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Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities)
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Subject: Non-Discrimination in **Government/environment-Implementation thereof.**

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Section 35 of the **Jammu and Kashmir Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1998** provide that the Government and the local authorities shall, within the limits of their economic capacity and development provide for:

- Ramps in public buildings
- Adoption of toilets for wheel chair users;
- Braille symbols and auditory signals in elevators or lifts;
- Ramps in hospitals, primary health centres and other medical care and rehabilitation institutions.

The implementation of these provisions from time to time were brought to the notices of line departments through medium of various communications for its strict implementation, so that disabled friendly environment is created across the state to meet the obligations as provided in the **law/rules** governing the field.

All the Administrative Departments/ Head of Departments/ Government are expected to adhere to these relevant provisions of **law/ rules**. However, it has come to the fore that most of the important departments have failed to adhere to these guidelines/rules thereby causing immense troubles to the persons with disabilities. Meanwhile on the instructions of concerned Ministry in the Government of India, proposals were sought from all the department for funding under "**SIPDA**" to implement these provisions, however, unfortunately there was a poor response, which inter-alia reveals the lackadaisical approach of the authorities at the helm of affairs.

It is once again impressed upon all the stakeholders to adhere to these provisions so that any inconvenience to the **Physically** Challenged Persons is avoided and provisions thereof as contained in the **laws/rules** is implemented in letter and spirit. Deviation, if any, shall amount to the breach of **law/ rules** on the subject and necessary action as warranted under rules shall be initiated.

Sd/
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Dated **19.06.2014.**

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1. Financial Commissioner1 Principal Secretary1 Commissioner Secretary1 Secretary to Government, _____
2. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/ Kashmir.
3. Deputy Commissioner. _____
4. Head of the Department _____
5. Director Social Welfare Department Kashmir/Jammu. (Additional Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities) for information and necessary action.
6. Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Joint Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities) _____ for Information and necessary action.
7. PS to Secretary to Government. SWD.
8. Incharge website.

(Savita Chouhan) 19.06.2014

Under Secretary to Government,
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