

**IN THE COURT OF THE  
STATE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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(Vested with powers of Civil Court under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016)

Case No. 01/SCPD/2021-22

Date: 7/7/2021

In the matter of:

Suo Motu

-VERSUS-

1. The State of Nagaland,  
Represented by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Nagaland  
and Chairperson of the State Executive Committee,  
Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Nagaland
2. The Principal Secretary,  
Department of Health and Family Welfare,  
Nagaland: Kohima.
3. The Principal Director,  
Department of Health and Family Welfare,  
Nagaland: Kohima.

..... RESPONDENTS

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, a Suo Motu Case was initiated by this Court on 3.06.2021, to immediately implement Office Memorandum dated 29.04.21, issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, for priority and preference to PwDs in testing, treatment and vaccination of corona virus along with various other mandates as per Section 25 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The respondents were thus directed to submit an Action Taken Report within 7 (seven) days of receipt of the Notice.

This Court is in receipt of the Affidavit filed by respondent Nos. 2 and 3, dated 29.06.2021, which will be read as a joint Affidavit filed by all the three respondents.

It is observed that the respondents have taken the necessary steps in giving special priority for Covid-19 vaccination to persons with disabilities and inclusion of the Unique Disability Identification Card (UDID) in the list of prescribed photo ID documents to avail the vaccination.

However, since Covid-19 pandemic is ongoing and taking into account any such eventualities in the future, the respondents are once again requested and directed that in the coming days, for any public healthcare situation/action, wide publication and awareness must be made, specifying and ensuring that priority and preference is given to persons with disabilities. The rights and privileges of persons with disabilities should not be overlooked or denied whatsoever.

Hence, with the above observations and direction, the matter is disposed of.

Given under my hand and seal on this the .....<sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup>.....day of .....*July*....., 2021

Court of Commissioner (Disabilities)  
New Secretariat Road  
Nagaland : Kohima

  
(DIETHONO NAKHRO)  
State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities,  
Nagaland: Kohima

Copy for kind information to:

1. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Nagaland.
2. The Hon'ble Minister, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Nagaland.
3. The Hon'ble Advisor, Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland.
4. The Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI
5. The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
6. The Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Nagaland.
7. The District Task Force of all the Districts, Nagaland.
8. The Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, Nagaland, for publicity
9. The Editor, Nagaland Post, Eastern Mirror, Morung Express, Nagaland Page, Capi and Tir Yim Yim for publication.
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