

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BEGGARS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of beggars in the National Capital Territory of Delhi; and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to rehabilitate them and to prevent the involvement of such beggars in criminal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): In 2006, the Department of Social Welfare of the Government of NCT of Delhi has sponsored a survey of beggars in Delhi in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi. As per the Survey Report, approximate number persons involved in begging was 58,570.

(b): Government in its Beggars Home is providing vocational training in trades like tailoring, cutting, cycle repairing, gardening, etc. and also giving one – time rehabilitation grant of Rs.5000/- so that after their release they are able to earn their livelihood and do not indulge in begging or other criminal activities.