

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

ABSTRACT

Social Welfare Department-Identity Cards issued to physically handicapped persons- declared as an authentic document -
Orders issued-

SOCIAL WELFARE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O(P)NO. 71/2003/SWD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 6.12.2003

Read :-Letter No.906/S3/2000 SCpWD dated, 11.8.2003 from the
State Commissioner for persons with disabilities.

ORDER

In compliance with the instructions from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Identity cards are being issued by the State Commissioner for persons with disabilities to the handicapped persons indicating the percentage of disability, age, educational qualifications, nativity, Income etc.

In the letter read above, the State Commissioner for persons with disabilities has reported that physically handicapped persons are not showing much enthusiasm in applying for the identity cards, as the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation, Kerala State Electricity Board, Insurance Firms, Banks etc are insisting on Separate Disability Medical Certificate issued by Medical Boards for granting concessions and other facilities. As the Identity Cards are issued based on the Disability Certificates issued by a duly constituted Medical Board, insistence on fresh disability certificate by the above authorities causes great hardships to the disabled persons. It has also come to the notice of Government that out of about 9 lakhs of physically handicapped persons in the state, only 75,000 persons have been issued Identity Cards so far. On order to encourage all disabled persons to apply for the Identity Cards, this card should be made an authentic document.

In the circumstances, Government have examined the matter in detail, and are pleased to declare the Identity Card issued to physically handicapped as a mandatory requirement and an authentic document for all assistance to the disabled. In which the percentage of disability, age, annual Income, nativity etc will be recorded and should be accepted by all Government Departments, public Sector Undertakings, Banks, Insurance Firms and Co-operative undertakings.

The physically handicapped persons who have not obtained Identity Cards so far, are directed to apply for the same within a period of six months.

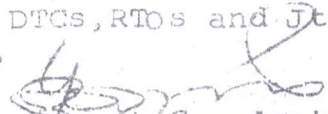
By Order of the Governor,
LIDA JACOB,
SECRETARY.

All Heads of Departments.

Forwarded by order
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Section officer.

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for Transport Commissioner.