

National Council for Transgender Persons

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The Centre has constituted the National Council for Transgender Persons to formulate policies, programmes, legislation and projects regarding members of the community for **achieving equality and full participation by them**. The council was established by the Centre in exercise of the powers conferred by the **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019**.

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The National Council shall perform the following functions, namely:

- to **advise the Central Government** on the formulation of policies, programmes, legislation and projects with respect to transgender persons;
- to **monitor and evaluate the impact of policies and programmes** designed for achieving equality and full participation of transgender persons;
- to **review and coordinate the activities of all the departments** of Government and other Governmental and non-Governmental Organisations which are dealing with matters relating to transgender persons;
- to **redress the grievances** of transgender persons;
- to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

The council has **representatives from community members, five states and 10 central departments**. Its **chairperson will be the Union Minister of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment while the vice-chairperson will be the junior minister in the ministry**, according to the gazette notification. The other members will be from the Ministry of

Health and Family Welfare, Ministry Home Affairs, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Minority Affairs ministry and Rural Development ministry among others.

The representatives of the state governments and union territories by rotation, one each from the north, south, east, west and northeast regions have also been announced. Also, five representatives of the transgender community, one each from the north, south, east, west and northeast regions have also been announced.