Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: - Request for data on 'Information needs/search patterns of professionals' working in the field of disabilities/mental retardation.

Presently I am working on a research project for my Ph.D thesis titled 'Information requirements of the professionals working in the National Institute for the Disabled, with special reference to mental handicap in India' at the Karnataka University, Dharwad. This study is also intended to elicit data on information seeking behaviour, information use and related activities of the professionals is working in the field of mental handicap.

The main objective of the study is to design appropriate information system/services in the field of mental handicap in India. Your honest and prompt response will help me in designing appropriate information and documentation services to the professionals in the field.

The responses shall be kept completely confidential and only the factual data will be used in the present research work. I also assure you that the identity of the respondents shall be kept anonymous.

The enclosed questionnaire consists of about 35 questions which may take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

I solicit your earnest cooperation in accomplishing the above task. A selfaddressed stamped envelope is enclosed for returning the filled-in questionnaire.

Your prompt response will help us to provide better/new information services.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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