

State/UT	Total Enrolled	Trainings Completed
Telangana	24666	21391
Tripura	4949	4542
Uttar Pradesh	58770	46072
Uttarakhand	3520	2889
West Bengal	38338	29475
TOTAL	532964	438459

Public service areas easily accessible to disabled

1387. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the proportion and number of airports, railway stations and government buildings that are accessible to visually and physically disabled persons, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is taking steps to ensure that all such transport stations are easily accessible to differently-abled, if so, the details of these steps;
- (c) whether there are any guidelines in place to ensure that public service areas, such as government buildings, are accessible to visually and physically impaired persons; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) No survey has been conducted regarding availability of barrier free features at various public places such as airports, railway stations, government buildings etc.

(b) Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Act, 1995 under section 44, 45 and 46 categorically provides for non-discrimination in transport, non-discrimination on the road and non-discrimination in built environment respectively. To successfully operationalize and create accessible environment, Government has conceptualized a multi-sectoral campaign the “Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)” as a nation-wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility for PwDs. The Campaign focuses on enhancing the accessibility of Government and public buildings, and built environment which includes

public transportation comprising airports, railway stations and public transport across the country.

(c) and (d) Central Public Works Department under the Ministry of Urban Development has issued guidelines and space standards for barrier free built environment for persons with disabilities and elderly persons in 1998. It specifies minimum access provisions required in various types of buildings to ensure specific environment suitable for all categories of people including persons with disabilities. Design elements within the building premises include site planning, parking, approach to plinth level, entrance landing, corridor, lift, toilet, signages etc.

Establishment and maintenance of old age homes

†1388. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides any financial assistance to State Governments for establishment and maintenance of old age homes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of old age homes run by various States including Madhya Pradesh during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) This Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP), under which financial assistance, in the form of grants-in-aid is given to Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Local Bodies, Non-Governmental Voluntary Organizations, Institutions or Organizations set up by Government as autonomous/subordinate bodies, Government Recognized Educational Institutions, Charitable Hospitals/Nursing Homes, and Recognized Youth Organization such as Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sanghathan (NYKS) etc. for running and maintenance of *inter alia*, Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units etc.

In exceptional cases such financial assistance is also provided to the State Governments/UT administrations. However, no proposal from the State Governments for seeking financial assistance under the Scheme has been received in this Ministry till date.

(b) A details showing total number of old age homes assisted and funds released during the last three years including the State of Madhya Pradesh under the Scheme of IPOP is given in the statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.