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Government of India
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 8th August, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of Monitoring Committee to Oversee Implementation of the Guidelines for Accessibility Standards in the Public Exhibition of Feature Films in Cinema Theatres for Persons with Hearing and Visual Impairment

In pursuance of clause 11 of the “*Guidelines for Accessibility Standards in the Public Exhibition of Feature Films in Cinema Theatres for Persons with Hearing and Visual Impairment*” issued in line with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PPWD) Act 2016 by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 15th March 2024, it has been decided to constitute a committee to monitor the implementation of Accessibility Standards for Feature Films.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

S. No.	Name of the Person / Designation / Organization	Status
1.	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Chairperson
2.	Joint Secretary (Films), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Member
3.	Chief Executive Officer, Central Board of Film Certification	Member
4.	Representative from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Member
5.	Director, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai	Member
6.	Director, National Institute for the Empowerment of the Persons with Visual Disabilities, Dehradun	Member
7.	Mr. Alok Kejriwal, Founder & CEO, India Signing Hands Private Limited	Member
8.	Mr Akashdeep Bansal, Founder & CEO, SaralX	Member
9.	Ms Nidhi Goyal, Founder and Executive Order, NGO Rising Flame	Member
10.	Representative from Producers Guild of India	Member
11.	Representative from Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association (IMPPA)	Member
12.	Representative from Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce	Member
13.	Representative from South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce	Member
14.	Representative from PVR Inox Limited	Member
15.	Director (Films), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Member-Secretary

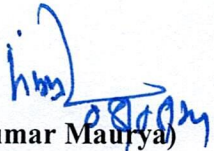
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3. The Terms of Reference of the Committee shall be: -
- a. Monitor and ensure the proper implementation of the accessibility standards in the public exhibition of feature films in cinema theatres.
 - b. Provide recommendations on further improvement of the accessibility standards.
 - c. Oversee the implementation of accessibility standards in cinema theatres to ensure compliance with legal requirements and to promote inclusivity for all individuals, including those with disabilities.
 - d. Address the complaints filed against non-availability of accessible features in the cinema theatres through the licensing authority under clause 10 of the ibid accessibility guidelines.
 - e. Reviewing and proposing changes to existing accessibility guidelines based on best practices, legal requirements, and stakeholder input.
 - f. Prepare and submit regular reports on progress, challenges, and recommendations to relevant stakeholders and authorities.
 - g. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to the Committee by Ministry.
4. **Frequency of Meetings:** The Committee shall hold its meetings quarterly to review the progress of implementing accessibility standards in the public exhibition of feature films in cinema theatres.
5. **Submission of Report:**
- a. The Committee shall submit its first report to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting within one month from the date of its constitution.
 - b. The Committee shall compile and submit an implementation report following each quarterly meeting, detailing the adherence to and effectiveness of the accessibility guidelines.
6. All non-official members shall be paid a sitting fee and travel allowance (TA) / dearness allowance (DA) as admissible.

Encl: As Above

Yours faithfully


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To

All Committee Members