

File No. 38-05/2022-DD-III
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi
Dated: 21.07.2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Inclusion of sector specific accessibility standards under RPwD Rules, 2017– procedures reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above noted subject and to say that this Department has been receiving references from various Ministries/Departments submitting sector specific accessibility standards without proper notification at their end. Sometimes, the concerned Ministries/ Departments are submitting such standards even without consultation with Office of CCPD and others.

2. It is clarified that the following procedure may be followed before submitting the accessibility standards to this Department for inclusion under RPwD Rules, 2017:

a. The concerned Ministry/Department may finalize the accessibility standards in respect of the facilities and services accessible to persons with disabilities pertaining to their sector after stakeholder consultation and consultation with office of CCPD;

b. Subsequently, final sector specific accessibility standards after incorporating the recommendation of Office of CCPD may be notified in the Official Gazette and copy of the notification may be shared with this Department for incorporation in the RPwD Rules, 2017;

c. While submitting copy of the Notification to this Department, the following points may also be clarified:

i. Whether there has been any previous/ongoing court case related to the concerned sector specific accessibility standards;

ii. If yes, whether court has passed any order which requires compliance by administrative/domain Ministry/Department;

iii. Whether any media report or representation has been received/come to the notice of the Department while notifying these accessibility standards and if the same has been addressed.

d. On receipt of the Notification along with the above clarification from the concerned Ministries/Departments, draft RPwD (Amendment) Rules will be notified by DEPwD incorporating the Notification no. and date under Rule 15 inviting comments /suggestions for 30 days as per the requirement under Section 100 of the RPwD Act, 2016 with the approval of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment.

e. After expiry of 30 days, DEPwD will issue final RPwD (Amendment) Rules taking into account the comments received, if any, in consultation with Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice.

3. This has approval of the Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment.


(D.K. Panda)

Under Secretary to the Govt of India
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The Secretary
Concerned Ministry/Department as per the list attached

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List of concerned Ministries/Departments

S.N.	Ministries/Departments
1	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
2	D/o Consumer Affairs (BIS)
3	Ministry of Culture
4	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
5	Ministry of railways
6	Ministry of Civil Aviation
7	Department of School Education and Literacy
8	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
9	Ministry of Home Affairs
10	Department of Sports
11	Department of Higher Education (UGC)
12	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
13	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
14	Department of Telecommunication
15	Ministry of Health and Family Welfares
16	Department of Justice, Ministry of law & Justice
17	Ministry of Tourism
18	D/o Drinking Water and Sanitation
19	Department of Financial Services
20	Ministry of Rural Development