

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2026**

OPERATIONAL STATUS OF GARIMA GREHS FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS

2624. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

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

- (a) the total number of Garima Greh shelters established for transgender persons, their capacity and number of beneficiaries during the last five years, shelter and year-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilised for operation and maintenance, year and State-wise;
- (c) the details of sanctioned staff positions and current staffing status with job role-wise details for each shelter;
- (d) the number of proposals received from NGOs/CBOs via Expression of Interest for new shelters and the current status;
- (e) whether any operational or administrative challenges have been reported, including staff, infrastructure, service delivery or outreach issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the number of complaints or grievances received from beneficiaries and action taken, year and State-wise; and
- (g) the steps taken or proposed to improve operational efficiency, service delivery and accessibility of Garima Greh shelters?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a): A total of 20 Garima Grehs are operational across 16 States/UTs and three more Garima Grehs have been sanctioned during the financial year 2025-2026 [Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2)].

Each Garima Greh has a minimum capacity of 25 beds.

Shelter and Year-wise number of beneficiaries during the last five years is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Garima Grehs are a component of the Support for Marginalized Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) (Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons) Scheme, which is a Central Sector Scheme; therefore, funds are not allocated State-wise, but are released directly to the implementing organizations.

The details of funds allocated, released and utilised for operation and maintenance, year and State-wise are at **Annexure-II**.

(c) Each Garima Greh has 11 sanctioned staff positions, and presently, in each Garima Greh, 11 staffs are working. Job role-wise details for staff of Garima Greh are at **Annexure-III**.

(d) A total of 31 proposals from 10 States/UTs were received and forwarded to the respective State Governments/ UT Administrations for their recommendations about setting up new Garima Grehs.

Based on the recommendations received, 06 new Garima Grehs have been sanctioned during financial year 2025-26 in the following States/UTs:

Jharkhand (1), Manipur (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2).

(e) No operational or administrative challenges have been reported.

(f) No complaints or grievances have been received from beneficiaries of Garima Grehs.

(g) The steps taken to improve operational efficiency, service delivery and accessibility of Garima Greh shelters are as under:

(i) Operational guidelines has been revised on 06.02.2025.

(ii) Regular monitoring is undertaken through periodic reports, review meetings and inspections.

(iii) Capacity building and orientation programmes are conducted for staff of Garima Grehs.

(iv) Outreach is undertaken with State Governments and Community Based Organisations to improve awareness and facilitate access to Garima Greh shelters.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2624 FOR REPLY ON 04.08.2026 REGARDING OPERATIONAL STATUS OF GARIMA GREHS FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS.

Shelter and Year-wise number of beneficiaries during the last five years is as under:

Sl. No	State/UT	Name of the Community Based Organisation/ Non-Government Organisation	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	Sarvodaya Women Welfare Society	0	0	0	25	25
2	Assam	NEWARD	0	0	0	25	25
3	Bihar	Dostana Safar	19	20	2	43	25
4	Chhattisgarh	Mitwa Sankalp Samiti	47	47	25	35	40
5	Delhi	Mitr Trust	92	16	20	25	25
6	Gujarat	Lakshya Trust	60	19	5	23	23
7	Karnataka	CAD MS Trust	0	0	0	26	39
8	Madhya Pradesh	Tapish Foundation	0	0	0	8	8
9	Maharashtra	Aarju Foundation	44	22	21	25	27
10	Maharashtra	Kinnar Asmita	44	20	20	23	26
11	Maharashtra	Tweet Foundation	43	21	19	24	26
12	Odisha	Sakha	50	2	22	25	34
13	Punjab	Mansa Foundation	0	0	0	25	25
14	Rajasthan [#]	Nai Bhor Sansta	27	6	23	25	0
15	Tamil Nadu	Transgender Rights Association	58	15	3	20	21
16	Uttar Pradesh	Ekta Sewa Sanstha	0	0	0	25	28
17	West Bengal	Gokhale Road Bandhan	30	20	4	13	22
18	West Bengal	Kolkata Rista	30	19	5	14	24
Total			544	227	169	429	443

* Garima Greh Jharkhand (1), Manipur (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2) were sanctioned during financial year 2025-26.

- Centre has stopped functioning since 2024-25.

ANNEXURE-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2624 FOR REPLY ON 04.08.2026 REGARDING OPERATIONAL STATUS OF GARIMA GREHS FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS.**

The details of funds allocated, released and utilised for operation and maintenance, year and State-wise are as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)					
Sl. No.	State/UT	2021-22	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	5.02	30.71
2.	Assam	0	0	5.02	14.99
3.	Bihar	29.17	29.63	0	27.10
4.	Chhattisgarh	29.17	26.86	9.09	42.83
5.	Delhi	29.17	33.95	30.72	31.44
6.	Gujarat	29.17	24.87	22.68	26.94
7.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	5.02
8.	Karnataka	0	0	5.02	30.71
9.	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	5.02*	5.02
10.	Maharashtra	87.51	70.11	56.24	141.48
11.	Manipur	0	0	0	5.02
12.	Odisha	29.17	28.76	26.59	31.41
13.	Punjab	0	0	5.02	28.99
14.	Rajasthan [#]	29.17	30.10	0	31.42
15.	Tamil Nadu	29.17	9.77	0	22.65
16.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	5.02	10.16
17.	West Bengal	58.34	45.88	0	89.43
	Total	350.04	299.93	175.44	575.32

* - Funds has been sanctioned, but not released due to issue of registration under Society Act.

- Centre has stopped functioning since 2024-25

Note: Garima Greh Jharkhand (1), Manipur (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Puducherry (1) and Uttar Pradesh (2) were sanctioned during financial year 2025-26.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2624 FOR REPLY ON 04.08.2026 REGARDING OPERATIONAL STATUS OF GARIMA GREHS FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS.

Job role-wise details for staff of Garima Greh are as under:

SLNo.	Staff Position	Numbers	Roles and responsibilities
1.	Project Director	1	The Project Director is responsible for the overall management, coordination and monitoring of the Garima Greh, including implementation of scheme guidelines, supervision of staff, maintenance of beneficiary records, and effective service delivery.
2.	Project Manager	1	The Project Manager is responsible for the overall day-to-day management and effective functioning of the Garima Greh, ensuring compliance with the prescribed standards of care, protection and rehabilitation.
3.	Accountant assistant	1	The Account Assistant is responsible for maintaining the day-to-day accounts and separate bank account of the Garima Greh, along with scrutiny of vouchers and bills related to procurement.
4.	Bridge Course Coordinator	1	The Bridge Course Coordinator is responsible for creating a supportive and inclusive environment in the Garima Greh while facilitating the educational, life skills, and vocational development of transgender residents.
5.	Counsellor	1	The Counsellor provides psychosocial support to transgender residents by building trust, addressing their emotional and personal concerns, and facilitating informed decision-making. The Counsellor shall help residents identify goals, develop action plans, and adopt a holistic approach to their well-being.
6.	Cook	1	The Cook is responsible for cooking and maintaining hygiene in kitchen
7.	Multi task worker	1	The Multi-task Worker is responsible for assisting in the day-to-day management of the Garima Greh, including procurement of essential items, maintaining purchase records, and supporting administrative and programme-related activities.
8.	Sweeper	1	The Sweeper is responsible for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene of Garima Greh.
9.	Watchmen	3	The Watchmen are responsible for ensuring the safety and security of the Garima Greh.
	Total	11	