

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Women Beggars in Prostitution
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women/girls beggars reportedly indulged themselves in prostitution in the absence of their rehabilitation in the country during each of the last three years and the current-year, State/UT-wise; and
(b) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a): The Government does not maintain such data.

(b): The Government implements a number of programmes/schemes for economic empowerment of women and addressing the vulnerability of women in distress, such as –

(i) 'Swadhar Scheme' under which women in difficult circumstances who do not have any social or economic support are provided primary need of shelter, food, clothing, and other support services. In addition, vocational training for their economic rehabilitation is also provided.

(ii) Ujjawala – a comprehensive scheme for prevention of trafficking and rescue, rehabilitation, re-integration and repatriation of women and child victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, provides various services including rehabilitative services to women and children who are vulnerable to trafficking or victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation.

(iii) Support for Training and Employment Programme (STEP) seeks to upgrade the skills of poor, assetless and marginalised women and to provide employment on a sustainable basis.

(iv) Schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) focus on enhancing livelihood security in rural and urban areas and address the livelihood issues at their doorstep.
