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**MPH[N] 2018**

**“Master of Public Health (Nutrition)”  
MPH (N) 2018-19.**

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### NOTICE

#### FOR ADMISSION TO MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (NUTRITION) FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19.

Reference : DMER/G.R No. MBA-2015/CR.205/15/Edu-1 Date:03/10/2018

The Government of Maharashtra has decided to start Master of Public Health (Nutrition) MPH(N) from academic year 2018-19 at seven Government Medical Colleges of Maharashtra .The Information Brochure for MPH (N) 2018-19 will be made available on the website of [www.dmer.org](http://www.dmer.org). The rules of eligibility and other details are mentioned in the information brochure. The desirous candidates should read the information brochure carefully and ascertain eligibility before filling online application form. The Schedule for admission process is as under.

Sr.No.	Activity	Schedule
1)	Online application form filling will be available on <a href="http://www.dmer.org">www.dmer.org</a> web site	01/11/2018
2)	Payment of Rs.1060/- through Challan at any branch of State bank Of India.	03/11/2018
3)	Last date for online filling of application form	15/11/2018
4)	Last date for Payment through Challan	17/11/2018
5)	Declaration of provisional state merit list	21/11/2018
6)	Online Preference form filling process	22/11/2018
7)	Last date for online Preference form filling process	26/11/2018
8)	Publication of 1st selection list	28/11/2018
9)	Last date for joining of 1st selection round	05/12/2018
10)	Publication of 2nd selection list	07/12/2018
11)	Last date for joining of 2nd selection round	13/12/2018
12)	Academic session will start on	15/12/2018
13)	Cut off date for MPH (N) for academic session	15/12/2018

The selected candidate should report to the allotted college and take admission by paying requisite fee and depositing original documents as per above schedule.

Sd/-

**Director**

**Medical Education and Research, Mumbai.**

# **MPH (N) 2018**

## **Procedure for Selection and Admission to MPH (N) 2018-19 at Maharashtra State Government Medical Colleges.**

### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

Master of Public Health (Nutrition) is an intensive two-year course designed to create cadre of public health nutrition specialists to tackle malnutrition. This course provide an excellent knowledge and skills in Public Health Nutrition. National Nutrition Mission which got established in 2017 targets at reduction in the level of under-nutrition and other related problems like stunting, under-nutrition, anemia and low birth weight babies. It is essential and need of the hour to strengthen knowledge and skills contributing to the development of a cadre of public health nutrition professionals in respect to life cycle approach. The program is divided into classroom-based course work and field-based practical experience in Public Health Nutrition. The project assignment is to be undertaken as a core part of the course curriculum. The course provides systematic coverage of major topics in the area of Public Health Nutrition based on international standards. The course is designed based on latest international evidence and standards in Public Health Nutrition. The course curriculum is designed with technical support from UNICEF, and experts in Public Health Nutrition belonging to academia and medical education.

### **2. Program Rationale:**

Under nutrition is often an invisible problem. There is a critical window of opportunity to prevent under nutrition by taking care of the nutrition of children in the first two years of life, girls during adolescence, and mothers during pregnancy and lactation – when proven Public Health Nutrition interventions offer children the best chance to survive and reach optimal growth and development.

In light of the above context, the policymakers, program planners and national and international experts are concerned about the health and nutritional status of women and children in the country, and its impact on the country's economic progress. This has resulted in the design and implementation of national flagship programs such as the National Health Mission (NHM), restructuring and universalization of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) with quality, special plans to address health and nutrition issues in the most vulnerable populations in rural, tribal and urban areas. The scenario calls for a large number of skilled professionals trained both in Public Health and Nutrition to contribute to improved planning and implementation of the national flagship programs.

Until recently most health and nutrition professionals have been contributing independently with limited impact on addressing critical issues related to maternal-

child health and nutrition, and other public health problems at scale. It was increasingly felt that there was a strong need to develop a comprehensive approach to build capacities of professionals in Public Health Nutrition. Therefore, there is a need to offer a master's program (MPH) in Nutrition. The course intend to provide health and nutrition practitioners/professionals with a broad background and training in Public Health Nutrition, and prepare them for career opportunities in a public health nutrition setting.

