

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2086
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2022**

SMILE SCHEME

2086. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) the details of the Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprises (SMILE) Scheme;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated for this scheme; and
- (c) whether any special infrastructure has been established for executing the SMILE scheme, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched an umbrella scheme “**SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**” on 12.02.2022, which includes two sub-schemes - ‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons’ and ‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging’. This umbrella scheme covers several comprehensive measures including welfare measures for both transgender persons and persons who are engaged in the act of begging with focus extensively on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counseling, education, skill development, economic linkages etc with the support of State Governments/UTs/Local Urban Bodies, Voluntary Organizations, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and institutions and others.

(b): The details of the funds allocated for the SMILE scheme is attached in **Annexure**.

(c): No Sir. Existing infrastructure is to be utilized for implementation of the scheme.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2086 to be answered on 15.03.2022 regarding "SMILE Scheme"

Year	Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons (In Crores)	Comprehensive Rehabilitation of Persons engaged in the Act of Begging (In Crores)	Total (In Crores)
2021-22	25.00	10.00	35.00
2022-23	46.31	15.00	61.31
2023-24	52.91	20.00	72.91
2024-25	63.90	25.00	88.90
2025-26	76.88	30.00	106.88
Total	265.00	100.00	365.00
