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NHFDC and Andhra Bank signs an MOU to facilitate concessional credit to PwDs on refinance basis

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India and Andhra Bank signed MOU facilitating concessional credit to PwDs on all India basis at Hyderabad today. Shri Harsh Bhal, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NHFDC and Shri B. Narendranath Reddy, General Manager, Andhra Bank signed on the MOU.

As per MOU, NHFDC will refinance to the bank in respect of disbursement of loan to PwD for self-employment for those activities which are covered under Credit Guarantee Scheme of CGTMSE , Govt. of India. In addition, NHFDC will also refinance the education loan for higher education to PwDs.

NHFDC has so far tied up with 25 Regional Rural Banks in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. NHFDC has also tied up with North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi) for entire North Eastern Region. Both these tie ups are under Credit Guarantee Scheme of CGTMSE on similar lines. Andhra Bank is the first National level bank which has entered into agreement with NHFDC for concessional credit to PwDs on Pan-India basis.

NHFDC concessional credit to PwDs is available upto Rs. 25 lac on rate of interest ranging between 4% to 8%. A special rebate of 1% is available across the board to women beneficiaries. The education loan for higher education for study in India and abroad is available at the interest rate of 4%. The loan is available upto Rs. 10 lac for study in India and upto Rs. 20 lac for study at abroad. In case of girl student the rate of interest is only @ 3.5% p.a.

Andhra Bank has a strong presence in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa & Kerala. In addition, this tie up may add a new dimension to disbursement of educational loan for higher education of PwDs in southern states in India.
