

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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USER-FRIENDLY DIGI PLATFORMS FOR PWD

1050. SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to make accessible digital platforms like Apps and other ICT for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), details thereof; and
- (b) the current position of the country in Digital Accessibility Rights Evaluation Index (DARE index) which measures worldwide implementation and outcomes relating to digital accessibility?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): A number of steps have been taken to make digital platforms, apps and other information and communication technology (ICT) applications accessible to persons with disabilities. These include the following:

(i) 95 websites of Central Government Ministries and Departments have been made accessible by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under its Content Management Framework project.

(ii) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has informed that it has made 632 websites of various States and Union territories accessible under its Accessible India Campaign, in coordination with ERNET, an autonomous scientific society under MeitY.

(iii) Government has launched a crowd sourcing mobile application named Sugamya Bharat App, which enables anyone to bring to the notice of the Government any accessibility-related issues being faced by them while using public infrastructure, facilities and services that require redressal.

(b): As per information available on the website of the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs (<https://g3ict.org/country-profile/india>), India is ranked 45th globally and first in the South Asia region on the DARE (Digital Accessibility Rights Evaluation) Index 2020.
