

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1245
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2021**

Targets of Accessible India Campaign

1245. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set some targets for Accessible India Campaign 2015;
- (b) If so, the details of the target and its objectives therein;
- (c) the details of achievement made in this Accessible India Campaign including the target set for Railways; and
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b): Accessible India Campaign (AIC) was launched on 03.12.2015 as a nation-wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility. The campaign focuses on enhancing the accessibility of built environment, transport system and information & communication eco-system to make the life of Persons with Disabilities more convenient. Details of objectives & target of AIC are at Annexure I.

(c) & (d): Till 31.12.2020, under built up environment, Rs 445.99 Crores have been released to States/Uts to make 1153 identified buildings accessible. Out of these, 356 buildings have been made accessible. CPWD has made 998 central government buildings accessible.

Under the transportation system, 709 A1, A & B category railway stations, seven Short Term Facilities (provision of non slippery walkway from parking to Station building, provision of signages, provision of at least one drinking water tap, provision of at least one disable friendly toilet and 'May I help you' booth have been provided etc.) and 2 Long Term Facilities (facilities for inter-platform transfer and engraving on edges of platforms) have been provided at 603 railway stations.

Furthermore, 35 International Airports and 55 Domestic Airports have been made partially accessible.

Out of 1,47,368 buses, 42,169 buses are partially accessible and 10,175 are fully accessible.

Under Information and Communication Technology ecosystem INR 20.52 Crores has been released to Nodal agency, ERNET India to make identified websites of States/Uts accessible. 584 identified websites of States/Uts have been made accessible. In addition, 95 Central Government websites have been made accessible.

Annexure referred in Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1245 dated 09.02.2021 regarding Targets for Accessible India Campaign.

Details of target & objectives under Accessible India Campaign

Objective 1-Enhancing the proportion of accessible government buildings

Target 1.1:Conducting accessibility audit of 25-50 most important government buildings and converting them into fully accessible in 50 cities.

Target 1.2: Converting 50% of all the government buildings of National Capital and all the State capitals into fully accessible buildings.

Target 1.3:Conducting audit of 50% of government buildings and converting them into fully accessible buildings in 10 most important cities / towns of all the States (other than those, which are already covered in Target 1.1 and 1.2 above)

Objective 2-Enhancing proportion of accessible airports

Target 2.1: Conducting accessibility audit of all the international airports and converting them into fully accessible international airports.

Target 2.2: Conducting accessibility audit of all the domestic airports and converting them into fully accessible airports.

Objective 3-Enhancing the proportion of accessible railway stations

Target 3.1: Ensuring that A1, A & B categories of railway stations in the country are converted into fully accessible railway stations.

Target 3.2:Ensuring that 50% of railway stations in the country are converted into fully accessible railway stations.

Objective 4- Enhancing the proportion of accessible Public Transport

Target 4.1: Ensuring that 10% of Government owned public transport carriers in the country are converted into fully accessible carriers.

Objective 5- Enhancing proportion of accessible and usable public documents and websites that meet internationally recognized accessibility standards

Target 5.1: Conducting accessibility audit of 50% of all government (both Central & State Governments) websites and converting them into fully accessible websites.

Target 5.2: Ensuring that at least 50% of all public documents issued by the Central Government and the State Governments meet accessibility standards.

Objective 6- Enhancing the pool of sign language interpreters

Target 6.1: Training and developing 200 additional sign language interpreters.

Objective 7- Enhancing the proportion of daily captioning and sign-language interpretation of public television news programmes

Target 7.1:Developing and adoption of national standards on captioning and sign-language interpretation in consultation with National media authorities.

Target 7.2: Ensuring that 25% of all public television programmes aired by government channels meet these standards.