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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still apathy for disable persons for gaining entry into the offices related to disability works in the Government offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to solve such issues in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) to (c) Section 46 of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 stipulates that the appropriate Governments and the local authorities shall, within the limits of their economic capacity and development take steps for non-discrimination in the built environment. Ministry of Urban Development (Delhi Division) had notified the amended Building Bye-Laws, 1983 vide No. K-12016/5/79/DDIA/VA1B Vol. ix (pt), dated 28th August, 2002, to ensure that the public buildings, which were erected in Delhi provided barrier free environment to Persons with Disabilities. These Building Bye-laws for barrier-free built environment in public buildings have been circulated to all the States and Union Territories for incorporation in the municipal building Bye-laws.

The Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the State Governments has organized workshops/conferences on creating awareness on barrier free environment, at various places in the country.

Grant-in-aid is provided under the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 to State Governments including Autonomous Bodies and Universities and Bodies setup by Central Government to provide barrier free access, which inter-alia includes provision of ramps, lifts, tactile paths, adaptation of toilets for wheel chair users and braille symbols and auditory signals.