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Directorate of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh:  
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Dated: Shimla – 171001, the, 23 August, 2022

To

All the Principals,  
Govt. Degree/Skt./Pvt. Colleges,  
Himachal Pradesh.


**Subject:- Regarding Providing of Sign Language interpretation during meeting/seminars/workshops/press briefings to the PwDs including persons with hearing Impairment.**

This is with reference to letter No. 4-1(15)/2018-SOM-Wel-(Barrier Free) 12929-12979 dated 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 received from the Director Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities and Specially Aabled, HP and letter No. Wel-Shim-6-4/2021-22(Disabilities)-3507-3526 dated 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 along with its enclosures received from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimla, on the subject cited above.

As you are aware that the Central Government enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which came into force from 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. This Act mandates the appropriate Government to create barrier free environment for persons with disabilities in physical infrastructure, transport, information and communication technology and other facilities and services.

In this regard, it is submitted that sign language is one of the preferred modes of communication for persons with hearing impairment and GoI has set up Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi for the purpose of promoting/giving technical support for the use of sign language in the country.

Therefore, you are directed to make necessary arrangements of sign language interpretation to facilitate Hearing Impaired persons in every meetings/Seminars/workshops including press briefing being organized by the Department. Action taken report in the matter also be conveyed to this Directorate at the earliest, so that the same could be supplied to the Government accordingly.

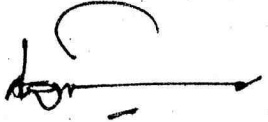
  
(Dr. Amarjeet K. Sharma)  
Director of Hr. Education  
Himachal Pradesh  
August, 2022

Endst. No. the Shimla dated:  
Copy for information to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Edu) to the Govt. of HP, Shimla-2.
2. The Director Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities and the Specially Aabled, HP, Shimla-9.
3. T.O. IT, Cell, DHE, HP. with the directions to upload the same on departmental website.
4. Supdt. Planning and Development Branch, DHE, Shimla, HP.
5. Guard file.

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Himachal Pradesh