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**Sub: Seeking Information under RTI Act 2005:**  
**Children who are orphan, destitute or who beg, and Relief & Rehabilitation Facilities/Programmes**  
**for them**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am asking these questions under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005. Please provide the following information regarding the children (aged 5-18 years) who are orphan or destitute or who beg, and support offered to them in your state, Uttar Pradesh. If a particular policy, facility or data does not exist in your state, kindly mention "Not available" or "Does not exist" against that item. We are seeking this information in order to assess existing laws and systems on the ground for support, rehabilitation and integration of orphan/destitute/begging children in society, and to explore ways to improve the situation. This questionnaire comprises 5 main sections, numbered 1-5, each with several questions. Kindly provide responses to all the questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. POLICY/LAW PERTAINING TO SUPPORT AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ORPHAN, DESTITUTE OR BEGGARS:
  - a. Which Acts/Laws are applicable for support and rehabilitation of children who are orphan, destitute or beggars in your state? Kindly share the latest complete Acts including amendments if any.

**2. FACILITIES (CHILD HOMES / OBSERVATION HOMES / CENTERS) AND PROGRAMMES:**

Kindly provide data about all the facilities/centers, programmes and projects run by the state government in your state to provide relief and rehabilitation support to children who are orphan, destitute or beggars. For each facility in each district, please provide information:

- a. Facility type
- b. District
- c. Land area
- d. Built area
- e. Infrastructure facilities and equipments available (Provide list and number of each facility and equipment)
- f. Materials consumed (Provide list of materials consumed regularly, and quantity consumed in 2014-15)
- g. Human resources available (Provide list and number of each type of skilled staff available, also mention whether sanctioned post or outsourced)
- h. Annual total expense in 2014-15 and its broad break-up

**3. RECORDS AND DATA OF EACH CHILD LIVING IN CHILD HOMES / OBSERVATION HOMES / REHABILITATION CENTERS / ANY OTHER FACILITY: Kindly provide the following data about each child who is living in or has lived or used Child Home or Observation Home or Rehabilitation Center or any other facility in the past two (2) years:**

- a. Child name:
- b. Child home or Observation home or Center or any other facility:
- c. District:
- d. Period for which the child lived in the facility
- e. Age
- f. Gender
- g. Religion
- h. Caste
- i. Address and Telephone Contact of family/relative
- j. Does the child suffer from a disease, illness or infirmity? If yes, please specify.
- k. Has the child been provided health care support? If yes, please specify.
- l. Has the child been provided support to get a home? If yes, please specify.
- m. Has the child been provided support to get education and skill training and be rehabilitated in society? If yes, please specify.
- n. Proof of him/her using the facility.
- o. Record of legal help extended/provided to the child, if any.
- p. Record of efforts made to contact the child's family/relatives. Record of communication and follow-ups done with them.
- q. If the child's family/relatives were not contacted or invited then kindly provide record of the reason for doing do.

- r. If the child hails from another state, what effort was made to contact either his/her relatives or the relevant authorities in their state? (Kindly provide record of the same).
- s. If the child was ordered for detention (in Observation Home or Jail) then kindly provide record of the reason for doing so.
- t. Health records with date: All health check-ups done, specialist/doctors consulted, health problems diagnosed, prescriptions made and medication administered; Positive effects or negative side-effects of medications administered.
- u. Health records for special medical problems like HIV/AIDS, TB, Cancer, Dengue, Leprosy, Psychiatric disease, etc.
- v. Records of education, trainings and skill development provided with dates; Tests/examinations taken and certificate of education or skill provided; Record of monitoring and progress of education or skills learned.
- w. If education, training or skill development was not provided, kindly provide record of the reasons for the same.
- x. Records of identity cards made, like Aadhaar card.
- y. Records of economic support provided, if any, for instance to meet cost of health treatment or education or loan for education/skill training or loan for starting an economic activity or for any other purpose.
- z. Records of any appeals or complaints made by the child, and action taken to resolve his/her appeal or complaint. If the child needed legal help in order to present his/her appeal/case, record of providing such help. If such help was not provided or action was not taken or the child was not satisfied, kindly provide record of the reason for the same.
- aa. If the child died during his/her stay at the facility, kindly provide records (with date) of reason for death, post-mortem conducted, doctor's report, police's report, family or relatives informed and invited, and burial/cremation carried out. If any of these activities were not undertaken then kindly provide record of reasons for the same.
- bb. Present whereabouts of children who have been released; Records of efforts made to contact them to assure that they are fine, healthy and economically stable.

#### 4. FINANCES:

- a. Year-wise audit statements of revenue or funds (cess collection, government fund, grant, etc.) and expenses, for the past ten (10) years. Kindly provide their break-ups, center-shelter-home-wise, district-wise, expense head-wise, year-wise.

#### 5/ DATA AND SURVEY RESULTS:

- Kindly provide the following data on the children who are orphan, destitute or beggars in your state over the past five (5) years (for every year):
- a. Is a database of such children in the state/districts maintained? Is there a process of identification such as finger prints, ID-cards, etc.
  - b. Number of such children at the beginning of the year; out of which how many are living in child homes/shelter/relief/rehabilitation facilities, how many are still on streets, how many live with their families, how many are in jails, and how many in other facilities?

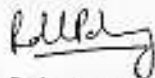
Break-up of this data based on district, age-group, gender, caste, religion, specific disability categories, etc.

- c. Number of such children fully rehabilitated in society, either on their own or due to government's effort or due to another agency's effort. Break-up of these rehabilitated children based on district, age-group, gender, caste, religion, specific disability categories, etc.
- d. Number of such children who died, and reasons behind their deaths. Break-ups of those who died on the streets, inside jails, in child homes/shelter/relief/rehabilitation facilities, or other places. Kindly provide this data district-wise.

We request you to kindly provide the above information in any format, viz. hard copy or soft copy (for example, printout, CD, etc.). I will pay the required fee/cost incurred as per the rules of Right to Information Act 2005.

Rs. 10 as application fee is submitted through postal order in favour of Information Officer with No. 30F 087172

Thank You, Sincerely,



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