

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Government of India has enacted the Right of Persons with disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 w.e.f. 19th April 2017 and has also notified the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2017 dated 15.06.2017. Section 21(1) of RPwD Act 2016 states that every establishment shall notify its Equal Opportunity Policy, detailing measures proposed to be taken by it in pursuance of the provisions of this Chapter in the manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government. Further, Section 21(2) of said Act provides that every establishment shall register a copy of the said policy with the Chief Commissioner or the State Commissioner, as the case may be.

Rule 8 of Right of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2017 and Rule 12 of Delhi Right of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2018 stipulate the manner of publication of "Equal Opportunity Policy" as follows:-

- 1) Every establishment shall publish its equal opportunity policy for persons with Disabilities.
- 2) The establishment shall display the equal opportunity policy preferably on their website, failing which, at conspicuous places in their premises.
- 3) The Equal opportunity Policy of a private establishment having twenty or more employees and the government establishment shall, inter alia, contain following information.
 - a) Facilities and amenities to be provide to the persons with disabilities to enable them to effectively discharge their duties in the establishment.
 - b) List of posts identified suitable for persons with disabilities in the establishment.
 - c) The manner of selection of persons with disabilities for various posts, post-recruitment and pre-promotion training, preference in transfer and posting, special leave, preference in allotment of residential accommodation, if any, and other facilities.
 - d) Provision for assistive devices barrier free accessibility and other provisions for persons with disabilities.
 - e) Appointment of liaison Officer by the department to look after the recruitment of persons with disabilities and provisions of facilities and amenities for such employees.
- 4) The Equal Opportunity Policy of the Private establishment having less than twenty employees shall contain facilities and amenities to be provided to the persons with disabilities to enable them to effectively discharge their duties in the establishment.

In compliance of the aforesaid provision, the Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board, GNCTD of Delhi frames the following Equal Opportunity Policy for persons with disabilities.

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Policy Statement

The Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board, Government of NCT of Delhi is committed towards eliminating all forms of unlawful discrimination (which includes direct discrimination, indirect discrimination) and denial of reasonable accommodation and harassment of persons with disabilities.

(a) **Facilities and amenities to be provided to the persons with disabilities to enable them to effectively discharge their duties in the establishment:-** This department aims to ensure that our physical and digital infrastructure (building, furniture, facilities and services in the building) adheres to the accessibility standards as prescribed by the Government of India. The Department also aims to revamp its existing building to ensure strict compliance with the RPwD Act 2016. Provisions of ramps, grab bars and wider doorways to enable access to buildings and workplaces, provisions of lifts, tactile paths, and wheelchair accordingly, web accessibility, parking facility, accessible toilets etc.

(b) **List of Posts identified suitable for persons with disabilities in the establishment –** The Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board is sending requisitions for Group 'B' & 'C' for filling up of vacancies to DSSSB as per their letter no. F.1(604)/P&P/DSSSB/2021/Advt/5339 dated 05.07.2021 in accordance with the notification no. 38-16/2020-DD-III dated 04.01.2021 issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

(c) **The manner of selection of persons with disabilities for various posts, post-recruitment and pre-promotion training, preference in transfer and posting, special leave, preference in allotment of residential accommodation if any and other facilities.**

(i) In all such matters, including reservation applicable in respect of persons with disabilities the DAMB follows the relevant OMs/instructions etc. issued by Government India from time to time in respect of post of all cadres.

(ii) Further, as far as preference in transfer/posting and special leave is concerned, the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India from time to time are followed.

(iii) The allotment of Govt. Accommodations is done by DAMB to its employees and they are provided accommodations as per their need.

(iv) Any information shared by an employee on disabilities/medical condition shall be kept confidential.

(d) **Provisions for assistive devices, barrier-free accessibility and other provisions for persons with disabilities:-** Department shall ensure that all the required assistance/facilities required by the persons with disabilities is provided/arranged in its office premises.

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(e) **Appointment of Liaison of officer by the department to look after the recruitment of persons with disabilities and provisions of facilities and amenities for such employees. An officer of the rank of at least Secretary/Dy. Secretary will act as Liaison Officer.**

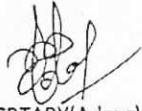
The Liaison Officer shall be responsible for:-

- Implementing the action plan for making the work place and IT System accessible for the people with disabilities by liaising with the concerned officer.
- Ensuring that all employees are aware of the Equal Opportunity Policy and know their duties and rights in relation to the Equal Opportunity Policy.
- The Liaison officer to monitor the work environment to ensure that it is free from discrimination and harassment and encourages inclusion and respect for others.

(f) Further, in order to provide equal opportunity, protection of rights etc. The Ministry of Urban Development, Govt of India vide memorandum no.O-11016/1/2006-DDIIA(196)/DDR/C dated 09.10.2006 conveyed the approval of the Govt. to revise policy for preferential allotment of houses/land to persons with disabilities.

(g) Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board is in continuous process for making the existing disable friendly by making providing ramps, side bars. Efforts are also to make prefab jansuvidha complex, Mobile Toilet Vans, portable toilets cubical, Night Shelters, Basti Vikas kendras and Community Halls disabled friendly by providing suitable facilities.

The above policy covers applicants with disabilities for post in the department, full time/part time employees, it also covers those employees who acquire disability during their work tenure. Review of policy shall be undertaken at regular intervals.



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