### **3. Aims and Objectives of the course:**

1. To provide a sound understanding of the science of nutrition and public health.
2. To provide advanced knowledge and skills in Public Health Nutrition and provide a scientific basis for assessment and management of nutritional problems of vulnerable populations.
3. To build capacities to undertake research projects in the area of Public Health Nutrition.
4. To enhance knowledge and skills for improved program planning, management and evaluation of programs in a Public Health Nutrition setting.
5. Future Prospects : The career prospects for candidates opting for MPH in Public Health Nutrition are excellent. They can work with health systems and national flagship programs, national and international organizations involved in Public Health Nutrition. There are also opportunities to work with development organizations in India and abroad, medical colleges, academic institutes, private healthcare systems and corporate sector.

### **4. Eligibility Criteria:**

**Following health science graduates are eligible:**

1. MBBS/BDS/BAMS/BUMS/BHMS/BPTH /B.Sc PMT,B.Sc &P.B .B.Sc Nursing
2. In service teachers of any subject from the same institute will be eligible after producing NOC from the Dean. They will have to pay "full fees".
3. Medical officers in service can send advance copy and will be considered if granted NOC through proper channel. They will have to pay "full fees".
4. The Candidates must have completed requisite internship in respective degree course at the time of filling of application form.
5. Candidate must have passed graduation from the institute situated in State of Maharashtra.
6. The candidates who are domiciled in Maharashtra and who have obtained admission under 15% quota for appropriate all India entrance examination for courses in health sciences in the college/institution situated outside Maharashtra State and who have obtained the degree from a University situated outside the State of Maharashtra will also be eligible for admission to MPH(N)

course. Such candidates should submit certificate from the Dean/Principal of respective college stating that the candidate was admitted under 15% quota for all India entrance test for courses in health sciences, and Candidate's Domicile certificate of Maharashtra by virtue of residence.

7. The candidate belonging to Backward Class must have claimed so in his original application form, failing which such a claim will not be entertained subsequently. The candidate belonging to Backward Class Category should produce the original Caste Certificate, Caste Validity Certificate and Non-Creamy Layer Certificate (wherever applicable) at the time of counselling process. A Candidate belonging to 'Creamy Layer' amongst the categories (VJ) DT -A, (NT-1) NT-B, (NT-2) NT-C, (NT-3) NT-D, OBC and SBC must note that the provision of reservation is NOT applicable to him/her. A candidate claiming benefit of reservation under these categories will be required to produce Non-Creamy Layer Certificate Valid up to 31/03/2019. The valid certificate in prescribed Performa stating date of validity, should be submitted at the time of admission. Category reservations based on caste can be availed by candidates domiciled in Maharashtra only.

## **5. Selection Procedure:**

Applications for admission to this program will be invited through notice on DMER website and through newspapers. Online application form can be submitted by interested candidates.

1. Cost of online application form of MPH(N) 2018 is Rs. 1000/-. Bank transaction charges of Rupees 60 for online payment of application fees will have to be borne by the applicant. This application fee is not refundable. It is sole responsibility of candidate to ascertain payment of fees within prescribed period, failing which online application will be rejected.
2. After submitting online application form, challan of SBI bank will be generated and challan should be submitted at any branch of SBI bank.

## **6. Eligible candidates will be selected based on aggregate marks obtained in all the qualifying examinations of graduation. Preference will be given to MBBS followed by BDS/BAMS/ /BUMS/ BHMS/BPTH/B.Sc PMT, B.Sc & P.B.B.Sc Nursing.**

The Tie Breaker Criteria will be used if in case two candidates secure same aggregate marks

1. The candidate with higher aggregate marks at final qualifying Examination will be preferred over the one with lesser marks.
2. If the tie still remains unresolved then the candidate with higher aggregate marks at pen ultimate qualifying examination (one step below final examination) will be preferred over the one with lesser marks for the merit list

