

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.458
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AFFECTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

458. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued any directions to State Governments to ensure care and protection of children adversely impacted by COVID -19 pandemic, as mandated under the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has maintained a database of the number of children who were severely affected by the pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and a State-wise break up thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry has asked States and UTs to take immediate action for care and protection of children adversely impacted by COVID 19, in accordance with the provisions of the JJ Act 2015 and Rules thereunder, while leveraging the facilities funded under the Child protection Services scheme. The Ministry has also issued advisories and guidelines for encouraging COVID appropriate behavior, monitoring of Child Care Institutions and coping strategies during COVID times for mental health support to children and care givers.

(c) & (d): As per information provided by States/UTs data of orphan children who have lost their parents to Covid since April 2021 to 28.05.2021 is **Annexed**.

Annexure

Annexure to part (c) & (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.458 for 22.07.2021 raised by Shri John Brittas regarding Care And Protection Of Children Affected By Covid-19 Pandemic.

As per information provided by States/UTs data of children who have lost both or either of parents to Covid or have died because of any reason from April 2021 to 28.05.2021 is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of orphaned children
1	A&N Island	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	119
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4	Assam	3
5	Bihar	0
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattisgarh	16
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu	2
9	Delhi	1
10	Goa	0
11	Gujarat	45
12	Haryana	0
13	Himachal Pradesh	13
14	J&K	8
15	Jharkhand	11
16	Karnataka	09
17	Kerala	09
18	Ladakh	0
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	73
21	Maharashtra	83
22	Manipur	1
23	Meghalaya	1
24	Mizoram	0
25	Nagaland	0
26	Odisha	10
27	Puducherry	2
28	Punjab	20
29	Rajasthan	19
30	Sikkim	0
31	Tamil Nadu	8
32	Telangana	23
33	Tripura	0
34	Uttar Pradesh	158
35	Uttarakhand	8
36	West Bengal	3
	Total	645