

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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OPERATIONAL STATUS OF GARIMA GREHS

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

- (a) total number of Garima Greh shelters operational, bed capacity, year-wise occupancy and year-wise number of beneficiaries over last five years, shelter-wise;
- (b) funds allocated, released and utilised for each shelter, including expenditure on food, healthcare, counselling and skill-development programs, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) sanctioned staff positions versus in position, with role-wise vacancies and reasons for shortfall;
- (d) number of NGO/CBO proposals received for new shelters, number approved, rejected or pending and reasons for delays;
- (e) number of beneficiaries rehabilitated, placed in employment or enrolled in skill programs, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (f) number of complaints received regarding safety, harassment, inadequate facilities, State-wise, including resolution status?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

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- (a) A total of 20 Garima Grehs are operational across 16 States/UTs and three more Garima Grehs have been sanctioned during the current financial year 2025-2026 [Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2)].

Each Garima Greh has a capacity of 25 beds.

Year-wise occupancy and year-wise number of beneficiaries over last five years, shelter-wise is at **Annexure-I**.

- (b) Garima Grehs are a component of the Support for Marginalized Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) (Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons) Scheme, which is a Central Sector Scheme; therefore, funds are not allocated State-wise, but are released directly to the implementing organizations.

The details of funds released and utilised for each shelter, including expenditure on food, healthcare, counselling and skill-development programs, State-wise and year-wise are at **Annexure-II**.

(c) Each Garima Greh has 11 sanctioned staff positions, and presently, in each Garima Greh, 11 staffs are working.

(d) A total of 31 proposals from 10 States/UTs were received and forwarded to the respective State Governments/ UT Administrations for their recommendations about setting up new Garima Grehs.

Based on the recommendations received, 06 new Garima Grehs have been sanctioned during financial year 2025-26 in the following States/UTs:

Jharkhand (1), Manipur (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2).

(e) The total number of beneficiaries rehabilitated, placed in employment or enrolled in skill programs are 2885, details of which year-wise and State-wise, are at **Annexure-III**.

(f) No complaints regarding safety, harassment, or inadequate facilities have been reported during the stay of transgender persons in Garima Grehs.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to part (a) in reply to Rajya Sabha ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3737 to be answered on 25.03.2026

Year-wise occupancy and year-wise number of beneficiaries over last five years, shelter-wise in Garima Grehs is as under:

Sl. No	State/UT	Name of the Community Based Organisation/ Non-Government Organisation	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	Sarvodaya Women Welfare Society	0	0	0	25	25
2	Assam	NEWARD	0	0	0	25	25
3	Bihar	Dostana Safar	19	20	2	43	25
4	Chhattisgarh	Mitwa Sankalp Samiti	47	47	25	35	40
5	Delhi	Mitr Trust	92	16	20	25	25
6	Gujarat	Lakshya Trust	60	19	5	23	23
7	Karnataka	CAD MS Trust	0	0	0	26	39
8	Madhya Pradesh	Tapish Foundation	0	0	0	8	8
9	Maharashtra	Aarju Foundation	44	22	21	25	27
10	Maharashtra	Kinnar Asmita	44	20	20	23	26
11	Maharashtra	Tweet Foundation	43	21	19	24	26
12	Odisha	Sakha	50	2	22	25	34
13	Punjab	Mansa Foundation	0	0	0	25	25
14	Rajasthan [#]	Nai Bhor Sanstha	27	6	23	25	0
15	Tamil Nadu	Transgender Rights Association	58	15	3	20	21
16	Uttar Pradesh	Ekta Sewa Sanstha	0	0	0	25	28
17	West Bengal	Gokhale Road Bandhan	30	20	4	13	22
18	West Bengal	Kolkata Rista	30	19	5	14	24
Total			544	227	169	429	443

* Garima Greh Jharkhand (1), Manipur (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2) are sanctioned during financial year 2025-26.

- Centre has stopped functioning since 2024-25

ANNEXURE-II**Annexure referred to part (b) in reply to Rajya Sabha ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3737 to be answered on 25.03.2026**

Funds released and utilised for each shelter, including expenditure on food, healthcare, counselling and skill-development programs, State-wise and year-wise is as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2021-22	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	5.02	30.71
2.	Assam	0	0	5.02	14.99
3.	Bihar	29.17	29.63	0	27.10
4.	Chhattisgarh	29.17	26.86	9.09	27.11
5.	Delhi	29.17	33.95	30.72	31.44
6.	Gujarat	29.17	24.87	22.68	26.94
7.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	5.02
8.	Karnataka	0	0	5.02	14.99
9.	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	5.02*	5.02
10.	Maharashtra	87.51	70.11	56.24	141.48
11.	Manipur	0	0	0	5.02
12.	Odisha	29.17	28.76	26.59	31.41
13.	Punjab	0	0	5.02	28.98
14.	Rajasthan [#]	29.17	30.10	0	31.42
15.	Tamil Nadu	29.17	9.77	0	22.64
16.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	5.02	10.16
17.	West Bengal	58.34	45.88	0	55.99
	Total	350.04	299.93	175.44	510.42

* - Fund has been sanctioned, but not released due to certain issue of registration under Society Act.

- Centre has stopped functioning since 2024-25.

Note: Garima Grehs in Jharkhand (1), Manipur (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2) have been sanctioned during financial year 2025-26.

ANNEXURE-III

Annexure referred to part (e) in reply to Rajya Sabha ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3737 to be answered on 25.03.2026

Details of beneficiaries rehabilitated, placed in employment or enrolled in skill programs are as under:

A total of 1812 transgender persons residing in Garima Grehs have been imparted skill training, out of which several have been placed in various institutions such as the Bastar Fighter unit, Constables positions and Home guards in Chhattisgarh Police, Jupiter Hospital, Concentrix Call Centre, Tata Steel Jamshedpur, A-one Hair and Beauty Salon, Jindal Group of Hotel Management, among others.

Three Job Melas were organized with the support of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) since 2022-23, through which 223 transgender persons were placed in different institutions.

During 2024-25, a total of 725 transgender persons from Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi were provided skill development training through the Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (Lucknow).

During 2025-26, 125 transgender persons from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have been provided with a 15 days Entrepreneurship Development Programme by National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).
