

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Divyangjan)
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2799
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2018

Sensitisation on Disability

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

- (a) whether the Government/local urban bodies have any mechanism to sensitize public officials on issues affecting people with disabilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Delhi High Court had issued directions to make the entrances of public parks and public buildings disabled friendly; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b) Section 39 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 mandates States/UTs to conduct support or promote awareness and sensitization programme to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities provided under the Act are protected.

The Ministry implements "Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme" through reputed institutions, NGOs etc for creating mass awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities and various initiatives taken by the Government for their empowerment. The Ministry also issues advertisements from time to time highlighting the initiatives taken by the Government with a view to sensitize the public about empowerment of persons with disabilities.

(c) & (d) Hon'ble Delhi High Court in its order dated 13.02.2018 in Writ Petition (civil) No. 11711/2015 in the matter of Nipun Malhotra Vs Government of NCT of Delhi and others issued directions to Government of NCT of Delhi, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, South Delhi Municipal Corporation, East Delhi Municipal Corporation, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi Cantonment Board, Delhi Police and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation to make public spaces such as parks, public buildings disabled friendly. As a follow up action, this Ministry has advised all these concerned agencies to comply with this direction.
