

# SURVEY AND DATA ABOUT STREET CHILDREN IN INDIA

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Ministry of Women and Child Development

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Street children, rag pickers, vagabond, runaways and orphans committing petty crimes for subsistence or begging in the country, fall within the category of “Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP)” and “Children in Conflict with Law (CCL)” as described in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The primary responsibility of execution of the JJ Act, 2015 lies with the State Governments. Ministry of Women and Child Development has not conducted any survey or maintained data of such children.

India, as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), has committed itself to ensure that all children enjoy their right to survival, development, protection and participation. In pursuance of this the Ministry of Women and Child Development has adopted the National Policy for Children (NPC), 2013 on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 which affirms the Government's commitment to realization of the rights of all children in the country. It recognizes every person below the age of eighteen years as a child and that childhood is an integral part of life with a value of its own, and a long term, sustainable, multi-spectral, integrated and inclusive approach is necessary for the harmonious development and protection of children.

The Policy has identified survival, health, nutrition, education, development, protection and participation as the undeniable rights of every child, and has also declared these as key priority areas. Further the Ministry has also launched the National Plan of Action for Children, 2016 on 24.01.2017 in pursuance of the NPC, 2013 which is available on the Ministry's website: [www.wcd.nic.in](http://www.wcd.nic.in).

The details of children who have benefited under CPS during 2018-19 is given below:

**Details of Child Care Institutions in the country along with number of children residing in these institutions under CPS as on 31.03.2019.**

S. No.	State/UTs	Institutional Care [Homes]		Open Shelters		Specialised Adopt Agencies	
		No Assisted	Beneficiaries	No Assisted	Beneficiaries	No Assisted	Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	66	2316	13	342	14	144
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4	76	0	0	1	9
3	Assam	37	1765	3	51	23	69
4	Bihar	26	1567	5	134	13	138
5	Chhattisgarh	65	2325	10	117	12	120
6	Goa	23	1188	3	378	2	16
7	Gujarat	45	1706	0	0	12	86
8	Haryana	24	1403	21	614	7	47
9	Himachal Pradesh	33	1227	3	38	1	11
10	Jammu and Kashmir	17	823	0	0	2	0
11	Jharkhand	36	992	5	141	15	93
12	Karnataka	80	2998	40	1153	25	107
13	Kerala	30	788	4	100	12	65
14	Madhya Pradesh	67	2804	8	348	26	243
15	Maharashtra	67	2605	3	86	13	136
16	Manipur	42	1160	14	296	7	55
17	Meghalaya	44	960	3	159	3	6
18	Mizoram	36	1195	0	0	5	50
19	Nagaland	39	477	3	35	4	5
20	Odisha	96	6859	12	244	23	223
21	Punjab	13	463	0	0	0	0
22	Rajasthan	85	2459	22	401	24	99
23	Sikkim	12	355	3	60	4	20
24	Tamil Nadu	189	11915	12	264	20	169
25	Tripura	23	717	2	58	6	49
26	Uttar Pradesh	77	3162	20	500	12	120
27	Uttarakhand	20	437	2	50	2	15
28	West Bengal	73	5436	49	1326	32	460
29	Telangana	42	1343	0	0	11	342
30	Andaman & Nicobar	3	101	-	0	-	0
31	Chandigarh	7	252	0	0	2	17
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-	0	-	0	-	0
33	Daman and Diu	0	0	-	0	-	0
34	Lakshadweep	-	0	-	0	-	0
35	Delhi	28	1447	13	380	3	72

36	Puducherry	27	1043	2	42	2	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1476</b>	<b>64364</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>7317</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>3002</b>

This information was given by the Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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