POLICY DOCUMENT FOR BARRIER FREE & DISABLED FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

PREAMBLE

The main objectives of the "Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1996 enacted by the Government of India on January 1, 1996 are to create barrier free environment for persons with disabilities and to make special provisions for the integration of persons with disabilities into the social mainstream.

It enjoins upon the institution to ensure within their economic capacity provision for installation of facilities for the benefit of persons with visual handicaps, kerbs and slopes to be made in pavements for the easy access of wheel chair users, devising appropriate symbols of disability and warning signals at appropriate places. In regard to non-discrimination in the built environment, provisions have been made for ramps in Academic buildings, adaptation of toilets for wheel chair users, Braille symbols and proper signage and elevators.

RECOMMENDATION:

- ➢ Adequate space for persons using mobility devices like wheelchairs, crutches and walkers, as well as those walking with the assistance of other persons. The range of reach (forward and side; with or without obstruction) of a person in a wheelchair should be taken into consideration Attention should be given to dimensions of wheelchairs used locally.

- ➢ To build barrier free environment for disabled and physically challenged persons in the form of Ramps with railing facility, provision of Lifts in each and every academic building and in Restrooms.

- ➢ To provide necessary signage including tactile path, lights, display boards and signposts for the easy movement of the disabled persons.

- ➢ To provide scribe facility for the person who required human assistance during the course of examination and academic activities.

- ➢ To augment screen reading software and braille facility for the needy person.

- ➢ To adopt and implement the necessary facilities as per the guidelines of Govt. of India as on when required.

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