



## भारतीय पुनर्वास परिषद्

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय के अधीन एक सांविधिक निकाय  
दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग, भारत सरकार

### REHABILITATION COUNCIL OF INDIA

A Statutory Body of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Government of India



File No. 3-1/MR/11-RCI

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### Circular

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 has come into force w.e.f 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 to give effect to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The major perspective of the above said Act is now rights-based and multi-sectoral.

2. As per Clause (zc) of section 2, specified disability, notified in the Schedule of the RPwD Act, 2016, the term **Mental Retardation** has been replaced with **Intellectual Disability**.
3. Accordingly, the Council has decided that the term **Mental Retardation** used in the syllabus of RCI's approved diploma, degree and masters level programmes to be replaced with **Intellectual Disability** with immediate effect.
4. All the RCI's approved training institutions conducting any programme in the field of Mental Retardation are advised to take cognizance of the above said decision of the Council and incorporate necessary changes, wherever applicable.

(Dr. Subodh Kumar)  
Member Secretary

To :

- i. Directors of All National Institutes.
- ii. All RCI's approved training institutions.

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- i. PPS to Secretary, DEPwD, M/oSJ&E & Chairperson, RCI –for Information, please.
- ii. Asst. Director (Technical), RCI.
- iii. Asst. Director ( Programme), RCI.
- iv. National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation.
- v. Computer Section – to upload on the Council's website.