**Status of Disability in India**

The Rehabilitation & Empowerment Council of India, is a statutory body under the the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India was set up in the year 1986. It is mandated to regulate and monitor services given to persons with disability, and to standardise syllabi. It also maintains a Central Rehabilitation Register of all qualified professionals and personnel working in the field of Rehabilitation and Special Education and promotes Research in Special Education.

The Council brings out publications in the field of rehabilitation. Some of the publications are freely distributed. The Council brought out a comprehensive book entitled “Status of Disability in India” It provides latest information, data and statistics on the status of disability in India covering all the major like Autism, Cerebral Patsy, Hearing Impairment, Mental Retardation, Mental Locomotor Illness, Visual Impairment, Impairment, Spinal Injuries, etc. It would be a very useful reference book for professionals, researchers, Universities and other higher education institutions.

There has always been a need for an in-depth reference point based on the contributions of various experts working in the area of Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment, Locomotor Impairment and Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities and Spinal. This book on*Status of Disability* will serve many functions namely (a) source of basic summative information, (b) a basic spot reference, and (c) a continuing information support system

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**The MIT Encyclopedia of Communication Disorders**

The MIT Encyclopedia of Communication Disorders (MITECD) is a comprehensive volume that presents essential information on communication sciences and disorders. The pertinent disorders are those that affect the production and comprehension of spoken language and include especially disorders of speech production and perception, language expression, language comprehension, voice, and hearing.

Potential readers include clinical practitioners, students, and research specialists. Relatively few comprehensive books of similar design and purpose exist, so MITECD stands nearly alone as a resource for anyone interested in the broad field of communication disorders.

MITECD is organized into the four broad categories of Voice, Speech, Language, and Hearing. These categories represent the spectrum of topics that usually fall under the rubric of communication disorders (also known as speech-language pathology and audiology, among other names).

The Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research, one of the most comprehensive and influential periodicals in the field, uses the editorial categories of speech, language, and hearing. Although voice could be subsumed under speech, the two fields are large enough individually and sufficiently distinct that a separation is warranted. Voice is internationally recognized as a clinical and research specialty, and it is represented by journals dedicated to its domain (e.g., the Journal of Voice). The use of these four categories achieves a major categorization of knowledge but avoids a narrow fragmentation of the field at large. It is to be expected that the Encyclopedia would include cross-referencing within and across these four major categories. After all, they are integrated in the definitively human behavior of language, and disorders of communication frequently have wide-ranging effects on communication in its essential social, educational, and vocational roles. In designing the content and structure of MITECD, it was decided that each of these major categories should be further subdivided into Basic Science, Disorders (nature and assessment), and Clinical Management (intervention issues). Although these categories are not always transparent in the entire collection of entries, they guided the delineation of chapters and the selection of contributors.