

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAP PERSONS AT VARIOUS TOURIST SPOTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some internationally famous tourist centres like the Qutub Minar in the capital and other tourist spots are not physically challenged friendly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the wheel chair facility for the handicapped persons is not available at the Qutub Minar; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide wheel chair facility to the physically challenged persons at the tourist spots?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) Many of the important monuments are provided with facilities for physically challenged persons, like wheel chairs, ramps, notice boards in Braille etc.

(c) On demand, wheel chair facility is available for physically challenged persons at Qutub complex.

(d) Instructions have been issued to all Circles of Archaeological Survey of India to provide facilities for physically challenged persons. These include wheel chairs, ramps (wherever possible) and special toilets.