



**Government of Odisha**  
**Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

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From

**Niten Chandra, IAS**  
Principal Secretary

To

**All RDCs**  
**All Collectors**

**Sub: Early identification of hearing impairment in children between 0-5 years of age and facility for free of cost cochlear implant.**

Madam/Sir,

Government provides free cochlear implant facility to children below 5 years of age having family income of less than ₹15,000 per month. The implant is done in recognised hospitals in Odisha. The cochlear technology can help people with moderate and profound hearing loss in both ears and those who receive little benefit from hearing aids. It uses a surgically implanted prosthetic device inside the cochlea. The cochlear implant has an externally worn device which includes microphone, speech processor, transmitting coil, receiver stimulator package and the electrodes.

2. Considering that 4 out of 1000 children born suffer from hearing impairment, it is important that this medical facility is popularised so that children in need can have their hearing ability restored.
3. Cochlear implant may be done by registration and submitting online application by visiting the website [ssep.gov.in](http://ssep.gov.in). The applicants should also upload the disability certificate (over 40%), family income certificate of less than ₹15,000 per month, residence proof, Aadhar number and two colour photographs along with the online application. After successful registration and submission of application forms, a suitable date will be fixed for the cochlear implant.
4. You are requested to give wide publicity to this service offered by the Government for normalisation of hearing capability amongst the children of 0-5 years age group entirely free of cost.

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5. You may also contact the institutions as given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Hospital	Name of Doctor	Contact No.	E-mail ID
1.	S.C.B. Medical College and Hospital, Department of ENT & Neck Surgery, Cuttack-753007	Dr. Subrat Kumar Behera, Professor & HoD	9437015511	bdsbratkumar@yahoo.com
		Dr. Smruti Swain, Associate Professor	9437274981	
		Dr. K C Mallik, Associate Professor	9437092087	
		Dr C S Ray, Asst. Professor	9437309016	
		Dr Subhalakshmi Routray, Asst. Professor	8280216585	
2.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Sijua, PO-Dumuduma, Bhubaneswar-751 019	Dr. C. Preetam	9438884166	preetam82@gmail.com
3.	Appollo Hospital, Plot No.251, Sainik School Road, Unit-15, Bhubaneswar-751005	Dr. Sanjeev Gupta	8093060206	drsanjeev_g@apollohospitals.com
4.	Institute of Medical Sciences & SUM Hospital, K-8, Kalinganagar, Ghatikia, Bhubaneswar-751003	Dr. Rankanidhi Samal	9437165625	dr.rnsamal@yahoo.in
		Dr. Debabrata Panigrahi	9937406635	drdbpent@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,

*U. Chandra*  
Principal Secretary

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Copy forwarded to all DSSOs for information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), G.T. Road, Kanpur – 209217, Uttar Pradesh for information and necessary action.

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