

Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
School Education Department.
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

Subject:- Ramps for Children with Special Need.

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The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 has been made applicable to the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and further, a PIL No. 12/2020 titled Zaheer Abbas Jan and others Vs Union Territory of J&K and others has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court at Srinagar regarding the enforcement of rights of Children with Special Needs.

The section 16(ii) of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, states that the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall endeavor that all educational institutions funded or recognized by them provide inclusive education to the children with disabilities and towards that end shall make building, campus and various facilities accessible.

The section 89 of the said Act states that any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act, or of any rule made thereunder shall for the first contravention be punishable with a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees but which may extend five lakh rupees.

In view of the above, all the Heads of the Government Schools are hereby directed to provide/maintain/renovate/repair of ramps, railings within a period of four weeks(04) without any fail, in order to make the school buildings and environment barrier-free and accessible to the Children with Special needs on the following lines:

- I. *The path from the entrance to the school buildings and playground must be clear and levelled.*
- II. *Change in surface level of more than 13mm should be ramped.*
- III. *Continuous handrails should be provided on both sides of stairs and ramps.*
- IV. *Surface of ramp should be even, hard and non-slippery and loose gravel or cobbles should be avoided.*
- V. *The prescribed gradient of the ramp 1:12 should be strictly adhered to and all ramps should be fitted with handrails.*
- VI. *Handrails should be provided at any dangerous point in the walkways corridors.*
- VII. *Handrails should be mounted at a height between 0.80 m and 1.0 m. 8. Handrails of ramp should be tubular or oval in section.*
- VIII. *The ends of the handrails should be bent downwards to avoid injury.*

Henceforth, it is to be ensured that no construction is done in the school without proper ramps, railings. Any leniency or non-compliance of this circular will be viewed seriously.

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