

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Divyangjan)
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3248
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2018

FUNDS FOR SUGAMYA BHARAT

3248. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) The funds allocated by the Government after the launch of the 'Sugamya Bharat' (Accessibility India) campaign to sensitize people on accessibility issues concerning persons with disabilities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) The salient features of the said campaign; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide disabled friendly facilities in its establishments and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) While there is no fund allocation under Accessible India Campaign for activities to sensitize public on accessibility issues, however, funds for these activities are provided under the Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme, and Media Head of DEPwD from time to time. The total funds to the tune of Rs. 93.26lakhs has been spent for the same after the launch of 'Sugamya Bharat; (Accessibility India Campaign).
- (b) Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) was launched on 03.12.2015 as a nation-wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility. The campaign targets at enhancing the accessibility of built environment, transport system and information & communication eco-system to make the life of Persons with Disabilities more convenient.
- (c) Yes Sir. The Government is committed to implement the relevant provisions of the newly enacted Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 regarding accessibility. A copy of the said Act was forwarded to all Central Ministries/Departments as well as State Governments/UTs to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Act. Again, on 16.01.2018, a letter has been addressed to the Chief Ministers of States and Administrators of UTs reminding them to make all buildings accessible and also to make Accessible India Campaign a successful event.
