

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 900
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2024**

RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA

900: SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY

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

- (a) the total amount of funds distributed under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY);
- (b) the total number of senior citizens who have benefited from the Yojana;
- (c) the details about the types of physical aid and living devices provided under the Yojana, and
- (d) the details regarding the transparency and grievance redressal mechanisms in Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) with respect to RVY?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a): As stated by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, under the scheme Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY), there is no provision to allocate funds to the State/UT Administrations. Funds are directly released to the "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)". ALIMCO is sole implementing agency of the scheme and is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(b) As on 23.07.2024, total 3,80,788 senior citizens have benefitted from the scheme.

(c) At present, following aids and assisted living devices are provided under the scheme:

(1) Generic Item:

(1) Walking sticks, (2) Elbow crutches, (3) Walkers Crutches (4) Tripods/Quadpods, (5) Hearing Aids, (6) Artificial Dentures, (7) Spectacles.

(ii) Special Items : (1) Wheelchairs, (2) Wheel Chairs with Commode, (3) Chair/Stool with Commode, (4) Silicon Foam Cushion, (5) Knee Brace, (6) Spinal Support, (7) Cervical Colfar, (8) Lumbosacral Belt (LS). (9) Walker/Roalator with Brakes, (10) Walking Stick with Seat.

(d) ALIMCO involves district administration in all the stages of assessment and distribution camps under the scheme of RVY to maintain the transparency. Distribution certificates are also jointly signed by an officer from district administration and ALIMCO representative to ensure complete transparency in the distribution of assisted living devices. ALIMCO has 24x7 toll free number (1800 180 5129) and 02 backup lines for any enquiry or grievance pertaining to RVY. Additionally, a person can also visit or call at any of ALIMCO's 12 Auxiliary Production Center (APC)/Regional Marketing Center (RMC) and over 100 Pradhan Mantri Divyansha Kendra (PMDK) and ALIMCO Authorized Sales and Repair Agency (AASRA) centres, in case of any grievance or issue. The ALIMCO's center locations can be obtained from the website i.e. [https://alimco.in/ALIMCO Centres](https://alimco.in/ALIMCO%20Centres).
