

20 January, 2014

To

The State Commissioner  
Welfare of Differently Abled Persons  
Government of Tamilnadu

**Sub: Request for issuance of Computerized ID cards for Visually Impaired Persons**

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above subject, we would like to appeal to the Department of Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, Tamilnadu to kindly expedite the process of issuance of Identity Cards.

In this regard out of 1, 27, 405 visually impaired persons, only 79, 922 [till Nov 2013] visually impaired persons have been issued ID cards. We request you to issue ID Cards to the remaining visually impaired persons at war footing. Further we request you to computerize all the ID card data for transparency and easy perusal.

The second appeal that we would like to bring to your notice is that since the Central Government has published the Differently Abled Census Data 2014 and as the percentage of the visually impaired persons in Tamil Nadu which is only 11%, a negligible percentage for entering data, we request that all details of visually impaired persons be made available online. This allows for better transparency and prevents any bottlenecks during launch and implementation of welfare schemes. This also helps to avoid duplication of beneficiaries of welfare schemes. The District Officers who have been appointed recently are capable and competent of entering these data. Since ECS has become the present mandatory norm for disbursing of all funds, the computerization of the individual data will help to a large extent.

Your intervention in this matter will make a big difference and expedite this process and help improve the lives of visually impaired. Creating this transparent system will not only help in an effective and straightforward administration but will also facilitate better monitoring of all welfare schemes and an easier addressal of grievances. We request you to address these matters at the earliest. We have attached the 2014 Census for your reference.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Founder