

For prosthetics, govt has tied up with foreign firms

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Social justice and empowerment minister Thaawar Chand Gehlot said the government had joined hands with German and British firms to make available state-of-the-art limbs to the disabled, wherever possible.

Two other bills were also introduced in the Lok Sab-

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ha on Friday. It includes Major Port Authorities Bill, 2016, which seeks to provide greater autonomy in decision-making to 12 major ports in the country and professionalise their governance by setting up board for each.

The other bill — Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016 — seeks to ensure efficient maintenance of Indian mercantile marine and that

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buildings to include cinema halls, restaurants, malls etc

► All govt-recognised educational institutions now under accessibility norms

► National Fund to provide financial support to persons with disabilities

laws relating to merchant shipping comply with the country's obligations under

international conventions and maritime treaties to which India is party.