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No.50-300-2014-15-HC/1667 **Dated: 03/08/2021.**

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 57 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act 49 of 2016), read with Notification No.16-09/2014-DD-III dated 4/01/2018, issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Empowerment for Person with Disabilities), published in the Gazette of India, vide S.O.76 (E), in Part II-Section 3(ii), and in supersession of the Government Notification No.7/2/2004-III/PHD(MISC)/4066 dated 31/10/2018, No.7/2/2004-III/PHD(MISC) dated 28/08/2013, No.7/2/2004-III/PHD(MISC) dated 23/09/2013, No.13/140/87-I/PHD dated 01/02/1989, No.7/2/2004-III/PHD dated 4/2/2004, No.51-2-2006-07-HC/2312 dated 19/7/2007 and No.51-2-2006-07/HC/5008 dated 26/10/2006, the Government of Goa hereby designates the following certifying authorities for South Goa District namely:-

1. **For Locomotor Disability:-**
   (i) Medical Superintendent, South Goa District Hospital.
   (ii) Orthopedic Surgeon or *Specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation, South Goa District Hospital.
   (iii) One Specialist as nominated by Medical Superintendent, South Goa District Hospital as per the condition of the Person with Disability.

2. **For Visual Impairment:-**
   (i) One Ophthalmologist, South Goa District Hospital.
   (ii) Certificate of Disability shall be countersigned by Medical Superintendent or Any other equivalent authority, South Goa District Hospital as noticed by the State Government.

3. **a) For Hearing Impairment:**

   b) For Speech and language Disability:-

   (i) Medical Superintendent or any other equivalent authority, South Goa District Hospital as notified by the State Government will be the Head of Certifying Authority.
   (ii) ENT specialist, South Goa District Hospital.
   (iii) One Specialist (**Audiologist/Speech Language Pathologist) , South Goa District Hospital.

4. **For Disability caused due to Blood Disorder:-**
   (i) Medical Superintendent, Chairperson, South Goa District Hospital.
   (ii) General Physician or Pediatric or Pediatrician, South Goa District Hospital.
   (iii) Orthopedic surgeon or *specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation, South Goa District Hospital.
   (iv) In case specialties sequel relating to visual abnormality, hearing problem, cerebral dysfunction, respective specialist, South Goa District Hospital.

5. **For Multiple Disabilities:-**

(i) The Medical Superintendent or any other equivalent authority, South Goa District Hospital as notified by the State Government will be the Chairperson of Certifying Authority.

(ii) Specialist, South Goa District Hospital, required for assessing the disabilities as per the requirement of respective guidelines.

6. **a) For Intellectual Disability:-**

(i) Medical Superintendent or any other equivalent authority, South Goa District Hospital as notified by the State Government will be the Head of Certifying Authority.

(ii) Pediatrician or *pediatric Neurologist (where available) or physician (if age > 18 years) , South Goa District Hospital.

(iii) **Clinical or *Rehabilitation Psychologist, South Goa District Hospital.

(iv) Psychiatrist, South Goa District Hospital.

b) For Specific Learning Disability :-

(i) Medical Superintendent , South Goa District Hospital.

(ii) Pediatrician or *Pediatric Neurologist (where available) or Physician (if age > 18 years), South Goa District Hospital.

(iii) **Clinical or *Rehabilitation Psychologist, South Goa District Hospital.

(iv) **Occupational Therapist or *Special Educator or Teacher Trained for Assessment of Specific Learning Disability, South Goa District Hospital.

7. For Mental Illness:-

(i) The Medical Superintendent, South Goa District Hospital shall be Head of the certifying authority.

(ii) Psychiatrist, South Goa District Hospital for clinical assessment

(iii) **Trained Psychologist, South Goa District Hospital to administer IQ tests.

8. For Disability caused due to chronic neurological condition:-

(i) The Medical Superintendent or any equivalent authority South Goa District Hospital as notified by the state Government will be Head of Certifying Authority.

(ii) Pediatrician, South Goa District Hospital for childhood chronic neurological conditions/Psychiatrist for mental illness due to chronic neurological condition/**neurologist for chronic neurological conditions without mental.

(iii) *Specialist for certifying Locomotor Disability/Orthopedic Surgeon, South Goa District Hospital.

(iv) **Trained Psychologist (Clinical or Rehabilitation), South Goa District Hospital to administer IQ tests.

9. For Autism spectrum Disorder:-

(i) **Clinical or *Rehabilitation Psychologist, South Goa District Hospital.

(ii) Psychiatrist, South Goa District Hospital.

(iii) Pediatrician/General Physician, South Goa District Hospital.

This notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

(Umeshchandra Joshi)
Director of Social Welfare and
Ex-officio Jt. Secretary (SW)

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