

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF RAMPS FOR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to ensure the construction of ramps at public places such as Airports, Railway Stations etc. and Government offices for the differently-abled persons to make public places disabled friendly;
- (b) if so, whether ramps have been constructed all over such places; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) As per Section 46 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, appropriate Governments and local authorities shall, within the limits of their economic capacity and development, among other things, provide for ramps in public buildings.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Urban Development (Delhi Division) notified the amended Building Bye-Laws on 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 were circulated to all the States and Union Territories for incorporation in the municipal building Bye-laws.

31 States and Union Territories have either amended their Building Bye-laws or have issued instructions to make the public places accessible to persons with disabilities.

Grant-in-aid is provided under the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 to State Governments including Autonomous Bodies and Universities and Bodies set up by Central Government to provide barrier free access.

Many of the public places like Airports, Railways Stations and many Government offices, schools, etc., have been provided with ramps.