

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:560  
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2006  
SHORTAGE OF WHEEL CHAIRS .  
Jagannath Dr. M.

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

- (a) Whether there is any shortage of wheel chairs being used by persons with locomotive disabilities;
- (b) If so, the facts thereof;
- (c) The action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) Whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the design of the wheel chairs to fulfil the needs of the physically challenged persons so far their manoeuvrability is concerned;
- (e) If so, the details thereof; and
- (f) The steps taken or proposed to be taken to further improve the design of the wheel chairs?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) and (c) Do not arise.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) The wheel chairs are manufactured as per standard specifications BIS No. IS- 7454-1991 and IS 8086-1991 laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) a public sector undertaking under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is a sole manufacturer of wheel chairs with BIS specifications.