

Ramesh Bhaat, Swami Basti, Jaipur

“There is no ramp or railing and it is risky for us, but there is no option for us. The caretaker does not charge the family any money for using the toilet but it is very difficult for them to cross the road due to heavy traffic. Our daughter is also growing up and we are afraid of her going out alone.”

Ramesh Baat, 45, and his wife are both disabled. Ramesh has been given a tricycle which he uses to commute while his wife stays at home with their two children, a daughter who is 11 and a son who is nine years old. The son goes to school while the daughter stays at home to manage housework.



Ramesh supports his family by collecting alms outside a temple in Jaipur. The couple also receives a pension of Rs. 1,500 which is given to persons with disabilities (PwDs), and 20 kgs of wheat as part of the government’s support to help them meet their basic needs.

The family of four lives in a 6 feet by 8 feet tin shed which they use for cooking, bathing and sleeping. Until a few days ago, Ramesh’s younger married sister – who was deserted by her husband – has also been living with them for many years. Ramesh and his wife are dependent on her for filling up water from the community tap, which is supplied every morning from 6 to 7 am. There is no toilet or water pipeline at home. The family uses the community toilet across the road.