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With reference to your letter dated 22th December, 2017 no. 358-2/2017-ca/7/629 we are sending a few general comments/ observations regarding making Information and Communication Technology Accessible for Persons with Disabilities.

1. The issues outlined in the Paper are well defined
2. As we are a signatory to UNCRPD we must move towards observing international standards based on the principles of universal design.
3. Since most of the persons with disabilities reside in rural areas with little or no access to education all efforts must be made to make available assistive devices at affordable rates and quality durable products.
4. Being poorly educated persons with disabilities are mostly unemployed so ICTs need to be subsidised.
5. For education for persons with disabilities both the disabled person as well as the teacher/ educator/ trainer need to be well versed in the use of ICTs.
6. Persons with disabilities first need to be identified and issued a disability certificate and identity card as well as aadhar cards to be able to access the benefits of any scheme. Thus this process needs to be expedited through the means of ICTs so effective strategies need to be built in for inter departmental coordination and coordination among stakeholders.

Thanks you  
Regards

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