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बहादुरशाह जफर मार्ग
नई दिल्ली-110002
University Grants Commission
Bahadurshah Zagar Marg
New Delhi-110002

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The Registrar
All Universities
(Including Deemed to be Universities)

Sub : Use of computers by Persons with Disabilities in writing examinations.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith copy of the letter No.13-1(Education Policy)/CCD/2005/2268 dated 25th July, 2005 alongwith its enclosures received from office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities which is self explanatory. You are requested to take necessary action in the matter.

This may also be brought to the notice of the Colleges affiliated to your university.

Yours faithfully,

(C.K. Kapahi)
Deputy Secretary

Copy to :

1. Sh. T.D. Dhariyal, Deputy Chief Commissioner, Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi – 110001 with reference to letter No.13-1(Education Policy)/CCD/2005/2268 dated 25th July, 2005 for information.

(C.K. Kapahi)
Deputy Secretary



Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Government of India

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No. 13-1 (Education Policy)/CCD/2005 | 2268

July 25, 2005

To

The Secretary,
 University Grants Commission,
 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
 New Delhi-110002



Subject: Use of computer by persons with disabilities for writing examinations

Sir,

Ms. Anjali Arora, a person with visual impairment, vide her representation dated 7.7.2005 (copy enclosed) has enclosed a copy of CBSE letter no. ORD/DO/GUW/F.10/2005/8110 dated 2.3.2005 addressed to Director (Education), National Association for the Blind as per which blind candidates from Delhi can write answers on computers. Ms. Arora, who is registered with Anna Malai Open University for a Diploma Course, has requested for extension of the facility of using her laptop for writing examination.

2. We request you to advise all the universities/institutions to extend the facility to visually impaired students in need of a scribe. The details of procedure for its implementation may also please be intimated to us.

Yours faithfully,

(T.D. Dhariyal)

Dy. Chief Commissioner

Encl.: As above

To,

The Chief Commissioner
Office of Persons with Disabilities
Fax: 23386006

Subject: opening of new opportunities for blind in writing the examination

Sir,

Historically the blind and visually impaired candidates have been appearing in the examinations with a scribe. This adaptation in the examination system have opened the doors of educational opportunity for the entire blind and visually impaired community and other disabilities.

However, the facility cannot be limited and needs to be extended given the advancements and technological revolution. The technological revolution has benefitted the disable sector and led to self-empowerment in many ways. Because of many educational tools for the disabled are now available. These require that existing facilities be reconsidered, reformed and adapted.

I am submitting before this office for adaptation and reforms in the examination process to accommodate blind candidates. The technologies of operating personal computers with a screen reading speech software has the potential to make the process easier and self empowering. It is submitted that, the process of writing examination should not be limited to scribe.

Recently, the CBSC has allowed blind and visually impaired to opt to write the examination on a personal computer. This initiative and development is in line with the increased computer skills, training and knowledge acquired by the blind and visually impaired persons. [Copy enclosed herewith.]

The facility to allow blind candidate to choose whether to use a scribe or write the examination on the personal computers has given to the blind an additional resource. It has also reduced the dependence on scribe, its availability and leads to self-empowerment.

In this connection, I represent before this office to consider extending the same facility in examinations conducted by Open Universities and for courses conducted by Distant Learning Universities.

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This office is requested to intervene and act on my petition and direct the Anna malai university to:

Allow me to write the examination conducted by Anna Malai Open University for Diploma in Labour and Administrative Law on personal computer;

Clarify whether a personal computer with printer would be arranged by them at their centre or will I be required to bring my laptop without printer;

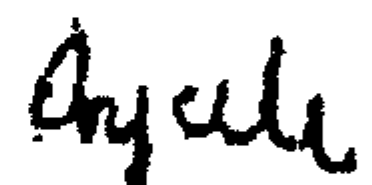
My details of enrolment are as under:

Diploma course in Labour and Administrative Law
Enrolment no. 0270300074

The examinations for the said diploma course are scheduled sometime in November end or December 2005 and I request this office to decide the matter favourably and much before the due date of examination.

Hoping for a dynamic and innovative direction from this office on the subject of this Petition leading to greater opportunities and self-empowerment of the disabled.

Thanking you,



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Date.....28.02.2005....

Mr. C.D. Tamboli
Director-Education
National Association For the Blind
Sector V, R.K. Puram
New Delhi-110022

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Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. NAB/CBSE dated 21.2.2005. The Board gives the following facilities to the students suffering from Audio-Visual, Physical Impairment and Dyslexia:-

1. Exemption from studying third language up to middle school level (i.e. Class VIII)
2. Option of studying one compulsory language instead of two. Besides one language they can offer any four out of the following subjects - Maths, Science & Technology, Social Science, another language Music, Painting, Home Science, Introductory Information Technology.
3. Permission to use an amanuensis
4. Additional time of 60 minutes (1 hour) in each paper. Sitting arrangements for the dyslexic, blind physically handicapped and spastic candidates are made on the ground floor, as far as possible
5. Alternative type questions are provided in lieu of questions having visual inputs for the blind candidates appearing in class X in English Communicative and Social Science
6. Separate question papers in enlarged print for Maths and Science & Technology in Class X
7. Answer scripts of special category students are received in separate covers
8. To facilitate easy access, a few selected schools are made examination centres for special students
9. Blind candidates from Delhi have the facility to write answers on a computer or a typewriter. Teachers from blind schools are appointed as invigilators at the special examination centres. However precaution is taken to appoint different subject teachers on different days
10. A separate column has been provided on the title page of the answer book for indicating the category of physically challenged candidates so that these answer books could be segregated for separate evaluation
11. Remuneration of scribes is Rs. 100/- per day
12. Assistant Superintendents supervising physically challenged candidates are given enhanced remuneration of Rs. 65/- instead of Rs. 40/- which is admissible to the general invigilators.

Yours faithfully

(S.K. CHOPRA
DEPUTY SECRETARY (COORD)