

**EXTRACTS OF THE NOTIFICATION****MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT****NOTIFICATION**New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001

Subject:- Guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification.

No. 16-18/97-NI.I In order to review the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification as given in the Ministry of Welfare's O.M.No.4-2/83-HW.III, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1986 and to recommend appropriate modifications/alterations keeping in view the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, Government of India in Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, vide Order No. 16-18/97-NI.I, dated 28.8.98, set up four committees under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services-one each in the area of mental retardation, Locomotor/Orthopaedic disability, Visual disability and Speech & Hearing disability. Subsequently, another Committee was also constituted on 21.7.1999 for evaluation, assessment of multiple disabilities and categorization and extent of disability and procedure for certification.

2. After having considered the reports of these committees the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the President to notify the guidelines for evaluation of following disabilities and procedure for certification:-

Visual impairment  
Locomotor / Orthopaedic disability  
Speech & hearing disability  
Mental retardation

Copy of the Report is enclosed herewith as **Annexure \***.