

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO OLD AGE PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the population of 60 plus during the years 1951 and 1991;
- (b) whether there is a sharp increase in population of this particular group and on that basis how much population is expected to be by the years 2011 and 2021;
- (c) whether there is any National Policy for this group of population;
- (d) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (e) the number of old age homes and mobile medical units are functionary under this programme?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

- (a) Number of persons 60 plus were about 20 million in 1951 and 57 million in 1991.
- (b) Technical Group on Population Projects has projected 60 plus population to be 100 million by 2013. United Nations has projected 60 plus population to be 198 million in 2030.
- (c) & (d) Yes Sir, a National Policy on Older Persons was announced in January, 1999 which inter-alia, visualizes support for health care, shelter and welfare of older persons, protection against exploitation provision of opportunities for development of potential and provision of services to improve the quality of their lives and their meaningful participation in the community and need for affirmative action in favour of elderly.
- (e) 391 Old Age Homes, 469 Day Care Centres & 83 Mobile Medicare Units are functional under this programme.