

# **INDIAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION**

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## A request to Governmental & NGOs, hospital administrators, doctors, and general public in India regarding fake Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists in India

According to the Scope of Practice of Speech and Hearing Professionals by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) (2-6/RCI/2015/4433):

- Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists should have completed a graduate / post-graduate / doctoral degree in the field of speech, language and hearing from an RCI recognized University/Institute from India or abroad (RCI Act, 1992; Section 11)
- These graduated professionals must be registered under Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) to practice.

Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA), has been receiving complaints that unqualified, unregistered or fake individuals are practicing as Audiologists and/or speech-Language Pathologists as free lancers, in many hospitals and private clinics.

#### A SIGN OF MAJOR RED ALERT

It can be harmful to take treatment from unqualified unregistered or fake individuals

#### How to identify a qualified audiologist and/or speech-language pathologist? A qualified person will have a certificate and a registration number from Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI Act, 1992; Section13) and will be registered with a professional association.

Who are not eligible to be addressed as an Audiologist or a Speech-Language Pathologist? Any diploma holders in the field of speech and hearing and other allied professionals. Diploma holders can only work under qualified registered professionals in the field of speech and hearing.

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