

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3731
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2021**

LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSGENDER

3731. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to provide livelihood opportunities to the Transgender community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to impart skill training to Transgender community to enable them to obtain suitable employment?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated a scheme "SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise", which includes sub scheme - 'Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons'. The focus of the sub-scheme is on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities and intervention, counseling, education, skill development, economic linkages to the transgender persons.

Ministry has initiated 12 pilot shelter homes namely 'Garima Greh': Shelter Home for Transgender Persons and provided financial assistance to community based organizations (CBOs) for setting up of these shelter homes. These pilot shelter homes are in States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Odisha. The main aim of these shelter homes is to provide safe and secure shelter to Transgender persons in need. These shelter homes provide basic amenities like food, medical care, and recreational facilities and also conduct capacity-building/skill development programmes for Transgender Persons.

Skill development training to the Transgender beneficiaries is also being conducted through PM-DAKSH - a skill development scheme of the Ministry.
