

COMPONENTS OF SMILE SCHEME BY MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

Survey &
Identification

Mobilization

Rescue/ Shelter Home

Comprehensive
Rehabilitation

**Join hands for a
Bhiksha Vritti Mukta
Bharat - A SMILE for
every citizen!**



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**Breaking the Cycle:
A Guide to Beggary
Prevention**

Definition

According to the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959, "begging" is defined as the act of soliciting or receiving alms in a public place, whether under pretenses like singing, dancing, fortune telling, performing, or offering articles for sale. It also includes entering private premises for alms, exhibiting injuries or deformities with the intent of obtaining alms, having no visible means of subsistence and wandering in public places, and allowing oneself to be used as an exhibit for soliciting alms. The Act comprehensively covers various activities associated with begging, providing a legal framework to regulate and address the complexities surrounding this issue in public spaces and private premises.

Beggars of India (as per Census 2011)

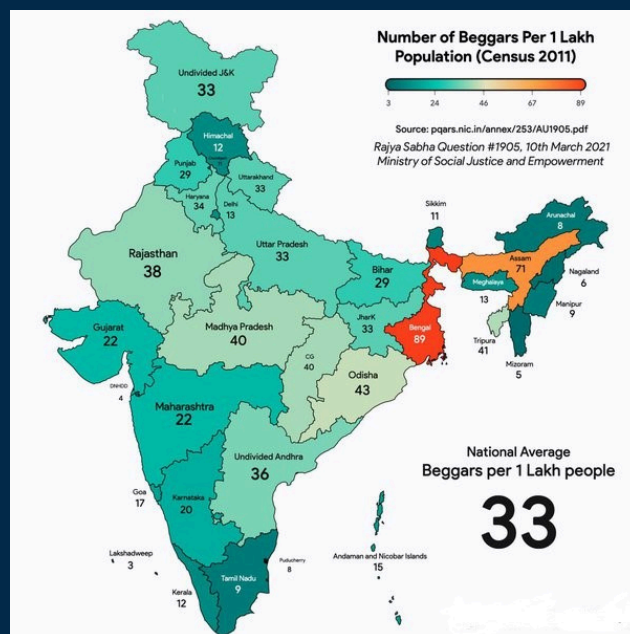
	INDIA	DELHI
Male	2,21,673	1,343
Female	1,91,997	844
Total	4,13,670	2,187

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO COMBAT THE ISSUE?

~ It is responsibility of Govt and civil society

SMILE Scheme

Introducing **SMILE** - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise, a pioneering initiative by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. This comprehensive scheme focuses on the rehabilitation of individuals engaged in begging, merging existing schemes. With a strong emphasis on medical facilities, counseling, education, and skill development, SMILE aims to benefit approximately 60,000 vulnerable individuals, providing them a chance to lead a life of dignity. Implemented with support from State/UT Governments, Urban Bodies, Voluntary Organizations, and Institutions, the scheme envisions the use of existing shelter homes and establishment of new ones if needed. This holistic approach, addressing the root causes of begging, exemplifies a commitment to social empowerment. Join us in transforming lives and creating a more inclusive society.



Objectives:

- Achieve a 'Bhiksha Vritti Mukta Bharat.'
- Comprehensive rehabilitation through coordinated action.
- Reintegration into society with dignity and self-confidence.

Target Groups:

- All citizens of India engaged in begging.
- Focus on big cities, towns, pilgrimage places, and tourist spots.

Skill Development Opportunities:

Tailored skill development programs for beggars, offering training in areas such as:

- Cleaning and Sanitation Work
- Haircutting and Grooming
- Tailoring and Sewing
- Carpentry
- Cooking and Food Services

Healthcare Support:

Access to healthcare services, including:

- Medical Checkups
- De-Addiction Programs
- Counseling Services
- Referral to Rehabilitation Centers

Educational Initiatives:

Ensuring education for:

- Children engaged in begging
- Children of persons engaged in begging
- Bridge courses and tuition support for academic success.

Market Linkages:

Facilitating connections to job opportunities:

- Self-Employment through SHGs
- Micro and Small Enterprises
- Linkage with Markets for Sustainable Livelihood