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Rehabilitation Council of India  
A Statutory Body Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)  
Govt. of India

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**Subject: Relieving of visiting experts for conducting inspections / visits to be mandatory**

Rehabilitation Council of India, a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), is responsible to regulate Training Programmes in the field of special education & disability rehabilitation alongwith other mandates as mentioned in the Act. Prior to according approval for conducting training programme this Council undertakes an inspection of the concerned institutions/organisations with the help of visiting experts who are qualified to conduct inspection for that particular programme as per Section 15 of RCI Act, 1992. These visiting experts are deputed from the faculty members of National Institutes, Universities departments or from accredited NGOs running that particular course already approved by RCI.

2. It has been brought to the notice of the Council that visiting experts deployed for conducting RCI inspections are either not relieved by their organisations in time or they are forced to avail their personal leave for the inspection. Due to this, the inspection gets inordinately delayed which adversely affects the work of the Council. It has been also observed that sometimes the visiting experts do not go for inspection quoting some personal reasons.

3. So, in the public interest and for fair and transparent process of inspections, it has been decided that timely execution of inspection work as allotted by this Council shall be the responsibility of the head of the institutions from where the expert has been deputed. Barring a few very special and justified circumstances, no faculty/expert should be allowed to refuse inspection within the given time frame. The inspection will be treated as official duty. The negligence on the part of faculty/experts/institutions may be treated as misconduct and necessary disciplinary action may be initiated against the defaulters as per RCI Act, 1992 and RCI Regulations, 1997, if it is brought to the notice of the Council.

  
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To

All Concerned  
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