3. If the tie still persists, an older candidate will be preferred over the younger one.

**A. Duration of the course:** Two years (Full time) .

**B. Language of Course :** English

**C. Total number of Seats:** varies with colleges (List enclosed)

## 7. LIST OF COLLEGES WITH MPH (N) COURSE IN MAHARASHTRA

Sr No	College Code	Name of college	Number of seats available
1	1110	B J Government Medical College, Pune.	20
2	1327	Government Medical College, Aurangabad.	20
3	1234	Government Medical College, Akola.	20
4	1226	Vasantrao Naik Government Medical College, Yavatmal.	20
5	1241	Government Medical College, Chandrapur.	10
6	1242	Government Medical College, Gondia.	10
7	1328	Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College, Nanded.	20
<b>Total</b>			<b>120</b>

Note : 1. The number of seats and number of colleges are subject to change as per direction of State Government / MUHS, Nashik / Hon'ble High Courts.

2. Academic session will start from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

3. Cut of date of admission to MPH(N) is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## 8. Fee structure:

1. The fees should be paid Rs. 40,000/- through D.D. in **favor of respective Dean of Government Medical College**, drawn on any Branch of Nationalized bank payable at respective city, at the time of admission, if selected.

**2. Eligibility & Examination fees would be charged extra as per MUHS Norms.**

Sr. No.	Particulars of Fees	For 1st. Year	For 2nd Year
1	Tuition Fee	40,000.00	40,000.00
2	Library Fee	1000.00	1000.00
Total Rs.		41000.00	41,000.00

❖ Students will have to pay examination fees, one time eligibility fees and any other fees as and when made applicable.

❖ Student will have to pay total amount of fee (as mentioned above) for respective academic years before commencement of the respective academic year.

\*Students will have to pay examination fees and any other fees applicable as per the latest changes made by MUHS.

**9. Refund of Tuition, Development and Other fees after cancellation of admission :**

(Reference: AICTE Guidelines No- AICTE/Legal/04(01)/2007, April 2007 & Circular No.698 Dated: 24th August 2007 issued by Pravesh Niyantran Samiti, Mumbai.)

Sr. No.	Scenario	Refund Amount
1	Request for cancellation on or before cut of date	Entire fee less Rs. 1000/-
2	Request for cancellation after cut of date	No refund

**10.** The department of Community Medicine of the respective college will be the **NODAL DEPARTMENT** for implementation of the course.

**Accommodation: Students have to make their own residential arrangements.**

**No stipend will be provided for this course**

**Examination Scheme: As per MUHS rules.**



**ANNEXURE "A"**  
**General Instructions for filling Online Application Form**

1.	Applicants should have a valid Email Id.
2.	Before filling Online Application Form Download INFORMATION BROCHURES and read the same carefully.
3.	PLEASE REMEMBER THE PASSWORD GIVEN BY YOU AT THE TIME OF FILLING APPLICATION FORM. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR FURTHER LOGIN.
4.	Please note that if candidates commit any mistake in filling the online Application Form, it cannot be corrected by this office. The Office will take no responsibility of any kind for such forms. The candidate can submit application afresh
5.	After submitting Online Application Form, you have to take printout of E-Challan and Deposit requisite fee in any branch of the State Bank of India from Second Working Day onwards, from the day of submission of online application form and obtain your copy of Challan showing Journal ID/Transaction ID.
6.	Applicants need not send copy of Application Form or any Document to this office. However candidates may take printout of Application Form for his/her subsequent use / record.
7.	The Applicants must possess the required criteria and education qualification as mentioned in the Information Brochure.
8.	Applicants email id and mobile number may be used for further correspondence.
9.	After reading above instructions to fill Online Application Form, the Applicant has to click Next button to display Online Application Form.
10.	There is provision to make changes in the Application Form, before click on Submit button. Candidate should verify the correctness of entries made in application form. There is no provision to make changes in the Application form once submit button is clicked.

