

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

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FACILITIES TO PARENTS OF TRANSGENDERS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance to parents of transgender children to enable them to bring them up without any discrimination and social stigma;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide old age pension to transgender to ensure a dignified life and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to provide scholarships to such children and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) to (d): An Expert Committee was constituted in the Ministry to make an in-depth study of the problems being faced by the Transgender Community and suggest suitable measures to ameliorate their problems. The Committee submitted its report on 27th January, 2014. The Committee has made extensive recommendation touching all aspects of social, economic and educational empowerment including, inter-alia, formulation of an Umbrella Scheme for transgender persons. Accordingly, the Government is formulating an Umbrella Scheme, which includes assistance to parents of transgender children, pre-matric and post-matric scholarship to transgender students, training for their skill development and pension to transgender persons between 40 and 60 years of age who for some reasons could not be assisted under any scheme of the Government. As four of the five components of the proposed Umbrella Scheme are centrally sponsored, the comments of the State Governments/UT Administrations have been sought.

The Ministry of Rural Development has informed that Pension assistance is provided to persons of 60 years and above belonging to family living below poverty line (BPL) including Transgender Persons under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) which is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). Central assistance of Rs. 200/- per month is provided to persons in the age group of 60-79 years and Rs. 500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above.