

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.960  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

**ISSUE OF BEGGING**

**960. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that thousands of innocent children are being used for begging and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also aware that a number of children are compelled to beg at the age when they should be getting education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for helping such children to get rid of such exploitation including the details of children rehabilitated during the last two years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): As per the information available on the website of Registrar General of India, number of children (Age up to 14 years) engaged in the act of Begging are attached at **Annexure**. These figures are based on Census 2011.

Department had launched the SMILE scheme , however the modalities of the implementation of the scheme namely “SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise” are under consideration.

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## Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 960 to be answered on 13/12/2022 regarding "Issue of Begging"**

Sl. No.	India/State/UT	Child (0-14 Years)
1	JAMMU & KASHMIR	990
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	178
3	PUNJAB	1214
4	CHANDIGARH	11
5	UTTARAKHAND	274
6	HARYANA	1171
7	NCT OF DELHI	290
8	RAJASTHAN	7167
9	UTTAR PRADESH	10167
10	BIHAR	3396
11	SIKKIM	1
12	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	24
13	NAGALAND	20
14	MANIPUR	34
15	MIZORAM	6
16	TRIPURA	43
17	MEGHALAYA	38
18	ASSAM	686
19	WEST BENGAL	3216
20	JHARKHAND	1254
21	ODISHA	905
22	CHHATTISGARH	1065
23	MADHYA PRADESH	2592
24	GUJARAT	1982
25	DAMAN & DIU	8
26	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0
27	MAHARASHTRA	3026
28	ANDHRA PRADESH	3128
29	KARNATAKA	1602
30	GOA	24
31	LAKSHADWEEP	1
32	KERALA	202
33	TAMIL NADU	572
34	PUDUCHERRY	9
35	A & N ISLANDS	0
	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>45296</b>

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