

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 815**  
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

**Programmes for Senior Citizens of Minority Communities**

815. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken/programmes designed to cater to the specific requirements of senior citizens from minority groups;
- (b) the level of effectiveness observed in these efforts; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote such initiatives?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) : The Government implements various programmes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata of the society, including senior citizens of minorities, through various schemes of the Ministries Social Justice and Empowerment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development. Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements various schemes across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. The schemes being implemented by the Government of India include Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSRc), State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSRc), Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY), National Helpline for Senior Citizen. In addition Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) are being implemented by the Government.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implementing Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) with the objective to develop infrastructure projects for socio-economic development of minority population in

identified areas in the country. The priority sectors under PMJVK include the health sector also. The benefits of the facilities created under PMJVK such as Hospitals, Dispensaries, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, Community Service Centres, Indira Awas Yojana etc are available for the whole community including senior citizens. The details of such projects approved since inception of the scheme are as under:-

**(Rs. in Lakh)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Projects</b>	<b>Units Approved</b>	<b>Total Cost Approved</b>	<b>Approved Central Share</b>
1	Health Projects (such as hospitals, dispensaries, CHCs, PHCs etc.,)	5853	350279.71	248154.32
2	Community Service Centres	1218	130592.98	88183.37
3	IAYs	359743	140506.82	112813.23
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>366814</b>	<b>621379.51</b>	<b>449150.92</b>

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