g) to lay emphasis on inclusive education and ensure that students with disability get the required support in the inclusive education;
- (h) to monitor employment schemes for persons with disability and their provision through special employment exchange of the district,
- (i) to provide support for establishing and monitor early intervention programmes and facilities for early disability screening and detection of the new born children throughout the district
- (j) to ensure the rights of persons with benchmark disabilities,
- (k) to monitor services rendered to persons with disabilities with high support needs;
- (l) such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Government from time to time.

7. Not Applicable

8. The Joint Director of the Social Justice Department is designated as the Grievance Redressal Officer . There is no specific guidelines are framed for the redressal of grievances of persons with disabilities so far.

If you are not satisfied with the answers given, you can submit the Appeal application before the appeal authority in the following Address

Joint Director & Appeal Authority
Directorate of Social Justice
Vikas Bhavan 5th Floor
Thiruvananthapuram- 33

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Jayar', is written above the typed name.

State Public Information Officer
Directorate of Social Justice
Thiruvananthapuram.