

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 4293**  
ANSWERED ON – 01/04/2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SMILE SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA**

4293. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI

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

(a) whether Government has implemented the SMILE (Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme in the State of Maharashtra for rehabilitation of transgender persons and individuals engaged in begging;

(b) the number of beneficiaries identified and rehabilitated under the scheme in Maharashtra during the last two years including 2025-26;

(c) whether any rehabilitation centres, skill training programmes or shelter homes have been established in cities such as Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur under the scheme; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and utilized for the scheme in Maharashtra during the said period?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) Yes, Madam. SMILE (Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme is being implemented in the State of Maharashtra for rehabilitation of transgender persons and individuals engaged in begging.

(b) The number of beneficiaries identified and rehabilitated under the scheme in Maharashtra during the last two years including 2025-26 is as under:

**i. Sub-scheme namely 'Central sector scheme for comprehensive rehabilitation for welfare of transgender persons'**

Number of Transgender persons identified : 1547

Number of Transgender persons rehabilitated : 151

**ii. Sub-scheme namely 'Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging'**

Number of persons identified : 1601

Number of persons rehabilitated : 1025

(c) Yes, Madam. Under the Sub-scheme namely 'Central sector scheme for comprehensive rehabilitation for welfare of transgender persons', one Garima Greh is being supported by the Department in Mumbai.

Under the Sub-scheme namely 'Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging', one shelter-home-cum rehabilitation centre, provided through convergence with the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), is running in Nagpur.

(d) The details of funds allocated and utilized for the scheme in Maharashtra during the said period is as under:

**i. Sub-scheme namely 'Central sector scheme for comprehensive rehabilitation for welfare of transgender persons'**

Fund allocated : Rs.1.97 Crore

Fund utilized : Rs.1.97 Crore

**ii. Sub-scheme namely 'Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging'**

Fund allocated : Rs.68.21 lakh

Fund utilized : Rs.9.0 lakh

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