

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.595  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

**SMILE SCHEME**

**595. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme of SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) to address the persisting problem of destitution and beggary;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including funds sanctioned, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has identified seventy-five Municipal Corporations to implement rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging under “SMILE-75 Initiative”;
- (d) if so, the detailed name of municipal corporations, State-wise; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government for eradication of begging and rehabilitation of beggars in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) : Ministry has launched an umbrella scheme “SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprises” on 12.02.2022. The scheme includes sub-scheme - ‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging’. Total Budget allocation for the sub-scheme is Rs. 100 crores upto the Financial Year 2025-26 out of which Rs 10 crore has been earmarked for Financial Year 2023-24 . Since the scheme is a Central Sector Scheme , no fund is allocated State-wise and the releases are made directly to the identified cities as per the guidelines of the scheme. Initially, the scheme is being implemented in 30 cities , which are places of tourist, historical and religious importance. The list of these cities are at Annexure.

(e) Ministry has taken various other steps such as, media campaign / IEC for awareness creation, education, capacity building, consultations/seminars and National conference towards familiarizing the scheme. In addition, Ministry has also developed an Online-Portal National Portal and Mobile App for conducting survey and identification and providing rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging.

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## SMILE Scheme implementation in 30 cities during FY 2023-24

S. No.	States/UTs	Name of City	District
1	Assam	Guwahati	Guwahati
2	Gujarat	PavagarhMahakali	Panchmahal
3	Gujarat	Somanath	GirSomanath
4	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	Kangra
5	Madhya Pradesh	Omkareshwar	Omkareshwar
6	Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain	Ujjain
7	Maharashtra	Trimbakeshwar	Nashik
8	Bihar	Bodhgaya	Gaya
9	Tamil Nadu	Madurai	Madurai
10	Uttar Pradesh	Ayodhya	Ayodhya
11	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	Vijayawada
12	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai	Namsai
13	Uttar Pradesh	Kushinagar	Kushinagar
14	Gujarat	Kevadia	Narmada
15	Jammu and Kashmir	Sri Nagar	Sri Nagar
16	Madhya Pradesh	Sanchi	Raisen
17	Madhya Pradesh	Khajuraho	Khajuraho
18	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	Jaisalmer
19	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram
20	Puducherry	Puducherry	Puducherry
21	Assam	Tezpur	Tezpur
22	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Shimla
23	Haryana	Panchkula	Panchkula
24	Karnataka	Mysuru	Mysuru
25	Kerala	Kozhikode	Kozhikode
26	Madhya Pradesh	Indore	Indore
27	Odisha	Cuttack	Cuttack
28	Telangana	Warangal	Warangal
29	Punjab	Amritsar	Amritsar
30	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Udaipur

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