

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -769
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BEGGARY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME/SCHEME

769 SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA

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

- (a) whether Ministry has launched project in 75 districts for Beggary Prevention and Rehabilitation Programme/Scheme from August 2022;
- (b) in how many cities the programme/scheme is functional as on date, details of each project functional district-wise;
- (c) how many beggars have been mobilized and rehabilitated till date, district-wise, details thereof;
- (d) the estimated budget for Beggary Prevention and Rehabilitation and what was actual expenditures as on 31.3.2023; and
- (e) if budget was not spent on beggary rehabilitation, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) to (c): Ministry has launched an umbrella scheme "SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprises", which includes sub-scheme - 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging' on 12.02.2022.

On the occasion of 75th anniversary of Independence, Ministry identified 75 Municipal Corporations/Municipalities as SMILE-75 initiative to implement in 1st phase. List of 75 Municipal Corporations/Municipalities is provided at **Annexure-I**.

However, implementation of the scheme is currently under consideration since Ministry is having several consultations with other Ministries/Departments, States/UTs to have an enhanced convergence approach for effective implementation of the scheme. The implementation will begin in FY 2023-24.

(d) & (e): A total of Rs. 100.00 crore budget has been proposed for five years i.e. from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 for implementing the sub-scheme with the support of State Governments /Local Urban Bodies, Voluntary /Non-Government Organizations and others institutions.

So far, expenditure of Rs.0.26 Crore has been incurred as admin cost towards familiarising the scheme via, events, IEC and media campaign.

SMILE-75: List of Cities/Municipal Corporations

| I. METROPOLITAN | | |
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| CITIES | | |
| S. No. | State | Name of Municipal Corporation |
| 1 | DELHI (Erstwhile MCs) | NEW DELHI |
| 2 | | EAST DELHI |
| 3 | | NORTH DELHI |
| 4 | | SOUTH DELHI |
| 5 | | DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD |
| 6 | | NORTH DELHI |
| 7 | MAHARASHTRA | MUMBAI |
| 8 | GUJARAT | AHMADABAD |
| 9 | TELANGANA | HYDERABAD |
| 10 | KARNATAKA | BANGALORE (R) / VIJAYUAPURA |
| 11 | WEST BENGAL | KOLKATA |
| II. SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL PLACES / CITIES | | |
| S. No. | State | Name of Municipal Corporation |
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | TIRUPATI |
| 2 | BIHAR | GAYA |
| 3 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | DHARAMSHALA |
| 4 | MADHYA PRADESH | UJJAIN |
| 5 | MAHARASHTRA | NASIK |
| 6 | ODISHA | PURI |
| 7 | PUNJAB | AMRITSAR |
| 8 | TAMIL NADU | MADURAI |
| 9 | UTTRAKHAND | RISHKESH |
| 10 | UTTAR PRADESH | HARIDWAR |
| 11 | | AYODHYA |
| 12 | | GORAKHPUR |
| 13 | | MATHURA/GOVARDHAN |
| 14 | | PRAYAGRAJ |
| 15 | | VARANASI |
| III. TOURIST PLACES / CITIES | | |
| S. No. | State | Name of Municipal Corporation |
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | VIJAYAWADA |
| 2 | BIHAR | PATNA |
| 3 | | VAISHALI/HAJIPUR |
| 4 | | VADODARA |
| 5 | KARNATAKA | DHARWAD |
| 6 | | MANDYA |
| 7 | | MYSORE |
| 8 | ODISHA | CUTTACK |
| 9 | RAJASTHAN | JAISALMER |
| 10 | | JODHPUR (SOUTH) |
| 11 | | JODHPUR (NORTH) |
| 12 | | JAIPUR |
| 13 | TAMIL NADU | KANNIYAKUMARI/ NAGERCOIL |
| 14 | | TIRUNELVELI |
| 15 | UTTAR PRADESH | AGRA |
| 16 | | LUCKNOW |

| IV. ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| S. No. | State | Name of Municipal Corporation |
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | VISAKHAPATNAM |
| 2 | | GUNTUR |
| 3 | | CUDDAPAH |
| 4 | BIHAR | SAMASTIPUR |
| 5 | JHARKHAND | RANCHI |
| 6 | ODISHA | MALKANGIRI |
| 7 | | DHENKANAL |
| V. CITIES OF NORTH EAST STATES | | |
| S. No. | State | Name of Municipal Corporation |
| 1 | ASSAM | KAMRUP METROPOLITAN |
| 2 | | HOJAI/DOBOKA |
| 3 | | SILCHAR |
| 4 | MANIPUR | IMPHAL |
| VI. SMART CITIES | | |
| S. No. | State | Name of Municipal Corporation |
| 1 | MAHARASTRA | PUNE |
| 2 | MADHYA PRADESH | BHOPAL |
| 3 | | INDORE |
| 4 | | JABALPUR |
| 5 | UTTAR PRADESH | KANPUR |
| 6 | | MEERUT |
| 7 | | GHAZIABAD |

| VII. OTHER CITIES/MUNICIPAL CORPORATION | | |
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| S. No. | State Name | Municipal Corporation |
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | KURNOOL |
| 2 | GUJARAT | SURAT |
| 3 | HARYANA | KARNAL |
| 4 | | PANCHKULA |
| 5 | JHARKHAND | DHANBAD |
| 6 | KARNATAKA | TUMAKURU |
| 7 | KERALA | KOZHIKODE |
| 8 | MADHYA PRADESH | CHHATARPUR |
| 9 | | SAGAR |
| 10 | MAHARASHTRA | THANE |
| 11 | | JALGAON |
| 12 | RAJASTHAN | DAUSA |
| 13 | TAMILNADU | ERODE |
| 14 | TELANGANA | WARANGAL |
| 15 | WEST BENGAL | HOWRAH |
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