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Dear Sir/Madam,

With the notification of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the Central Government has recognised and legislated the rights of the Persons with Disabilities. The Act, apart from 3 percent reservation in employment in all Government and Government aided institutions, provides for education and promotion of research in the area of prevention of disability, rehabilitation in relation to Persons with Disabilities.

The National Policy for Persons with Disabilities announced in February, 2006, attempts to clarify the frame to ensure a dignified life for persons with disabilities in terms of providing equal opportunities, protection of their rights, and assuring full participation in the society in order to empower them.

These documents are available on the website of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment of Government of India.

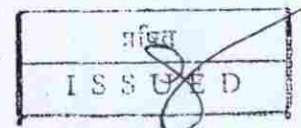
The UGC, on its part, is committed to implement higher education related guidelines and schemes as per the provisions of the PWD Act and the directions issued by the Government of India from time to time.

The group of Ministers, Government of India, on Equal Opportunities to the Differently-abled Persons in its meeting held on 13th June, 2008, inter-alia made the following recommendations pertaining to Education in relation to Persons with Disabilities:

"All educational institutions should be made barrier free within a reasonable time-frame of, say, two years for universities, and three years for colleges and schools. They should also have facilities to provide Braille books and talking books. Sign language interpreter should also be provided in institutions having hearing impaired students"

"Most Central Universities and, at least one State University in each State should have a Department of Disability Studies, which should address all issues relating to persons with disabilities – specially human rights, rehabilitation, education, etc."

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I write this to request you to kindly consider the above recommendation of the GOM which will go along way in fulfilling the agenda of affirmative action of the Government of India aimed at providing equal opportunities to Persons with Disabilities and ensuring their full participation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.K. Chauhan)

To The State Education Secretary (All States/Union Territories)
To The Vice - Chancellors (All Universities)

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2. Director (HE), Government of India, M/HRD/HE, New Delhi.
3. The Deputy Director General, M/HRD, Deptt. (HE), New Delhi, (Ref: F.11-1/2008 (SC/ST) dt. 28.08.2008)
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