

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1703  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2016**

**Setting up of NIUD**

1703. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish National Institute of Inclusive and Universal Design (NIIUD) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish this institute to make the products user friendly;
- (d) the progress made so far in this regard along with the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) the role likely to be played by the Institute in quality and star rating of the products?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment**

**(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)**

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) to (e): The Ministry proposes to establish National Institute for Inclusive and Universal Design (NIIUD) on the Inclusive Agenda of Universal Design which will focus on environmental access by everyone. The Institute will address the issue of Universal Design and Barrier-Free Environment so as to make all efforts to make the mobility and life of persons with disabilities easier and at equal level with their non-disabled counterparts. The Institute will take up research, training, policy, development, service and advocacy issues to ensure the accessible environment for all products, buildings, transportation and education etc. The proposed Institute is of its first kind to be set up in the country. The process involves consultations with various Ministries/Departments/Organizations and discussions with different stakeholders.

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