

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HEALTH CARE OF ELDERLY PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) to address various health related problems of elderly people;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the said programme;
- (c) the areas selected for the implementation of NPHCE and the number of beneficiaries likely to be covered thereunder;
- (d) whether the Government has worked out the financial modalities and operational guidelines for the implementation of the programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the year and the manner in which NPHCE is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a): Yes. Government of India has approved the National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) to improve health services for the elderly.
- (b): Salient features of the programme during the remaining period of 11th Five Year Plan are as given below:
 - # Setting up of Geriatric Department at the eight Regional Geriatric Centres.
 - # Setting up of Geriatric unit at 100 district hospitals in 21 States
 - # Rehabilitation Units at CHCs, weekly Geriatric Clinic at PHCs and supportive devices/equipments at the Sub-Centres
 - # Development of specialized manpower.
- (c): The NPHCE has been initiated in 30 districts across 21 States during the year 2010-11 and another 70 district will be covered during 2011-12.
- (d) & (e): Operational and financial guidelines under NPHCE has been finalized and disseminated to the States through electronic media. The programme is being implemented on a cost sharing basis with the State Governments (excluding the expenditure on Regional Geriatric Centres).