

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2293
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022**

UPLIFTMENT OF BEGGARS

†2293. SHRI TIRATH SINGH RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any schemes/programmes to uplift the condition of beggars in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay in initiating comprehensive measures for the beggars community?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)**

(a) to (c): Department of Social Justice and Empowerment had launched an SMILE scheme on 12.02.2022, however, modalities of implementation of the scheme namely SMILE- Support for Marginalised Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise are under consideration.
