NOTIFICATION

Ecf No.704814/21

Whereas, the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, in its Judgement and Order dated 15.07.2025 passed in **W.P.(C) No. 4850/2022, Mohd. Riyajul Islam vs. State of Assam & Others**, has directed the State Government to ensure that all persons engaged in providing rehabilitation, therapeutic, or other professional services to persons with disabilities are duly registered with the **Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)** as mandated by the **Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (Act No. 34 of 1992);**

And whereas, under the provisions of Section 13 and Section 14 of the said Act, no person other than a professional who possesses qualifications recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India and is enrolled on the Register maintained by the Council shall practice as a rehabilitation professional or take up employment in any institution offering services to persons with disabilities;

And whereas, practicing as rehabilitation professional without valid registration under the Rehabilitation Council of India is a **punishable offence** under the said Act;

Now, therefore, in compliance with the aforesaid judgment of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and in exercise of the powers conferred under the relevant provisions of law, it is hereby notified that –

1. **All government, non-government, and private practitioners** who are presently engaged in providing any kind of rehabilitation, therapy, counseling, or related services to **persons with disabilities** in the State of Assam shall **mandatorily obtain registration** under the **Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI).**
2. No practitioner, institution, organization, or establishment shall engage any person for providing such rehabilitation or therapeutic services unless that person holds a valid RCI registration certificate.
3. Practicing without registration or employing unregistered professionals shall constitute an **offence under Section 19 of the RCI Act, 1992,** and shall attract penal consequences as provided therein.
4. All Heads of Departments, District Social Welfare Officers, and other authorities concerned shall ensure **strict compliance** of this notification and take appropriate action in case of any violation.

This notification is issued in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and in the interest of public service.

Sd/- Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

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