

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 3009**  
ANSWERED ON-26.03.2025

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LOCOMOTOR DISABILITIES, KOLKATA**

3009. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA

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

- (a) Whether the construction of the new State-of-the-art building for the National Institute of Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata has been approved, and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) Whether Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has raised any concern regarding the approval process, and, if so, how these concerns are being addressed; and
- (c) Whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment of the flood-prone infrastructure at the existing NILD campus and the interim measures taken to mitigate hardships faced by staff and patients, especially during the upcoming monsoon season?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- a) The proposal for the construction of a new building for the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata, after obtaining in-principle approval of the department, is currently under consideration at Detailed Project Report (DPR) stage. The proposal, along with the DPR, is under examination at the preliminary stage within the department before submission for inter-ministerial consultation and approval.
- (b) The Internal Finance Division (IFD) of the Department has provided preliminary observations on the proposal, primarily regarding cost structuring, adherence to procurement norms, and compliance with procedural guidelines outlined in the Ministry of Finance OM dated 05.08.2016. These observations are currently being addressed within the department in consultation with the institute before formal submission to the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance, as part of the prescribed appraisal and approval process.
- (c) The Ministry has sought technical assessments from expert institutions such as Jadavpur University and Odisha University of Technology and Research to evaluate structural integrity and mitigation measures. Additionally, as an interim measure, consultations with the Council of Architecture and IIT Roorkee are being pursued to explore feasible short term reinforcements while the proposal for the new building undergoes the necessary approvals.

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