## APPLICATION FORM for MPH (N) 2018-19



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA  
 DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH  
 "MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH ( NUTRITION )"   
 MPH(N) 2018-19

<b>1. Candidate Name : (As per Certificate)</b>	<input type="text" value="Name as per Certificate OR Marksheet"/>		
<b>2. Father's Name / Middle Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Father's Name / Middle Name"/>		
<b>3. Mother's Name :</b>	<input type="text" value="Mother's Name"/>		
<b>4. Address for Communication :</b>	<input type="text" value="Address line no.1"/>		
	<input type="text" value="Address line no.2"/>		
	<input type="text" value="Address line no.3"/>		
<b>City :</b>	<input type="text" value="City"/>	<b>Pin Code :</b>	<input type="text" value="Pin"/>
<b>District :</b>	<input type="text" value="District"/>	<b>State :</b>	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>
<b>STD Code :</b>	<input type="text" value="STD Code"/>	<b>Tel. No. :</b>	<input type="text" value="Telephone No."/>
<b>Mobile Number :</b>	<input type="text" value="Mobile No."/>	<b>E-Mail :</b>	<input type="text" value="Email"/>
<b>Aadhar Card No :</b>	<input type="text" value="Aadhar Card No"/>		
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<b>5. Date of Birth :</b>	<input type="text" value="DD/MM/YYYY"/>		
<b>6. Sex :</b>	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Transgender		
<b>7. Nationality :</b>	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>		
<b>8. Whether Candidate is Domicile of Maharashtra state :</b>	<input type="radio"/> Maharashtra <input type="radio"/> Other Than Maharashtra		
<b>9. I want to Claim Reservation Category :</b>	<input type="radio"/> SC <input type="radio"/> ST <input type="radio"/> DT-V(A) <input type="radio"/> NT-1(B) <input type="radio"/> NT-2(C) <input type="radio"/> NT-3(D) <input type="radio"/> OBC <input type="radio"/> SBC <input type="radio"/> NONE		
<b>10. Certificates Attached :</b>	<b>a. Caste :</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <b>b. CVC :</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <b>c. NCL :</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
<b>11. I want to claim reservation for Person with Disability (PWD) :</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
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<b>12. Date of Passing Final Graduation</b> MBBS/BDS/BAMS/BUMS/BHMS/BPTH/B.Sc PMT/B.Sc Nursing/P.B.B.Sc Nursing. :	<input type="text" value="DD/MM/YYYY"/>		
<b>13. Internship Training Date of Completion/likely to complete :</b>	<input type="text" value="DD/MM/YYYY"/>		
<b>14. Maharashtra Respective Council Registration :</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
<b>15. Whether passed graduation from an institution situated in Maharashtra :</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
<b>16. Already admitted and Pursuing P.G. Course :</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
<b>17. I have passed graduation from College :</b>	<input type="text" value="College"/>		
<b>18. Name of University (Graduation) :</b>	<input type="text" value="Name of University"/>		
<hr/>			
<b>19. Qualifying examination of Graduation :</b>	<input type="text" value="SELECT"/>		
	<b>Marks Obtained</b>	<b>Marks Out Of</b>	<b>Percentage Of Marks</b>
<b>20. First Year :</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<b>21. Second Year :</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<b>22. Third Year :</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<b>23. Fourth Year :</b> (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<b>24. Aggregate Marks :</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<small>(Grace Marks and NSS Marks should not be included)</small>			
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<b>25. Photo and Full Signature Upload :</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Instruction For Photograph:</b>                      =&gt; Size of photograph must be less than 35 kb.                      =&gt; Height of photograph must be between 250 pixel and 320 pixel.                      =&gt; width of photograph must be between 150 pixel and 220 pixel.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> </div> <p><b>Instruction For Signature:</b>                      =&gt; Size of signature must be less than 30 kb.                      =&gt; Height of signature must be between 100 pixel and 180 pixel.                      =&gt; width of signature must be between 150 pixel and 220 pixel.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>Signature</i></p> </div> </div>		
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<b>26. Choose your password</b>	<b>Password :</b> <input type="text" value="Password"/> <b>Re-Enter Password :</b> <input type="text" value="Re-Password"/>		
<p><b>Declaration :</b>                  I hereby declare that the statement made in this application is true, complete and correct to the best my knowledge &amp; belief. I understand that in the event of any information being found false or incorrect, my candidature is liable to be cancelled or rejected. I am aware that I need to obtain and produce my original certificate enlisted at the time of counselling without which I shall not get the 'Provisional Admission.</p>			
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>			

