

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1173
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY, 31, 2023**

**GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)**

NO. 1173. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has achieved the goal of making 50 per cent of all Government buildings fully accessible to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) by June 2023;
- (b) the initiatives that have been taken to make all Government buildings, Public Sector Undertaking buildings, cooperations, in the National Capital and other State Capitals being made accessible for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs);
- (c) whether all railway stations across the nation have been made accessible for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons, therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a): Retrofitting of all the Central Government buildings across the country owned by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for accessibility, as mandated under Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, has been completed by Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

(b): Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has circulated 'Harmonised Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India, 2021' and 'Model Building Bye-Laws(MBBL), 2016', containing accessibility guidelines for guidance of the States and Union Territories. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been implementing the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA) for providing financial assistance to State/UT Governments to provide barrier free environment for Persons with Disabilities. 'Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State' is a State subject. The details of buildings of State Governments/UTs and other entities are not maintained centrally.

(c) & (d): All 709 A-1, A & B category railway stations (erstwhile) have been provided with all facilities such as ramps, reserved parking near entrance, accessible toilets, accessible drinking water facilities, accessible lifts, "May I Help You" booths, signages etc. to make railways stations accessible for Divyangjans. Improvements/augmentation of above facilities at Railway Stations, including those for Divyangjan is a continuous process.
