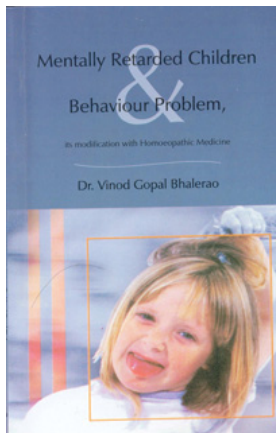


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1. Disability



The concept of disability is loss or want of ability temporary or permanent due to disease, accident, genetic causes or any reason, may not be equal on all cases. It may be mental or physical in capability.

Temporary or permanent, disabilities can arise due to diseases, accident, genetic disorder or any reason. WHO defines Impairment as any loss or abnormality of psychological or anatomical structure. Disability may interfere with their education, with work and social action. What is rieful of disability? Handicap! Various organizations such as UNO, WHO, ILO have made definition of disability WHO defines disability as any restriction or lack ness to perform an activity in manner or within a range considered normal for a human being. ILO defines a person with disability as an individual who is not securing, retaining and advancement in suitable employment is substantially reduced as result of any physical or mental Impairment. They can be rehabilitated by advances in technology.

But disable people have to suffer from their parents and social negative attitudes. They forget that disable people also are helpful for socio-economic development. An authentic sample survey was made in 1981 for physically and sensory disabled people but not for mentally retarded children.

Thus no work was done for mentally retarded children.

In Indian context disabilities have been grouped as follows:

1. Visually handicapped
2. Hearing handicapped
3. Locomoter handicapped

4. Mentally retarded
5. Neurological handicapped
6. Leprosy

There are many other disabilities like Autism, and Learning disability in children. Hence there is a need for survey on disability based delay on a scientific and professional approach.

In 1986 the Govt, of India prescribed standard set of definition along with standard tests for the purpose of defining disabilities and certification there of a program's for supply of aids and appliances was implemented.

Now we will discuss about mental retardation.



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2. Introduction

"Mental retardation on the basis of IQ level" has been done in the following way. (1) Mild (2) Moderate (3) Severe (4) Multiple handicapped. At present the children are saved from death by modern medical science. But further growth is arrested, and it makes delicate, back ward and odd, student children. They cannot see, hear, or speak properly and they are unclean about there habits. Such abnormalities depend upon physical and mental condition of children. The hindrance in constitutional growth can be cured by constitutional medicines of homoeopathic system.

Many mentally retarded children have many problems with disposition of their Intelligence. Intelligence is a product of heredity and environment genetic factor also result in development of a brain which has limited ability. On the other hand we see poor condition and social stigma about such children it signifies the mal related behaviour. Their communication, self-care, protection, home and social skill, functional ability are very pitiable. It is developed in a period up to 18 years age, general intelligent work doses not result in mental retardation only.

In India 3% children are mentally retarded, large number like 300 million children are found under the age 14 years. It is classified as educable, trained and severe and profound group. Peculiar characteristic are seen in every group. Mentally ill child and mentally retarded children are different. One has emotional disorder and the other has impaired capacity and Intelligence. Both of them manifest unusual and strange behaviour.

Mental retardation, mental deficiency mental sub normality and mental handicapped are the terms used to refer same condition. Delay, backwardness, dementia, Idiocy, feeble