

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO -113
ANSWERED ON - 27/07/2022**

SUPPORT TO TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN TAMIL NADU UNDER SMILE SCHEME

113. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA

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

- (a) the number of Transgender beneficiaries identified, in Tamil Nadu under the 'Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE)' scheme, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed, and utilized for transgender beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu under the SMILE scheme;
- (c) whether Central Government had done a study about the necessity of horizontal reservation for the transgenders in the country which cut across all caste categories; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 113 to be answered on 27.07.2022

(a) & (b) As per Census of India 2011 data, 22364 people have been identified as transgenders in Tamil Nadu. As a part of “Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE)” scheme, several initiatives have been launched for the welfare of transgenders in the country including Tamil Nadu. The details of initiatives undertaken in Tamil Nadu are as under:-

- a. A Garima Greh has been started for 46 beneficiaries.
- b. 263 people have been issued certificates/identity cards (out of 439 applications) using the online portal developed by the Ministry.
- c. Scholarships for transgender students are provided through online portal.
- d. A comprehensive health package under PM-JAY is being finalized with National Health Authority for all the transgender persons who have taken identity cards.
- e. Awareness programmes on Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 is organized covering police, prison, judicial functionaries, medical professionals for transgender community through the National Institute of Social Defence. So far more than 700 such persons have been trained in 16 programmes.

As a part of the SMILE project, Government has approved expenditure of Rs.265 cr for investment in scholarships, skill -development, livelihood activities, comprehensive health policy, setting up of harime Greh and setting up of transgender protection cells. The project is under implementation across the country. Under the SMILE project, Government has set a target of covering 3,97,050 beneficiaries for a period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 (**Annexure I**).

(c) and (d) No Sir. No such study has been conducted by this Department since no such proposal is under consideration or discussion.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) and (b) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 113 to be answered on 27.07.2022 regarding 'Support to Transgender Community in Tamil Nadu under SMILE scheme'

Financial (Rs. in Crore)

Component	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Scholarships	2.03	4.05	6.07	8.10	10.12	30.37
Skill Development & Livelihood	7.05	11.75	14.10	16.45	16.45	65.80
Composite Medical Health	2.00	6.00	12.00	20.00	30.00	70.00
Garima Greh (Shelter Home)	4.87	9.09	10.31	9.84	10.68	44.81
Transgender Protection Cell	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90	1.00	4.00
E-Services	3.45	5.01	4.62	3.60	3.60	20.31
Other Welfare Measures	5.00	9.71	5.00	5.00	5.00	29.71
Total	25.00	46.31	52.91	63.90	76.87	265.00

Physical Targets

Component	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Scholarships	1,500	3,000	4,500	6,000	7,500	22,500
Skill Development & Livelihood	2,250	3,750	4,500	5,250	5,250	21,000
Composite Medical Health	10,000	30,000	60,000	1,00,000	1,50,000	3,50,000
Setting up of Garima Grehs (Shelter Home for TGs)	375	675	800	850	850	3,550
Transgender Protection Cell	---	---	---	---	---	
E-Services	---	---	---	---	---	
Other Welfare Measures	---	---	---	---	---	
Total	14,125	37,425	69,800	1,12,100	1,63,600	3,97,050
