

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3679
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.07.2019**

TRANSGENDER PERSONS (PROTECTION OF RIGHTS) BILL, 2016

3679. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has held consultations with Transgender persons, transgender organisations and representatives while drafting The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of transgender persons, transgender organisations and representatives; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee was constituted in the Ministry to make an in-depth study of the problems being faced by the Transgender Community and suggest suitable measures to ameliorate their conditions. There were four representatives from the Transgender community, on the Committee.

In addition, a pre-legislative consultation meeting was held with concerned stakeholders including members from Transgender community. The details of members of the Expert Committee and the members who attended pre-legislative consultation meeting held on 18.1.2016 are placed at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure referred to in reply to Para (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3679 for 16.07.2019 regarding "Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016"

Members of Expert Committee (representatives from Transgender Community)

S.No.	Name	Organization
1.	Ms. Laxmi Narayan Tripathi	Astitva, Maharashtra
2.	Ms. Seeta Kinnar Bharti	Kinnar Bharti, Delhi
3.	Ms. Priya babu	Swasti, Tamil Nadu
4.	Ms. Saira Banu Sheikh	Salvation of Oppressed Eunuch, Mumbai

Members of Transgender Community who attended pre-legislative consultation meeting held on 18.01.2016

S.No.	Name	Organization
1.	Ms. Laxmi Narayan Tripathi	Astitva, Maharashtra
2.	Ms. Pavitra Nimbhonkar	Samparn Organisation, Amravati
3.	Ms. Ranjita Sinha	Association of Transgender/Hijra in Bengal (ATHB)
4.	Ms. Priya babu	Swasti, Tamil Nadu
5.	Ms. Padmini Prakash	Lotus News Anchor
6.	Ms. Rudrani Chettri	Mitr Trust
7.	Shri Christy Raj	Sangama
8.	Ms. K. Sheethal	Sahodaran Community Oriented Health Development (SCOHD), Society
9.	Shri Atharv S	Astitva, Maharashtra