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Press Release

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is in the process of enlisting Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) including community-based group that have sufficient expertise in handling the issues faced by the LGBTQIA+ for safeguarding and protecting their rights based on the direction of Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its judgment dated 21/06/2022 and 17/11/2023 in W.P No 7284 of 2021.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment In view of the above has entrusted the National Institute of Social Defense (NISD) in compiling the list of such NGOs/ CBOs along with the address, contact details, and services provided by them to be published and revised periodically on the official website of the Ministry. Based on the said judgment, it is expected that any person who faces an issue for the reason of their belongingness to the LGBTQIA+ community may approach any of the enlisted NGOs for safeguarding and protecting their rights, and the concerned NGO/CBO in consultation with the MSJE, shall maintain confidential records of such persons who approach the enlisted NGOs and the aggregate data shall be provided to the concerned Ministry bi-annually.

NGOs/CBOs working for LGBTQIA+ community in respective jurisdictions are requested to register themselves with the Ministry. A Google Form has been created to collate this information across the country and the link to the Google form is as under <https://forms.gle/V1dzdujgdTeWi49K6>.


Director (Social Welfare)

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