

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2017**

Access Audits of Buildings

**3584. SHRI HARISH MEENA
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT**

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

- (a) Whether any guidelines are proposed to be released by the Government on the access audits of important buildings frequently visited by people with disabilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether any awareness programmes are organized by the Government to enlighten people about the experiences of persons with disabilities and to sensitize them about the hardships they face;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) If not, whether the Government has any plan in this regard for the near future?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)**

a) Under the Accessible India Campaign, access audit of 1662 most important identified government buildings in selected 50 cities of the country have been done through the empanelled Access Auditors with the target of making them fully accessible. No guidelines are proposed to be released by the Government in this regard.

(b) & (c): Department organized following awareness programmes:-

- Five awareness workshops were conducted at Bhopal, Jaipur, Raipur, Ranchi and Bhubaneswar.
- Twitter Conference with State Governments.
- Television commercial on Accessibility.
- 'Ride for Accessibility', a bike rally in Delhi.
- Five Regional Conferences with State Governments.

(d) Does not arise.
