

**DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**ENGINEER MEMBER'S SECRETARIAT**

No. EM3(23)99/UD/VOI/X/PT.VIII/1026

Dated: 22/4/19

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Pr. Commr. (Hort.)

Shri Ramesh Kumar  
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Chief Engineer (EZ)

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Chief Engineer (NZ)

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Chief Engineer (Project & Sports)

Delhi Development Authority,  
New Delhi.

**SUB: Accessibility to common spaces in residential areas for persons with disabilities in NCT of Delhi.**

**REF: State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities letter No. F.268/1101/2018/05/7338 dated 18.05.18 and reminders.**

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has intimated that due to inaccessibility of common spaces and facilities such as footpaths, specified parking, local parks, shops, places of worship, recreational facilities etc. and inadequate cooperation of the residents, many persons with disabilities in residential colonies are confined to their homes and their office often receives complaints from persons with disabilities regarding non-cooperation of other residents in extending reasonable accommodation which makes them to deprive of their rights to live in the community on equal basis with others.

It has been directed by the State Commissioner that as per mandatory provision of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and to ensure that persons with disabilities are able to enjoy their right, to live in community and access common spaces and other facilities open to public in the residential colonies on equal basis with others, the Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs) in the jurisdiction of DDA may please be advised to make the residential areas/colonies accessible for persons with disabilities (copy enclosed).

In compliance of the same, all Chief Engineers are requested to direct the Link Officers already appointed for all DDA colonies to help RWAs make their colony and its infrastructure accessible. This will not only help persons with disabilities but

also the senior citizens and temporarily impaired persons. Link Officers may also be directed to organize sensitization programmes for RWAs on the needs of persons with disabilities. They may also advise to RWAs to draw an Action Plan with timelines to make their colonies accessible.


Action taken in this matter may be submitted to Chief Engineer (Projects) being Nodal Officer by 30.04.19 positively.

Encl: As Above

(Anil Behki)  
Director (Works)

Copy to:-

1. Chief Engineer (Projects) being Nodal Officer to pursue with all concerned Chief Engineers/Pr. Commissioner (Hort.) for ATR please.
2. Director (Bldg.) for information and necessary action please.
3. Director (System) to upload on DDA Website.
4. Dy. Director to Engineer Member, DDA for information.
5. Dy. Director (P&C), B-Block, Vikas Sadan for information please.
6. Guard File.

  
Director (Works)

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**Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with  
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Dated: /8/05/2018

To

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B-Block, 1st Floor,  
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New Delhi-110023

**Sub: Accessibility to common spaces in residential areas for persons with disabilities in NCT of Delhi.**

Sir/Madam,

The Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 has come into force w.e.f. 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

2. Section 5 provides, "*The persons with disabilities shall have the right to live in the community.*

(2) The appropriate Government shall endeavour that the persons with disabilities are,—

(a) *not obliged to live in any particular living arrangement; and*

(b) *given access to a range of in-house, residential and other community support services, including personal assistance necessary to support living with due regard to age and gender.*

3. Due to inaccessibility of common spaces and facilities such as footpaths, specified parking, local parks, shops, places of worship recreational facilities etc. and inadequate cooperation of the residents, many persons with disabilities in residential colonies are confined to their homes. This office also often receives complaints from persons with disabilities regarding non-cooperation of other residents in extending reasonable accommodation. Thus they get deprived of their right to live in the community on equal basis with others.

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4. Section 46 of the Act provides, "The service providers whether Government or private shall provide services in accordance with the rules on accessibility formulated by the Central Government under section 40 within a period of two years from the date of notification of such rules. " As per Section 2(x), public facilities and services include all forms of delivery of services to the public **including housing**.

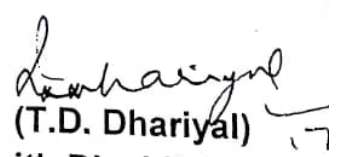
5. Government of India have formulated the "Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment, for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons" and notified in the RPwD Rules, 2017 on 15.06.2017.

6. Further, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India has also launched Accessible India Campaign to make built environment, transportation, information and communication fully accessible for persons with disabilities.

7. In view of the above mentioned mandatory provisions of the Act and to ensure that the persons with disabilities are able to enjoy their right to live in community and access common spaces and other facilities open to public in the residential colonies on equal basis with others, the Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) in your jurisdiction may please be advised to make the residential areas/colonies accessible for persons with disabilities in NCT of Delhi. Funds under the MP/MLA Local Area Development Scheme can also be used to help RWAs make their colonies and its infrastructure accessible. This will not only help person with disabilities but also the senior citizens and temporarily impaired persons. It is also requested to organise sensitisation programmes for RWAs on the needs of persons with disabilities. RWAs may also be advised to draw an action plan with time lines to make their colonies accessible. Action taken in this matter may please be intimated to this office **by 31.07.2018**.

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Yours faithfully,

  
(T.D. Dhariyal)

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities