

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

ACCESSIBILITY OF HERITAGE SITES TO DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS.

2384. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to make cultural heritage sites across the country more accessible to Persons with Disability as India is home to 38 UNESCO World Heritage sites, of which 30 are cultural sites, seven are natural sites and one a mixed site while also establishing the country as a leading model of accessibility planning and implementation in South Asian region; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the existing infrastructure instead of building new separate sections, at museums and art galleries to make them adaptable to meet the needs so as to develop a more inclusive cultural space?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a)&(b) To make protected monuments and museums more accessible to persons with disabilities, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) provides tactile pathway, wheel chair, ramp, braille signages, etc. besides other amenities such as drinking water, toilets, parking, cloak rooms, etc. at ticketed protected monuments and UNESCO World Heritage properties. Creation of such facilities at protected monuments is based on need and feasibility and their upgradation is a continuous phenomenon. On similar lines, archaeological site museums are also provided with necessary infrastructure under upgradation programmes.