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## **ANNEXURE "B"**

### **Documents to Be Submitted At the Time of Admission**

1. Original and Attested copy of Nationality Certificate/passport/school leaving certificate stating nationality as Indian.
2. Original and Attested copy of Caste Certificate & Caste Validity Certificate
3. Original and Attested copy of Non Creamy layer certificate. if applicable ( VJ, NT1, NT2, NT3, OBC, SBC) valid upto 31/03/2019.
4. Medical fitness Certificate
5. Person with Disability (PWD) Certificate in case Physically Handicapped from Medical Board Sir J.J Hospital, and Grant Medical College, Byculla, Mumbai.
6. Original and Attested copy of S.S.C & H.S.C. Passing certificate.
7. Original and Attested copy of Graduation Passing or Degree Certificate
8. Original and Attested copy of College leaving or Transfer Certificate
9. Original and Attested copy of Internship Completion Certificate
10. Original and Attested copy of Attempt Certificate.
11. Original and Attested copy of Registration Certificate or Registration Receipt
12. Bond release certificate wherever applicable
13. NOC from concerned authority if applicable.

## ANNEXURE "C"

### CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATION

#### 1. Reservation for Backward class Candidates:

The percentage of seats reserved for candidates of backward class categories belonging to Maharashtra State are as per the details shown in table below. **As per MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXX of 2006.**

Sr.No.	Type of Reservation	Percentages of Reservation
A	<b>Scheduled Castes(SC)</b>	<b>13%</b>
B	<b>Scheduled Tribes (ST)</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
C	<b>Denotified Tribes (A) (Vimukta Jatis)(A)</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
D	<b>Nomadic Tribes (B)(NT-B)</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
E	<b>Nomadic Tribes (C)(NT-C)</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
F	<b>Nomadic Tribes (D)(NT-D)</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
G	<b>Other Backward Classes ( OBC )Including (SBC)</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>50.0%</b>

- Candidates belonging to aforesaid Backward Class categories will be required to submit the Caste Certificate and the Caste/Tribe Validity Certificate.
- Caste certificate issuing authority: - Caste certificate stating that the caste is recognized under a particular backward class category in Maharashtra state issued by **Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate /Metropolitan Magistrate** in Maharashtra state.
- The Caste/Tribe validity Certificate issuing Authorities are as follows:-
  - For Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism, VimuktaJati, Nomadic Tribes1,2,3 and Other Backward Class, Caste Validity Certificate is issued by **Divisional Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee of respective Divisional Social Welfare Office** (Konkan, Pune, Nasik, Aurangabad, Amravati and Nagpur).
  - For Candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribe the Tribe Validity Certificate is issued by Director/Deputy Director, **Tribe Certificate Scrutiny Committee of respective Region** (Konkan, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Amravati, and Nagpur).
- The candidate should have claimed the constitutional reservation in the original application form.*** The candidate claiming constitutional reservation must submit original **caste validity certificate at the time of admission, failing which the category claim will not be granted.**

#### 6. NON-CREAMY LAYER

A candidate belonging to 'Creamy Layer' amongst the categories (C) to (G) must note that the provision of reservation is NOT applicable to him/her. A candidate

claiming benefit of reservation under the categories (C) to (G) above will be required to produce Non-Creamy Layer Certificate. The certificate should be **valid up to 31/03/2019**. The Non-Creamy Layer Certificate is issued by **Sub-Divisional Officer/Deputy Collector/Collector of the district**. However, such a Non-Creamy Layer Certificate shall be produced in any case at the time of admission, failing which the category claimed will not be granted.

