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Secretary, Department of Health Research
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Subject: To bring awareness of our Profession as Rehabilitation Psychologists to work in Disability Rehabilitation Centers.

Respected Sir,

Association of Rehabilitation Psychologists-India, represents Rehabilitation Psychologists in India as Licensed Practitioners certified by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI Act, 1992) to diagnose and contribute Psychological Intervention in the disability rehabilitation process. Rehabilitation psychologists evaluate and assist people struggling with the following conditions:

Cognitive issues

Chronic health conditions

Developmental disabilities

Emotional problems

Psychosocial problems

Regardless of whether an individual develops or is born with a disability, rehabilitation psychologists help them cope with their disabilities, so they can live normal and happy lives.

Latest Census report reveals that 2, 68, 10,557 people are affected by disability and it is an increase of 0.08% (in 2001 the disability was 2.13% compared to 2.21% in 2011). However, trained professionals in the area of disability rehabilitation is lagging behind with shortage of 1,86,525 until 2007 and if the flow of training institutions for providing trained manpower remains same, then, by the end of the year 2016 there will be a shortage of about 1,04,531

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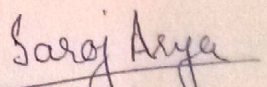
personnel in the field of disability. All estimates by occupation are worked out to the end of the 12th Plan period (RCI report on HR requirement, IAMR Report No.1/2009). Furthermore, the cost incurred to develop personnel is approximately 3, 00,000 per Candidate (RCI report on HR requirement, IAMR Report No.1/2009, Appendix X).

We are M.Phil scholars with rigorous clinical practice to work along with Neurologists, Pediatricians, Psychiatrists, Speech pathologists, Physiotherapist, Special educators and Early intervention therapists by assessing the person with disability with the level of intellectual and adaptive functioning and to provide cognitive training as therapeutic intervention along with behavior modification programs to challenging behaviors whenever necessary. In the process, we give family counseling, family therapy, and inform the diagnostic condition and explain the trajectory of disability over individual's life span. Most importantly, we are trained professionals to conduct research and development in disability rehabilitation sector.

In the light of the above facts, we request you to provide job opportunities in various public sector enterprises.

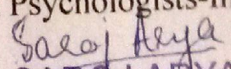
Thanking you,

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