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**A.C. JOSHI LIBRARY, PANJAB UNIVERSITY
CHANDIGARH**

No. 2938/Pue

Date 31/8/18

**Subject: Facilities for the Students with Disabilities at the A.C. Joshi Library,
Panjab University, Chandigarh**

This refers to the letter No. 320/R/UGC dt. 27.08.2018 addressed to the Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh forwarded to the University Librarian. The following facilities have already been provided in the A C Joshi Library for Students with Disabilities:

1. Ramp at the entrance of the library.
2. Wheel chair for the use of students if required.
3. Provision of lift in the 5 storey building of the library.
4. A separate room has been provided in the Library at the Ground floor near the entrance of the library where the visually impaired students can sit and study.
5. Keeping in view special needs of visually impaired students of Panjab University in accessing and reading the books they require as part of their study, A.C. Joshi Library has recently purchased a specialized hardware and software namely **HORIZON** (which consists of two scanners) and **LEX** software (to convert the e-text into audio book). **Hindi OCR** software has also been purchased for reading material in Hindi language. With the help of this hardware and software, the visually impaired students can use any reading material available in the Library by converting it into an e-text file which can later be converted into an audio book that can be saved for future use also.
6. Also available is the **JAWS** software that provides the visually impaired users with access to the information displayed on the screen via text-to-speech and **Zoom-Ex** which is an innovative tool which makes it possible to turn any computer into an accessible scanner, reader, and magnifier for blind or visually impaired users.

This is for your information please.

Registrar

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Co-ordinator PWD cell 4/9/18
Mr Sanyeev Gaur
(PWD) 3/9/18

(Ms. Navjeet Kaur)
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University Librarian
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The Registrar,
Panjab University,
Chandigarh,
PIN - 160 014.

JUL-2018

Subject : Regarding First Meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Disability constituted under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the letter number E.9-15/2018-11-II dated 10.05.2018 received from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi on the subject mentioned above. You are requested to "Establish one section of the library in each University which should be designated as accessible library for persons with disabilities providing books, journals etc in Braille and other accessible forms" and send the action taken report of the University as well as your affiliated colleges immediately within one month positively.

Yours faithfully,

Madhu
(Madhu Mehra)
Under Secretary

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University Admin
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Encl: As above

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compliance
Please submit
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The matter does not come in the purview of Ertt-I. For this may be informed to DR.(G)/SC/ST cell please.

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OS Ertt-I
Mrs. Ritu Sharma
29/8/18

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