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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY & EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

NOTIFICATION

The 15th July 2023

No. 6145—In pursuance of Section 38 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder in Rule 14A of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2019, published in Government of India Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 209(E), dated the 8th March 2019, the State Government is pleased to do the following :—

1. Appoint Director, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) as the competent authority to whom a person with benchmark disability can apply for the high support requirement in respect of sub-section (1) of Section 38 of the RPwD Act.
2. Constitute Assessment Board at the District Level for persons with benchmark disabilities comprising of the following members to assess the applicant on the basis of the six parameters (a) to (f) as mentioned in Para. (3) and assign scores on the basis of the 100-point graded weightage as indicated therein :—
 - (a) Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer . . . Chairperson
 - (b) District Social Security Officer . . . Member
 - (c) Five rehabilitation specialists . . . Member
[Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation or Orthopaedic specialist, ENT specialist, Ophthalmologist, General Physician (if the applicant is 18 years or above) or Pediatrician (if the applicant is less than 18 years), Psychiatrist].
 - (d) Occupational therapist or speech therapist or Clinical Psychologist or Physiotherapist (as per requirement) . . . Member

3. The 100-point graded weightage for assigning scores to the applicants is as mentioned below :—

Parameters		Weightage
(a) Severity of physical disability (Max. weightage—25)	(a) 40%—59%	15
	(b) 60%—79%	20
	(c) 80%—100%	25
(b) Severity of mental/developmental disability (which restricts the person to take any informed decision). (Max. weightage—25)	(a) 40%—59%	15
	(b) 60%—79%	20
	(c) 80%—100%	25
(c) The extent to which daily activities in a person is hampered. (Max. weightage—35)	(i) Bathing, Brushing, Combing, Dressing.	10
	(ii) Toilet hygiene (getting to the toilet, cleaning oneself, getting backup etc.)	10
	(iii) Functional mobility (ability to work, get in and out of bed, get in and out of a chair, moving from one place to other while performing activities).	10
	(iv) Self-feeding (not including cooking).	5
(d) Cognitive abilities like ability to take safety measures to use transport, logistics, gadgets, not to get lost. (Max. weightage—5)	..	5
(e) Environmental barriers like access to health care or support systems for rehabilitation or health needs. (Max. weightage—5)	..	5
(f) Socio-economic status (Max. weightage—5)	APL	0
	BPL	5
Total		100

- (a) Any person with benchmark disability having permanent certificate of disability, who considers himself to be in need of high support, or any person or organisation on his or her behalf, may submit an application to the Director, SSEPD through <https://ssepd.gov.in/requesting> to provide high support.
- (b) Director, SSEPD shall refer all eligible cases to the Assessment Board for assessment of the applicant's high support requirement.
- (c) Upon receipt of such an application, the Assessment Board shall assess the applicant on the basis of the six parameters (a) to (f) and assign scores on the basis of the 100 point graded weightage.
- (d) Any person with benchmark disability with a score not less than 60 out of 100 points mentioned above shall be recommended by the Assessment Board for high support needs within a period of 90 days from the date of receiving the request for assessment.
- (e) After receipt of the successful recommendation, a certificate indicating the applicant to be a Person with Disability needing high support shall be generated in the web portal.
- (f) This has been concurred in by the Health & Family Welfare Department in their File No. HFW-SCH-I-DISBLD-0003-2023.

ORDER—Ordered that the notification be published in the next extraordinary issue of the Gazette.

By order of the Governor
MADHUMITA NAYAK
Additional Secretary to Government