GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1650 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2023

EMPLOYMENT OF TRANSGENDERS

1650. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes introduced for the employment of transgenders in the country;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in reducing discrimination against transgenders in workplaces;
- (c) whether the Government has maintained records of the number of transgenders so far given employment in the State of West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d): Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment for all including transgender persons like Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) to incentivize employers for creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme) to facilitate collateral free working capital loan to street vendors to restart their businesses, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) for facilitating self-employment, etc. in the country. The Government of India is also encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National **Rural Employment** Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) etc. for employment generation in the country.

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has enacted the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 which prohibits any kind of discrimination (including at work places) against transgender persons. Ministry of Labour & Employment has also made provisions in the Code on Wages, 2019 to prevent any discrimination on the ground of gender in recruitment, conditions of employment and payment of remuneration, etc.

Ministry of Labour & Employment has launched e-SHRAM portal, a National Database of the Unorganised workers including transgender workers. A total of 631 transgender workers from the state of West Bengal have been registered on e-SHRAM portal as on 06.02.2023. The district -wise details of such persons registered on e-SHRAM portal are given at Annexure-I.

Ministry of Labour & Employment is also implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project to provide a variety of employment related services like career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, apprenticeships, internships etc. These services are available online to all the users (including transgender persons) through NCS Portal (www.ncs.gov.in). A total of 1043 transgender persons from the state of West Bengal have been registered on the NCS Portal for availing employment services as on 7.02.2023. District-wise details of such persons are given at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I referred to in reply of parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1650 due for reply on 13.02.2023.

Based on data available in e-Shram Dashboard, district wise number of transgender workers registered on e-Shram Portal in the State of West Bengal is as under:

SI. No	District	Total registration
		(as on 06/02/2023)
1.	24 Paraganas North	64
2.	24 Paraganas South	46
3.	Alipurduar	3
4.	Bankura	19
5.	Birbhum	65
6.	Coochbehar	56
7.	Darjeeling	8
8.	Dinajpur Dakshin	23
9.	Dinajpur Uttar	10
10.	Hooghly	21
11.	Howrah	22
12.	Jalpaiguri	9
13.	Jhargram	1
14.	Kalimpong	0
15.	Kolkata	11
16.	Maldah	32
17.	Medinipur East	45
18.	Medinipur West	36
19.	Murshidabad	26
20.	Nadia	31
21.	Paschim Bardhaman	24
22.	Purba Bardhaman	61
23.	Purulia	18
	Total	631

Annexure-II referred to in reply of parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1650 due for reply on 13.02.2023.

The district-wise number of registered job seekers (transgenders) on NCS portal in the state of West Bengal as on 07.02.2023 is as under:

SI. No	District	No. of Job seekers registered on NCS portal (transgenders)
1.	24 Paraganas North	75
2.	24 Paraganas South	74
3.	Alipurduar	1
4.	Bankura	33
5.	Birbhum	63
6.	Bardhaman (Before division into east & west)	77
7.	Coochbehar	27
8.	Darjeeling	5
9.	Dinajpur Dakshin	40
10.	Dinajpur Uttar	108
11.	Hooghly	32
12.	Howrah	25
13.	Jalpaiguri	17
14.	Jhargram	-
15.	Kalimpong	-
16.	Kolkata	19
17.	Maldah	144
18.	Medinipur East	61
19.	Medinipur West	68
20.	Murshidabad	120
21.	Nadia	35
22.	Paschim Bardhaman	3
23.	Purba Bardhaman	2
24.	Purulia	14
	Total	1043