

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1257**  
ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

**MEASURES FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY**

1257. Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has finalized the timeline and framework for launching the 2-3-day training course for State Persons with Disabilities(PwD) engineers in collaboration with Center for Persons with Disabilities (CPwD) training academy, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Ministry intends to introduce budget tagging for disability-inclusive measures to track compliance with Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) objectives and assess the sufficiency of allocations, and if so, the timeline thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has explored expanding real-time monitoring and accountability mechanisms using any AI tools to optimize training outcomes?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

**(a) to (c)** Sir, at present there is no such proposal. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities had conducted a three day training programme through CPWD Academy, Ghaziabad for 50 State Public Works Department (PWD) Engineers in year 2023-24.

Since 'Works, lands and buildings vested in or in the possession of the State' is a State subject, and as per Sections 41, 44 and 45 of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the appropriate government is responsible to take steps to ensure accessible built infrastructure, transport systems and accessible ICT for PwDs and is also responsible to conduct regular social audits to ensure that different schemes meet accessibility requirements.

Department has established monitoring mechanisms including regular follow-up meetings, issuance of advisories/circulars from time to time for keeping a track of latest accessibility efforts. Sugamya Bharat App of DEPwD is a mobile application allowing citizens to report accessibility issues for appropriate and prompt resolution.

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