

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL POLICY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Policy for welfare of Senior Citizens;
- (b) the details of various Schemes implemented so far for the welfare of senior citizens under the National Policy on Senior Citizens by the Ministry, State- wise;
- (c) the details of various concessions being provided to senior citizens by the Government and the State; and
- (d) the details of grants/financial assistance given for old age home during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) The National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), 1999 provides for financial security, health care, nutrition, shelter, education, welfare and protection of life and property of senior citizens.

(b) At present, the Ministry is implementing the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) with a view to improve the quality of life of senior citizens by providing basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities etc. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to suitable non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for running and maintaining old age homes, day care centres and mobile medicare units, etc.

(c) Various concessions in income tax; rail and air fare; special medical facilities, etc are provided to senior citizens by the Government.

Under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Central assistance is given towards pension @ Rs. 200/- per month per beneficiary to persons above 65 years belonging to a household below poverty line which is meant to be supplemented by at least an equal contribution by the States so that each beneficiary gets at least Rs.400/- per month as pension.

(d) An amount of Rs. 3634.46 lakh has been released to NGOs for running and maintenance of old age homes under the Scheme of IPOP during the last three years and current year. State-wise detail is Annexed.