

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1092
ANSWERED ON - 04/12/2024

SMILE SCHEME

1092. DR MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI

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

- (a) the current status of SMILE Scheme in rehabilitation of begging children, particularly in NCR and metro cities;
- (b) the number of children identified and rehabilitated under the Scheme since its launch in 2022; and
- (c) the details of specific measures taken to provide education and skill development to these rehabilitated children?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) The SMILE sub-Scheme on Comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging, including children, is being implemented in 81 cities/towns of religious, historical and tourist importance. The list of these cities/towns is at Annexure. Till date 7660 persons have been identified of which 970 persons have been rehabilitated, including 352 children.

(c) Out of these 352 children, 169 were reunited with their parents, 79 were sent to Anganwadis, 33 were handed over to Child Welfare Committees and 71 were enrolled to schools.

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1092 on SMILE Scheme to be answered on 4.12.2024

List of Cities/Towns covered under SMILE Sub Scheme-Comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging

S. No. of State/UT	State	City/Town
1	Andhra Pradesh	Tirupati
		Visakhapatnam
		Guntur
		Vijayawada
2	Assam	Hojai/Doboka
		Golaghat
		Guwahati
		Tezpur
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
		Namsai
4	Bihar	Bodh Gaya
		Dharbanga
		Muzaffarpur
		Nalanda
		Patna
5	Chandigarh (UT)	Purnia
6	Delhi NCT	Chandigarh
7	Haryana	New Delhi
		Sonipat
8	Himachal Pradesh	Panchkula
		Dharamshala
9	J & K	Shimla
		Jammu
10	Jharkhand	Srinagar
		Devaghar
		Ranchi
		Girdih
11	Kerala	Jamshedpur
		Kochi
		Thiruvananthapuram
12	Karnataka	Kozhikode
		Dharward/Hubbilli
		Vijayapura
13	Gujarat	Mysuru
		Vadodara
		Pavagarh Mahakali
		Somanath
14	Manipur	Kevadia
15	Maharashtra	Bishnupur
		Trimbakeshwar

		Shirdi
		Nagpur
		Pune (PMPRI MC)
		Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar
		Jalgaon
16	Madhya Pradesh	Ratlam
		Bhopal
		Jabalpur
		Omkareshwar
		Ujjain
		Khajuraho
		Indore
17	Nagaland	Dimapur
18	Odisha	Puri
		Bhubaneswar
		Jajpur
		Cuttack
19	Puducherry	Puducherry
20	Punjab	Amritsar
21	Rajasthan	Dausa/Mehendipur
		Jaipur
		Sirohi
		Jaisalmar
		Udaipur
22	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli
		Dindigul/Palani
		Eurode
		Kanyakumari
		Coimbatore
		Madurai
23	Telangana	Hyderabad
		Ramagundam
		Warangal
24	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi
		Mathura
		Lucknow
		Ayodhya
		Kushinagar
25	Uttarakhand	Hariduar
		Rishikesh
26	West Bengal	Kolkatta
