

Reg -An initiative by NHFDC for PwDs -Vehicle Ownership for Income Generation

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) as a Not for Profit Public Sector Enterprise has been in the forefront of extending concessional credit linkages to the Persons with Disabilities since 1997.

NHFDC has recently come out with various new initiatives such as simplification of existing credit based funding with merger of all existing schemes and introduction of Diyangjan Swablamban Yojana, revival of Vishesh Microfinance Yojana. The Corporation has also constituted NHFDC Foundation which shall among its other activities provide platform for marketing of products manufactured by Diyangjans as well as intermediation for various pilot projects providing business / revenue generation linkages.

One such initiative recently launched by NHFDC provides regular income stream (on monthly basis) for Diyangjans by arranging hand shake between PwDs owning/ desirous of owning commercial vehicles and Fleet Operators. In this model, vehicle loan is provided to a disable person by NHFDC's channelizing agency or by NHFDC itself for deploying commercial vehicle. The disable person (the vehicle owner) can provide the vehicle on a long term contract basis to NHFDC Foundation for onward business linkage with Fleet Operators to garner lease rentals sufficient for repayment of his loan and a minimum sustenance allowance for himself. The lease agreements will be secured in a way whereby the maintenance, upkeep, yearly insurance expenses, etc. will be the financial and administrative responsibility of Fleet Partners. The entire intermediation and the paper work is handled by NHFDC Foundation including recovering monthly lease rentals from the fleet operators and appropriating the rentals among loan repayment, administrative costs and PwD beneficiary's bank account. As per the Company's internal calculations, the monthly income accruing to a PwD will be around Rs. 2,500/- per month apart from residual value of the vehicle on completion of loan tenure. A variation of this financial arrangement also provides for upfront loading of expected residual value in the monthly income, and in this case the vehicle is to be retained by the Fleet Operator(s) on completion of NHFDC's loan.

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