**Applicants belonging to Special Backward Class N. B.: Hon'ble High Court Mumbai had stayed admission to SBC category as a separate quota and therefore, vide Government Circular from Social Welfare, Cultural Affairs and Sports Department No.CBC-1095/WS/264/BCD-5 dated 24<sup>th</sup>October 1995, the persons belonging to Special Backward Class (SBC) are to be considered as OBC candidates.**

7. Inter-se amongst the reserved categories will be operated at the end of each admission process against the unfilled reserved categories seats as per merit and choice of the reserved categories candidates. The seats remaining vacant from various categories will be filled in during inter-se admission process as follows:
- a) From among the candidates of their respective group from the Merit List of that particular group where the vacancies exist. The groups are as follows –

<b>I</b>	<b>Groups</b>
	<b>GROUP-I</b>
A	Scheduled Castes(SC)
B	Scheduled Tribes (ST)
	<b>GROUP-II</b>
C	De-notified Tribes (A) (Vimukta Jati)
D	Nomadic Tribes (B) (NT-1)
	<b>GROUP-III</b>
E	Nomadic Tribes (C) (NT-2)
F	Nomadic Tribes (D) (NT-3)
G	Other Backward Classes (OBC) including SBC

- b) If the seats still remain vacant, then it will be filled, from among the candidates of all the categories mentioned above from the all categories combined merit list.
- c) If the seats still remain vacant then the seats will be filled from among the candidates of the common merit list.
8. Admission under constitutional reservation seat will be governed by the Maharashtra Schedule Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Denotified Tribes ( Vimukta Jatis), Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Special Backward Category Maharashtra Act No. XXX of 2006

## ANNEXURE "D"

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### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL FITNESS

This is to certify that I have conducted clinical examination of  
Dr. .... who is desirous of admission to MPH(N)  
2018 Course.

He/she has not given any personal history of any disease incapacitating him/her to  
undergo the professional course. Also, on clinical examination it has been found that he/she is medically fit  
to undergo the postgraduate course MPH(N) 2018.

- (1) Absence of any incapacitating and /or progressive systematic disease/disorder / condition,
- (2) Absence of any disability of upper limb/s,
- (3) Absence of any major visual/auditory disability,
- (4) Absence of psychosis/neurosis/mental retardation,
- (5) Ability to maintain erect posture,
- (6) Reasonable manual dexterity.

Address of the Registered Medical Practitioner	Signature
	Name
	Registration No.
	Seal of Registered Medical Practitioner
Date	

✂.....

**Note:**

A candidate must be medically fit to undergo the Medical Postgraduate Courses MPH(N) 2018 applied for. The medical fitness must be certified by a Registered Medical Practitioner in the prescribed Proforma, as given above on a **Letterhead**.

## **ANNEXURE "E"**

### **PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) RESERVATION A Schedule For "Specified Disability" As Per Rights Of Persons With Disability Act 2016**

5% seats of annual sanctioned intake capacity shall be filled by the candidates with bench mark disabilities in accordance with the provisions of this Rights of persons with disabilities act 2016

#### **1. Physical disability**

A. Locomotor disability (a person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including—

- (a) "leprosy cured person" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from—
  - (i) loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity;
  - (ii) manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
  - (iii) extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall construed accordingly;
- (b) "cerebral palsy" means a Group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;
- (c) "dwarfism" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less;
- (d) "muscular dystrophy" means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterized by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;
- (e) "acid attack victims" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

- B. Visual impairment—
- (a) "blindness" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction—
    - (i) total absence of sight; or
    - (ii) visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or
    - (iii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree.
  - (b) "low-vision" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, namely:—
    - (i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
    - (ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree.
- C. Hearing impairment -
- (a) "deaf" means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
  - (b) "hard of hearing" means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
- D. "speech and language disability" means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.
2. Intellectual disability, a condition characterized by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including—
- (a) "specific learning disabilities" means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;
  - (b) "autism spectrum disorder" means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.
3. Mental behaviour,— "mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognize reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterized by subnormality of intelligence.
4. Disability caused due to—
- (a) chronic neurological conditions, such as—
    - (i) "multiple sclerosis" means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;



(ii) "parkinson's disease" means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

(b) Blood disorder—

(i) "haemophilia" means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterized by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor wound may result in fatal bleeding;

(ii) "thalassemia" means a group of inherited disorders characterized by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.

(iii) "sickle cell disease" means a hemolytic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; "hemolytic" refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of hemoglobin.

5. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.

6. Any other category as may be notified by the Central Government.

**Note:** Any amendment to the Schedule to the RPWD Act, 2016, shall consequently stand amended in the above schedule.

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