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Sub: Denial of admission by some of Educational Institutions to Persons with Disabilities.

Instances have come to the notice of this Directorate that some of the Educational Institutions are denying admissions/facilities in their educational Institutions to Persons with Disabilities for pursuing education.

In this regard the attention of all the educational institutions is hereby invited to Section16 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, as per which it is mandatory on the part of Educational Institutions, to provide inclusive education to the children with Disabilities and the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall endeavor that all the Educational Institutions funded and recognized by them shall abide by the following provision of the Act;

(i) admit them without discrimination and provide education and opportunities for sports and recreation activities equally with others;
(ii) make building, campus various facilities accessible;
(iii) provide reasonable accommodation according to the individual's requirement;
(iv) provide necessary support individualized or otherwise in environments that maximize academic and social development consistent with the goal of full inclusion;
(v) ensure that the education to persons who are blind or deaf or both is imparted in the most appropriate languages and modes and means of communications;
(vi) detect specific learning disabilities in children at the earliest and take suitable pedagogical and other measures to overcome them;
(vii) monitor participation, progress in terms of attainment levels and completion of education in respect of every student with disability

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(viii) provide transportation facilities to the children with disabilities and also the attendant of the children with disabilities having high support needs.

It is therefore enjoined upon all the educational Institutes to give admissions/facilities to students with Disabilities in a dignified manner for pursuing their education and in no way admissions can be denied on the grounds of Disability.

If any Educational Institution is found violating the Provisions of Section 16 of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 shall be liable to be penalised under the Provision laid down under Section 89 of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act 2016, which clearly states that if any persons who contravenes of the provision of this act , or of any rule made there under shall for first contravention be punishable with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees and for any subsequent contravention with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend to Five Lakh rupees.

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5. The Director, Directorate of Education, Porvorim -Bardez– Goa – request to forward to all the Aided /Non Aided institutions under your jurisdiction.
6. The Director, Directorate of Goa Board of Secondary & Higher Education, Alto-Betim, Porvorim, Bardez – Goa
7. The Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Porvorim Bardez– Goa
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