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Subject: **Awareness campaigns-implementation of Section 39 of RPWD, Act, 2016.**

Sir,

I solicit your kind attention towards Chapter VIII viz Duties and Responsibilities of Appropriate Governments, where section 39 of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides as under:

Section 39-Awareness campaigns. —

(1) The appropriate Government, in consultation with the Chief Commissioner or the State Commissioner, as the case may be, shall conduct, encourage, support or promote awareness campaigns and sensitisation programmes to ensure that the rights of the persons with disabilities provided under this Act are protected.

(2) The programmes and campaigns specified under subsection (1) shall also, —

(a) promote values of inclusion, tolerance, empathy and respect for diversity;

(b) advance recognition of the skills, merits and abilities of persons with disabilities and of their contributions to the workforce, labour market and professional fee;

(c) foster respect for the decisions made by persons with disabilities on all matters related to family life, relationships, bearing and raising children;

(d) provide orientation and sensitisation at the school, college, University and professional training level on the human

condition of disability and the rights of persons with disabilities;

(e) provide orientation and sensitisation on disabling conditions and rights of persons with disabilities to employers, administrators and co-workers;

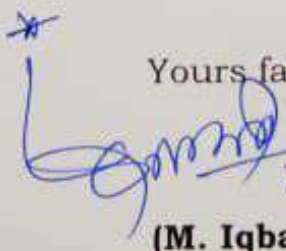
(f) ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are included in the curriculum in universities, colleges and schools.

Similarly, **Section 28** i.e., Research and development provides that—The appropriate Government shall initiate or cause to be initiated research and development through individuals and institutions on issues which shall enhance habitation and rehabilitation and on such other issues which are necessary for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

In pursuit of implementation of the aforesaid provisions, Commissionerate is in a receipt of a comprehensive proposal from one Non-profit organization viz **Agri Industries Vikas Chamber**, for **organizing South Asia-Purple Fest in Kashmir**. The said event aims at creating a narrative of inclusive approach of Persons with Disabilities. However, the proposal entails financial implications, as besides other protocols, it engrosses inviting domain experts at National/International level including participation of stakeholders at UT level.

Since, no funds are available with this Commissionerate to execute the said event and as such it is requested your goodself to kindly consent the collaboration of the said programme being an **international event** and **necessary budgetary support** to this effect. Once, consent and budgetary support is received, dates will be finalized accordingly in consultation with the stakeholders. The proposal besides implementation of statutory provisions has also significance at global level, in view of the changing scenario of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Yours faithfully,

 26-04-2023

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