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Dated: 17.3.2021.

To,

The Directors/Directors-in-Charge of
permanent Institutes/Centres of ICMR.

Subject: Accessibility of govt. buildings under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,
2016- Instructions-reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to a copy of D.O. 1-14001/1/2021-AIC dated 22.2.2021 issued by Ministry of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Deptt. of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), New Delhi on the above subject wherein it has been mentioned that Inclusive growth is must to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and leader in the world affairs. Provision of equal opportunities to Physical Abled and Persons with disabilities (PwDs) is the responsibility of everybody including families, communities and governments. To fulfill this responsibility, Government of India enacted Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (RPwD Act 2016). The RPwD Act 2016 envisages non-discrimination of PwDs in transport and community environments. This requires universal accessibility, which is defined as the accessible websites, buildings, roads and habitat. Various actions are required to ensure universal accessibility in the buildings to be used by PwDs, like adequate lighting, anti-slippery floors, hand-rails, ramps, wheel chairs, Braille/voice enabled lifts, adaptation/modification of toilets etc. As per RPwD Act, all public places are supposed to be accessible by June 2022.

Government of India launched nation-wide flagship campaign called "Accessible India Campaign (सुगमयाभारत अभियान)" through Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which is nodal Ministry for disability issues. The Campaign includes creating mass awareness, capacity building, interventions like technology solutions, legal framework, & resource generation, leverage corporate sector efforts including CSR resources and leadership endorsements.

Now, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) has launched a mobile phone based app called "Sugamya Bharat App", which is available on Google Play Store free of charge. This App will help anybody to submit complaint against any government or private organization, dealing with general public. The App has feature to upload photos of the buildings not have accessible environments.

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As Head of the Institute, you are requested to issue necessary instructions in this regard to make the buildings of your Institute to be universally accessible. You may also identify a Nodal officer to coordinate these activities. Further details about the "Sugamya Bharat App" and "Accessible India Campaign" can be found on the website of MoSJE. The compliance report in this regard may be sent to Hqrs. Office for onward transmission to the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



(Jagdish Rajesh) 17/02

Asstt. Director General (Admn.)

Encl: As above

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