

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1458  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

**REVISED ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES OF CPWD**

**NO. 1458. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:**

**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that disability rights activists have raised concern over the revised accessibility guidelines issued by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the revised guidelines of 2021 had made changes in dimensions and heights which were leading to confusion and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that the revised guidelines of 2021 were not comprehensive enough and that bus, railway coach, airplane, etc. are barely covered and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether it is also true that the revised guidelines of 2021 do not share explanations for the changes made and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

**(a) to (d): The Harmonised Guidelines, 2021 have been formulated in consultation with Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) as mandated by Disabilities Act, 2016. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has also been consulted. Guidelines were reviewed by experts referred by CCPD and DEPwD. Consultation and public perception surveys were duly carried out. Comments were invited from all stakeholders on the draft version of the guidelines by keeping the document in public**

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**domain. Comments received were considered and incorporated to the extent feasible in the Harmonised Guidelines, 2021.**

**The work of revision/updation of Harmonised guidelines has been completed by following the required process. After printing of the Harmonised Guidelines, 2021, some comments have been received. The dimensional improvements in the Harmonised Guidelines, 2021 have been formulated considering the accessibility requirement of a wider array of demographics in India with different and diverse needs. Sector specific detailed guidelines e.g. bus, railway coach, airplane etc. are in the domain of concerned Department/Ministry. 'The Harmonised Guidelines, 2021' is a holistic revision and is based on best practices.**

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