

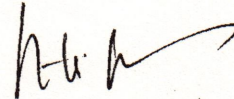
**DELHI JAL BOARD: DELHI SARKAR**  
**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (W)**  
**VARUNALAYA PHASE-II, KAROL BAGH,**  
**NEW DELHI-110005**

F.No. DJB/96/AC(W)/2012- 37834

Dated : 18.04.2012

Subject : Banning the use of expression "Handicapped".

Please find enclosed herewith a reference received from Jt. Director(Tech), Department of Social welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate New Delhi-02 on the above cited subject for information and compliance by all concerned.



(H.K. SHARMA)

ASSTT.COMMISSIONER (W)

Encl : As above

All DDOs

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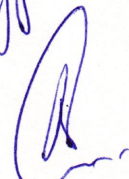
  
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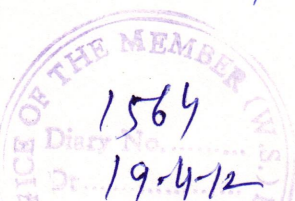
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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI  
GLNS COMPLEX, DELHI GATE, NEW DELHI-110002  
(DISABILITY WELFARE BRANCH)**

F. 82/520/AR Deptt/ADIII/DSW/2011 22446-554 Dated:

06 MAR 2012

To **Chief Executive Officer  
Delhi Jal Board  
Varunalaya Phase: II  
Karol Bagh, N.Delhi-05** GNCT of Delhi

SUB: Banning the use of expression "Handicapped"

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a letter received from State Commissioner (Disabilities) dated: 21/02/2012 addressed to Secretary (SW).

The said letter refers to banning the use of the expression "Handicapped". Further, a reference no: 10-04/CCD/2012/R1008 dated: 07/02/2012 from Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has also requested to ban the expression "Handicapped" and such other demeaning expressions with immediate effect.

It is therefore requested to all Departments /Organizations /PSUs / Corporations /Board to adhere to the directions by Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and direct their subordinate offices, units, branches, etc. under their control for compliance of the same. A copy of letter from Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and from State Commissioner (Disabilities) is enclosed for reference, please.

Encl: A/A

Yours faithfully,

(P.C.Sharma)  
Jt. Director (Tech)

M(A)

Dr. (AEP)

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प्रदीप सिंह, आई.ए.एस. (से०अ०)  
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Pradeep Singh, I.A.S. (Retd.)  
Commissioner (Disabilities)

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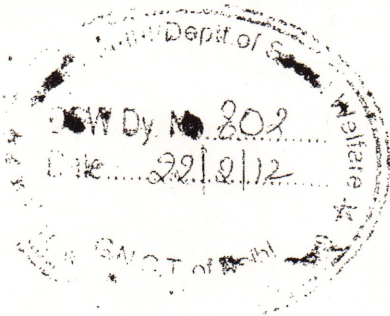


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1, केंनंग लेन, कस्तूरबा गाँधी मार्ग,  
नई दिल्ली-110001

O/o The Commissioner (Disabilities)  
Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi  
1, Canning Lane, K.G. Marg  
New Delhi-110001  
Phone : 23073869  
Fax : 23070532

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अशो पत्रा सं० दिनांक  
D.O. No. CD/746 Dated : 21.2.12



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21/2/12

My dear Sanjiv,

4829/Adm  
23/2/12

We have received a letter from the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 regarding banning the use of the expression "Handicapped". I am enclosing a copy of the letter to you.

So far as we have noticed only one organization / corporation under the Delhi Govt. Viz., Delhi SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Handicapped Financial Development Corporation uses the expression "Handicapped". May like to take up the issue with this Corporation as also inform other Delhi Government Departments / PSUs / Organizations about the views of the Chief Commissioner (Disabilities).

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re w. 7 days  
in  
DM/SW

copy to  
Chief Commissioner (Disabilities)

Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Pradeep Singh

(Pradeep Singh)

SP/1/Adm  
24.2.12

Sh. Sanjiv Kumar,  
Secretary (Social Welfare),  
Department of Social Welfare,  
GNCT of Delhi, New Delhi,

Sanjiv Kumar  
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प्र. कुमार पिन्चा  
मुख्य आयुक्त  
(अवकाशित जन)

Prasanna Kumar Pincha  
Chief Commissioner  
For Persons with Disabilities



सामाजिक न्याय और  
अधिकारिता मंत्रालय  
भारत सरकार

Ministry of Social Justice  
and Empowerment  
Government of India

Ref.No.10-04/CCD/2012/R1008

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2012

To

Commissioner, Disabilities  
Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi  
1, Canning Lane,  
Kasturba Gandhi Marg  
New Delhi-110001

Subject: Banning the use of the expression "handicapped"

Sir,

In inviting your attention to the subject noted above, this Commissionerate hereby seeks to impress upon you the need for discouraging and banning the use of the expression "handicapped" at least in the context of official correspondence, official reports, Government institutions, organizations, etc. It goes without saying that the expression "handicapped" violates and undermines the dignity of persons with disabilities which is so manifestly against the spirit of the Constitution of India, the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, and, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to which India is a State party.

2. That such an expression, as stated above, violates and undermines the dignity of persons with disabilities becomes all the more clear when one considers the origin or etymology of such expression. In medieval Europe, beggars used to beg with a cap in their hands. Over a period of time, this came to be associated with persons with disabilities as they were, for all practical purposes, considered objects of pity and passive recipients of charity not capable of doing anything except begging. How blatantly erroneous such an attitude happens to be requires no elaboration!

3. Moreover, the use of such other expressions as "differently abled" should also be discouraged as such an expression harps more on the differentiability dimension at a time when we need to promote equality dimension. In addition, no two living entities under the sun are uniformly abled or uniformly disabled in all respects. In that sense, each one of us, regardless of our ability or disability, happens to be unique and different. Therefore, it is erroneous to single out and to describe only persons with disabilities as "differently abled".

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4. In view of the above, it would be appropriate to describe such persons as "persons with disabilities", or for that matter, as "persons with blindness", "persons with speech and hearing impairment", "persons with locomotor disabilities", etc. wherever such description is both necessary and relevant.

5. In the facts and circumstances stated above, you are requested to ban the expression "handicapped" and such other demeaning expressions with immediate effect. You are also requested to appropriately rename the National institutes like "National Institute for the Visually Handicapped", "National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped", etc.

6. Action taken in the matter may kindly be intimated.

Yours Sincerely,

( P.K. Pincha )