

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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OLD AGE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of old age people is continuously increasing in the country over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any survey in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d): The number of old age people in the age group of 60 years and above has increased in the country from about 57.5 million accounting for 6.8% of the total population as per the 1991 census to about 76.6 million accounting for 7.4% of total population as reported in the 2001 census. In 1991, old age people comprised 29.9 million male and 27.7 million female and the number increased to 37.8 million male and 38.9 million female in 2001. The increase in the old age population in India can be attributed to improved living standard, better living condition with improved preventive and curative health care facilities etc. The Planning commission has not conducted any survey in this regard.