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Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts

DaK Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi- 11 0001. Date: 21.8. 2008

To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject: Opening and operating of account by blind/visually impaired persons independently-an amendment to Post Office Savings Account Rules 1981/ Post Office Time Deposit Rules 1981 and procedure regarding.

Sir I Madam,

The undersigned is directed to say that in the existing Rule 4 of Post Office Savings Account Rules 1981 and Post Office Time Deposit Rules 1981, a blind person may open and operate account, through literate agent nominated by him for the purpose. In the rules for other type of accounts, there is neither a provision not a bar on opening and operating of account by blind/visually-impaired persons independently.

2 Ministry Of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs has decided to extend facility of opening/operating any type of account to blind visually-impaired persons. For this, Rule 4 of Post. Office Savings Account Rules 1981 has been amended by Min. of Finance vide GSR No. 478(F) dated 26.6.2008 (copy enclosed) and Rule 4 of Post Office TD Rules 1981 vide GSR No.479(E) dated 26.6.2008 (copy enclosed). For other type of accounts, as there is no bar on opening / operating of account by a blind visually impaired person independently in the rules, Department of Posts has been asked to frame

procedure / instructions for opening and operation of accounts by blind/visually impaired persons independently

3 Guidelines for opening and operating of accounts by blind / visually-impaired persons independently are enclosed for information, guidance and further necessary action, it may be ensured that no blind/visually impaired person may be denied the right of opening/operating any type of account under any Small Savings.

4 It is therefore requested that this may be brought to the notice of all post offices for information and necessary guidance.

This issues with the approval of DDG (FS).

Yours faithfully

(Kawal Jit Singh)
ASP(Savings Bank/Certificates)
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