

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4151  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF GARIMA GREHS**

**4151. SHRI E T MOHAMMED BASHEER:**

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

- (a) the details and total number of Garima Grehs in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that many States have still not set up such Grehs, if so, the reasons for the delay;
- (c) the total number of people are currently staying in these shelter homes, and the kind of facilities are available there;
- (d) the amount of funds that have been allocated and used under the SMILE scheme for these homes; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to support the mental health of the residents and whether there are any plans to hold awareness camps at the district level to empower them and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

- (a): The Garima Grehs supported by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) in the country, State-wise is at Annexure.
- (b): At present, 18 Garima Grehs are supported by DoSJE in 15 States/UTs. Approval for setting up 03 new Garima Grehs have been sanctioned during the current financial year 2025-26. Proposals for setting up Garima Grehs received from Non Governmental Organisations,/Civil Society Organisations have been forwarded to 14 States/UTs, whose recommendation are awaited. No proposals for setting up Garima Grehs have been received from 08 States/UTs.
- (c): Total number of people currently staying in Garima Grehs supported by DoSJE is 429.

The Garima Greh provides shelter to transgender persons with amenities like food, medical care, yoga, meditation and recreational facilities. Besides, it provides support for the capacity-building/skill development and counselling to transgender persons. The residents of Garima Greh are not only provided with safe residential area with all necessary facilities but are provided with life skill training as well so that when they leave the shelter they could be mainstreamed with respectable mode of livelihood. Garima Grehs also safeguard the rights of TG persons and protect them from atrocities.

(d): So far, Rs 8.25 Crores have been released and utilised by the Garima Grehs under SMILE Scheme.

(e): Each Garima Greh has a Counsellor to provide mental health support and counselling to the beneficiaries residing in Garima Greh.

Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele MANAS) is an initiative launched by Ministry Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) in October, 2022 to provide free Tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock. Under this programme, a 24x7 helpline (14416) has been set up to provide psychosocial support and counseling services to individuals in need, including Transgender Persons.

State Government/ Union Territory Administration carry out publicity of SMILE Scheme and awareness among the Transgender Community.

**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4151 FOR REPLY ON 19.08.2025 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF GARIMA GREHS ASKED BY SHRI E T MOHAMMED BASHEER.**

The details and total number of Garima Grehs supported by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment in the country, State-wise is as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Garima Grehs</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	01
2.	Assam	01
3.	Bihar	01
4.	Chhattisgarh	01
5.	Delhi	01
6.	Gujarat	01
7.	Karnataka	01
8.	Madhya Pradesh	01
9.	Maharashtra	03
10.	Odisha	01
11.	Punjab	01
12.	Rajasthan	01
13.	Tamil Nadu	01
14.	Uttar Pradesh	01
15.	West Bengal	02
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Approval for new Garima Greh in Jharkhand, Manipur and Madhya Pradesh has been given during financial year 2025-26.

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