

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI**  
**Department of Social Welfare**  
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**(Social Defence Branch)**

F.No.30(583)/Campaign/SD/DSW/2020/PC.1/ 8322-8354

Dated: 12/09/2020

**Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare) regarding consultation with stake Holders in respect of City Level Action Plan on Prevention and Rehabilitation of Beggary in Delhi**

A Meeting was held with the Stake-holders/NGOs working in the field of Rehabilitation of Beggars and urban homeless on 16.09.2020 at 02.30 pm under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare, GNCID in the Conference Hall-3, 2nd Level Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 to deliberate upon the issue of formulation of city specific action plan for comprehensive rehabilitation of beggars.

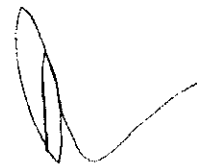
The List of Members who attended the meeting is attached herewith.

At the outset the Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare welcomed all the participant stakeholder/ NGOs. Director (Social Welfare) highlighted the need for collaborative efforts of all the stakeholders/NGOs in formulation of the City specific action plan and explained the context of the meeting.

This was followed by a short introduction by all the participants. A brief presentation was made by Dr. R. Giriraj, Deputy Director (NISD) on the issues related to beggary. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, CPO, gave a gist about the welfare programmes by the department, initiatives taken and the draft approach/outline of the city specific Action plan for Delhi.

The following issues were deliberated in the meeting:-

1. Sh. Prem N. Jat, Representative from Koshish (Field Action project), TISS, Mumbai shared their experiences in the field action community based projects on prevention and rehabilitation of beggary which are being implemented in different parts of the country. An example of an approach taken in Bihar was discussed thoroughly; however, the contextual situation of the approach and implementation of the same model may vary in Delhi. They also shared their model of Community Based Rehabilitation which is being implemented in different community groups in Delhi. They also shared their willingness to provide technical support and to be a part of Govt. efforts in the initiatives planned for future.



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2. Sh. A. Kundu, Chairperson, DCPCR shared a study conducted by DCPCR which highlighted that almost 30% of the children in difficult circumstances in Delhi are unable to receive or get any benefits of Govt. projects and they have no awareness/ information about any Govt. welfare mechanism. He highlighted the need for children to be brought back in mainstream of the society through residential education and incentive based skill development.
3. Ms. Monika Bharadwaj, DCP of SPUWAC, Delhi Police, gave an insight in the practical difficulties being faced by the junior staff in handling the begging related problems as begging occurs in complex situations. It was shared that there is a need for guidelines/ SOPs for adequate sensitization and awareness of the functionaries so that a focused intervention can be made especially in areas of beggar's concentration like Nigambodh Ghat, Hanuman Mandir, Etc.
4. Sh. Bipin, Member, DUSIB reflected about his experience of working with homeless persons and he emphasized on the need to open specific rehabilitation homes for destitute/ homeless and need for counseling and behavior modification practices by the practitioners/experts.
5. Sh. Indu Prakash, Member SLSMC, drew attention of the group for the need to change the nomenclature from beggars to city makers so that the beggars/homeless/destitute person may be saved from stigmatization and discrimination. He also stressed on the provision of monetary incentives to be given during skill development training period, in order to motivate the destitute persons to give up begging and become self reliant.
6. All the stakeholders agreed on the need for holistic model to address the issue of prevention of begging in Delhi through adequate awareness building and citizen education programmes and also for rehabilitation of beggars.
7. Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare), emphasized that a model of convergence of major stakeholders/ departments should be there so that the focused efforts would be outcome oriented. An Inter-departmental Committee consisting of stakeholders like DUSIB, DCPCR, Representative from MSJE, GOI, Delhi Police, Social Welfare & WCD Department would have to be constituted. The Hon'ble Minister recognized that a comprehensive survey of beggars must be carried out in Delhi in order to get a clear picture of the dimensions, pattern and issues related to this problem. Such survey would



be a basis for targeted interventions for catering to different segments and categories of beggars.

8. Most of the participants highlighted the need for looking at issue of "Beggary" as a social problem and its remedy accordingly rather than relying on a punitive approach. Consensually all the members agreed that a survey should be conducted on the persons engaged in begging. Further, the survey should also highlight the different type of categorization in begging which will facilitate in the focused interventions for rehabilitation of beggars.
9. The Director (Social Welfare) invited all the participants to send their suggestions/comments relating to the proposed City Level Plan of Action and such suggestions/comments would be considered before final submission of City Specific Action Plan to Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI.

In the end, the Secretary (Social Welfare) summarized the points of deliberations and the suggestions given by the participants and also thanked everyone for participating in the consultative meeting.

  
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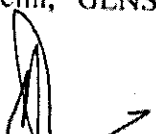
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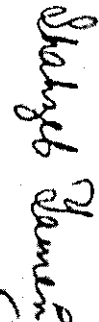

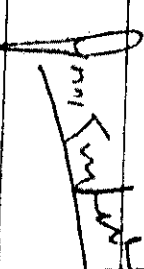
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**Meeting with Stake-holders/NGOs on City Specific action plan on Rehabilitation of Beggars on 16/09/2020 at 2:30 PM**  
**under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare)**

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