

CENTRE FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REPORT

2022-2023

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3 cases were handled by the Centre in this academic year. Details are as follows.

1. Client:SabinaD’Cunha

The CRPD received a client mother of a child suffering from rare blood disorder namely Glanzmann Thrombasthenia. This is a blood disorder where the blood clotting capacity is lost by the blood. Presently Thalassemia, Haemophilia and Sickle cell disorder are recognised by the Persons with Disability Act 2016. Mother of the child wanted a notification to be issued to include this disorder as disability. The CRPD is working on drafting of letter and communicating with central government to do the needful. Simultaneously, mother wanted a support for the child, as the State cannot provide support under the allotted budget as it does not fall under disability, the members of the centre are trying to arrange funds for the support. The members of the centre even decided to create a QR code wherein the passerby can understand the medical condition of the child by scanning the QR code. In the month of January Prof. B.S Patil allotted Amit Birje, Sameer Talekar, Anjali Birajdar and Sharlene Fernandes, Students Of 5th year BA.LLB, 3 cases of the State Human Rights Commission and he also instructed us to file a case on the National Human Rights Portal.

2. Client: Shri. Vishant Nagvekar

Shri. Vishant Nagvekar vs. The Director, Directorate of social welfare panaji Goa and The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Porvorim Goa, Proceeding no. 242/2022/1168. This was the case related to accessible banking facilities. We have submitted an authority letter as well as an application to add a bank as a party as initially it was not added as a party. Shri Vishant Nagvekar vs.

1. The Director, The Directorate of health services, Campal Panaji Goa
2. The Medical Superintendent, North Goa District Hospital Mapusa Goa.

3. The Medical superintendent South Goa District Hospital Margao Salcete Goa.

Proceeding No. 218 /2022 /1109

This case was filed as there were no accessible facilities in the hospitals that are district hospitals as mentioned above. We have filed an application to add GMC as a party as most of the persons with disabilities also visit, as the hospital is having all the Advance health facilities. After submission of authority letter.

4. Shri Vishant Nagvekar vs. 1. The Director, Directorate of Social Welfare Panaji Goa 2. The Director, The Directorate of sports and youth affairs, Campal, Panaji Goa. Proceeding no.219/2020/1099

This case was filed to include a civil servant's tournament in Para sports. The directions were issued and to check the compliance we also visited the sports department at Campal panaji. We were informed there the tournaments are taking place. The last tournament was 22nd February.

5. Amit Birje, Member of CRPD

Amit Birje himself visually impaired volunteered to improve the accessibility of Banks for the Persons with Disability. To implement the same, the member prepared a complaint with NHRC. The complaint was filed the case through National Human Rights Online portal. Case number 13/5/1/2023. The complaint was unsuccessful as the NHRC has directed us to visit the appropriate authority. As per the direction from the NHRC, the member decided to approach RBI and take the stock of the ground reality. Currently we are working on RTI application to RBI seeking information whether all the scheduled banks are complying with accessible banking facilities which are provided under circular no. RBI/2017-18/89 DBR. No.leg.BC. 96/09.07.005/2017-18. Another application is being prepared to the State Human Rights Commission asking for commencement of proceedings.