

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2127  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH DECEMBER, 2023**

**ROBUST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR ELDERLY POPULATION**

**2127: SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government agrees with the view that it is essential to develop a robust healthcare system to meet the demands of the elderly population in times of crises and disasters;
- (b) If so, the details of the initiatives that are proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (c) The National Health Policy 2017 commits to meet the health needs of the elderly population and recognizes the growing needs for palliative and rehabilitative care for all geriatric illness by advocating continuity of care across all levels.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has launched the “National Programme for the Health Care of the Elderly” (NPHCE) during 2010-11 to address various health related problems of elderly people. 18 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs)/National Centre of Ageing (NCA) have been assisted with grants-in-aid to provide dedicated health care facilities to the senior citizens (>60 year of age) at various levels of primary, secondary and tertiary health care.

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