

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON MARGINALISED PEOPLE

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

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to assess the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the marginalised people; and

(b) if so, the details of the impact and if not, by when such survey will be done?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) & (b) Based on the feedback from the various transgender groups who were facing dire livelihood crisis during the pandemic period, this Ministry has provided an immediate subsistence allowance of Rs 1500 per eligible Transgender person as an immediate support to meet their basic requirements. During first lock-down period in year 2020, financial assistance of Rs. 1500 was provided through DBT to 5711 Transgender persons amounting to Rs. 85.66 lakh. Ration kits of worth Rs. 12.83 lakhs were provided to 1229 Transgender persons. A total amount of Rs. 98.50 lakh expenditure was incurred which benefitted 6940 Transgender persons across the country. Similarly, in the 2nd wave of the COVID-19 financial assistance of Rs. 1500 was provided to 5938 Transgender persons through DBT mode amounting to Rs. 89.24 lakhs.
