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SOCIAL SECURITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Social security for aged must get top priority' appearing in Hindustan Times dated February 5, 2000;
- (b) If so, facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the suggestion of the Council of Economic and Social Research has been examined by the Government;
- (d) If so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the time-frame worked out to implement the recommendations thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POWERMENT
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A two day workshop was organized by Help Age India, a Non- Governmental Organization, on 3rd and 4th February, 2000 at New Delhi. In this workshop, Council for Economic and Social Research (CESR) presented a paper titled 'An Approach to a Security Net for the Aged', as a draft action plan for implementation of National Policy on Older Persons. The main thrust of the paper is on provision of financial security for the elderly poor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.