

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 4295**  
ANSWERED ON – 01/04/2026

**MINORS/CHILDREN INDULGED IN BEGGING**

4295. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI

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

- (a) whether Government has any data of minors/children who indulged in begging in the country, if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of children who were rescued and rehabilitated in shelter homes or care centres in the last five years, if not, the reason for not keeping such databases; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to legislate any new laws or schemes for their rescue, rehabilitation and education?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

- (a) As per the information available on the website of Registrar General of India, State-wise details of number of children (Age up to 14 years) engaged in the act of begging are attached at **Annexure**. These figures are based on the Census 2011.
- (b) A total of 2,653 children found engaged in the act of begging have been rehabilitated since inception of the sub-scheme *i.e.* 23.10.2023. Out of these, 1,507 children have been reunited with their parents or families, 305 children have been linked to Anganwadi Centres, 206 children have been referred to the Child Welfare Committee and 635 children have been facilitated for enrolment in schools.
- (c) Since, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment is already implementing a dedicated Central Sector Scheme for comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging with special focus on minors/children, there appears to be no requirement at present to introduce any new law or scheme.

**Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4295 to be answered on-01/04/2026**

| <b>Name of the State/UT</b> | <b>Total (0-14 years)</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAMMU & KASHMIR             | 990                       |
| Himachal Pradesh            | 178                       |
| Punjab                      | 1,214                     |
| Chandigarh                  | 11                        |
| Uttarakhand                 | 274                       |
| Haryana                     | 1,171                     |
| NCT of Delhi                | 290                       |
| Rajasthan                   | 7,167                     |
| Uttar Pradesh               | 10,167                    |
| Bihar                       | 3,396                     |
| Sikkim                      | 1                         |
| Arunachal Pradesh           | 24                        |
| Nagaland                    | 20                        |
| Manipur                     | 34                        |
| Mizoram                     | 6                         |
| Tripura                     | 43                        |
| Meghalaya                   | 38                        |
| Assam                       | 686                       |
| West Bengal                 | 3,216                     |
| Jharkhand                   | 1,254                     |
| Odisha                      | 905                       |
| Chhattisgarh                | 1,065                     |
| Madhya Pradesh              | 2,592                     |
| Gujarat                     | 1,982                     |
| Daman and Diu               | 8                         |
| Dadra and Nagar Haveli      | 0                         |
| Maharashtra                 | 3,026                     |
| Andhra Pradesh              | 3,128                     |
| Karnataka                   | 1,602                     |
| Goa                         | 24                        |
| Lakshadweep                 | 1                         |
| Kerala                      | 202                       |
| Tamil Nadu                  | 572                       |
| Poducherry                  | 9                         |
| Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 0                         |
| <b>India</b>                | <b>45,296</b>             |

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