

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-378**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 04/02/2025

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LOCOMOTOR DISABILITIES**

**378. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:**

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

(a) whether the Ministry withholding approval for the construction of a new state-of-the-art building (Basement + Ground + 6 floors) for National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD); Kolkata, and if so, the reasons for the delay;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the outdated and flood-prone infrastructure at NILD, Kolkata, and the hardships it causes to staff and patients and if so, the steps being taken to address this issue;

(c) whether the Ministry has considered allocating funds for the procurement of an MRI machine for NILD, Kolkata, to enhance its diagnostic and treatment capabilities for individuals with locomotor disabilities and if so, the estimated timeline for its procurement and installation; and

(d) whether the Ministry intends to restore the Institute's original name as "Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities" pending for over 20 years, and the current status and the steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI B.L. VERMA)**

(a) No. The proposal for the construction of a new building at National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres is processed as per the prescribed procedures and in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, on the appraisal and approval of public-funded schemes/projects.

(b) The Department is cognizant of the infrastructural challenges at NILD. Proposals received from the institute for addressing these challenges are carefully considered, and immediate actions are taken to resolve any serious concerns brought to attention.

(c) No duly approved proposal, in this regard, has been received from the institute.

(d) This issue is under examination.

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