

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.978  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2022**

**GARIMA GRIHA IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**978. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that with more than 50,000, Andhra Pradesh has the second highest transgender population in the country after Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons that not even a single shelter home 'Garima Greh' has been set up in Andhra Pradesh as against to other States;
- (c) whether the Government consider setting up sufficient Garima Greh in Andhra Pradesh and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if so, the timelines under which this will be done?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): Yes Sir. As per Census 2011, the population of transgender persons in Andhra Pradesh is 43,769, which is second highest in the country after Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) & (c): Ministry has initiated 12 pilot shelter homes namely Garima Greh for Transgender Persons and provided financial assistance to community-based organizations (CBOs) for setting up of these shelter homes. These pilot shelter homes are located in States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Odisha.  
  
The Ministry has formulated a scheme "SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise", which includes sub scheme- 'Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons'. One of the components of the sub-scheme is setting up of Garima Grehs (Shelter Home for Transgender Persons) with the aim of setting up of at least one Garima Greh in each State.
- (d): The timeline for SMILE scheme is 2021-2026.

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