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No. AN/III/3012/Circular/Vol.VII dated 01.11.2018.

To,

All PCsDA/ PCA (Fys.)/ PIFAs,  
CsDA/ CsFA (Fys.)/ IFAs/ RTCs.  
(through CGDA website).

**Subject: Arrangement for sign language interpreters in all Government meetings/ seminars/ workshops.**

A copy of DO letter bearing no. 38-02/2018-DD-III dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) on the subject is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action please.



(Mustaq Ahmad)  
Dy. CGDA (AN)

Enclosures: as above.

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 Secy  
**Shakuntala Doley Gamlin, IAS**  
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 Government of India  
 Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
 Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

D. O. No. 38-02/2018-DD-III

20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

*Dear Shri Sanjay Mitra,*

As you are aware, the Government has enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which came into force from 19.04.2017. The Act recognises sign language as a means of communication which is especially useful while communicating to the persons with hearing impairment.

2. As per the provisions of the above Act, it is incumbent upon the Government to create a barrier free environment for persons with disabilities not only in respect of built environment but also in the area of transportation, ICT eco-system and other facilities and services. As such it is incumbent upon all the Ministries/Departments to take steps in this direction so that all information is available in accessible format for the use of all categories of PwDs.

3. Further, with a view to reach out to the persons with hearing impairment it would be appropriate if sign language interpretation is made available in all Government meetings/seminars/workshops organised by the Ministries/Departments. It may be noted that the Department has established Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre at New Delhi, dedicatedly for the purpose of promoting use of sign language in the country and supporting technical assistance for provisioning of sign language interpretation in all such Government meetings/seminars/workshops.

4. I shall be grateful if you kindly issue appropriate instructions to all the autonomous bodies, public sector undertakings attached and subordinate offices under your administrative control as well as within your Ministry/Department to make arrangement for sign language interpreters in all Governments meetings/seminars/workshops.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*Shakuntala D. Gamlin*

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