

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1381**  
**ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023**

**FREE LEGAL AID TO TRANSGENDERS**

**1381.** Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

Will the Minister of Law and Justice be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government extends free legal aid to Transgenders in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of number of Transgenders benefited from this, State-wise; and
- (c) the current number of cases pending in courts concerning 'The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019' ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)**

- (a) and (b) : Yes Sir, free legal services are provided to Transgenders through State Legal Services Authorities. The State/UT-wise details of Transgenders benefited with free legal aid during the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24 (upto October, 2023) are at Annexure-A.
- (c) As per Statistics released by National Crime Records Bureau on 01.12.2023, number of cases registered under Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019 during 2020, 2021 and 2022 are 1, 7 and 1 respectively.

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## Annexure-A

Statement as referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1381 for reply on 14.12.2023 regarding 'Free legal aid to Transgenders' raised by Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha.

A statement containing the details of Transgenders benefited through legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 during the financial year 2022-23 and 2023-24 (upto October, 2023).			
S.No.	State Legal Services Authorities	2022-23	2023-24 (upto October, 23)
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	1
2	Assam	2	1
3	Bihar	0	5
4	Chandigarh	1	1
5	Chhattisgarh	2	1
6	Delhi	5	2
7	Gujarat	6	0
8	Haryana	0	1
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	8
10	Jammu & Kashmir	8	2
11	Jharkhand	46	472
12	Karnataka	17	20
13	Kerala	9	30
14	Madhya Pradesh	183	0
15	Maharashtra	2	3
16	Manipur	17	10
17	Meghalaya	3	0
18	Odisha	31	7
19	Punjab	31	5
20	Rajasthan	2	0
21	Tamil Nadu	31	2
22	Uttar Pradesh	1	66
23	Uttarakhand	0	1
24	West Bengal	41	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>641</b>

