

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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Title : Regarding development of infrastructure for differently-abled people at Kumbhalgarh and Ranthambore Forts

Sushri Diya Kumari (RAJSAMAND): Sir, I would like to bring to your kind notice that the Archaeological Survey of India in 2015 identified sites of religious and historical importance attracting very high tourist footfall under the 'Adarsh Smarak Yojana' to implement differently abled-friendly measures. These include solar wheelchairs and battery-driven carts, braile signage, tactile floors or pathways, special toilets and railings, etc., that can facilitate the entry of differently-abled people at the archaeological sites. This noble initiative is a part of the Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan), conceptualised by the hon. Prime Minister to enable persons with disabilities to gain universal access to all archaeological sites. However, such development works in key historical marvels like the Kumbhalgarh Fort and the Ranthambore Fort are yet to take off.

I would request the ASI to expedite the process of making these destinations more inclusive.