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Subject : Accessibility of public places including transport to physically challenged persons.

Dear Chief Secretary,

The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD), New Delhi in its Annual Report for the year 2005-06 has recommended that "Public places including transport should be made accessible to persons with disabilities in accordance with Section 44 to 46 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995. He has further recommended that a Nodal Officer should be appointed in every district to ensure this.

2. It is often noticed that various road infrastructure including pedestrian paths, pedestrian crossings, bus stations, buses etc. are not properly designed so as to be accessible to physically challenged persons thereby rendering their movement extremely difficult. Even after thirteen years of passing of the Act by Parliament, the implementation in the field is not significant.

3. As far as making all the buses physically challenged friendly is concerned, the whole issue may perhaps be dealt with in two ways; either to design a special bus service for physically challenged persons on the lines of "Dial-a-Bus" service in USA or making all the buses physically challenged friendly. However, for road infrastructure no such choice exists.

4. You are, therefore, requested to direct concerned officials to ensure that public places including transport are made accessible to persons with disabilities and also appoint a nodal officer in every district for the same. Various projects being undertaken through Central assistance would invariably have to conform to these directions.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

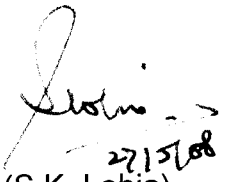
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