

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EASY ACCESS TO DISABLED  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether National Institute for the Orthopaedicaly Handicapped (NIOH) Kolkata has received representations from Non-Government Organisations and social activists to assist in making plans for easy access to railway stations and other facilities recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the kind of expertise that NIOH has to give to public institutions to improve access facilities all over the country;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage NIOH to continue its work in this area;
- (e) whether adequate funding has been provided to NIOH for the purpose; and
- (f) if not, reasons thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) NIOH has the expertise to provide necessary technical inputs for improving access facilities for persons with disabilities. The Institute disseminates information on developing barrier free facilities in its main campus as also through camps organized for persons with disabilities. The government provides funds to the Institute for carrying on its activities including dissemination of information and awareness.