

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

- (a) the details of National Policy on older Persons (NPOP) 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
- (d) the details of grants/financial assistance given for old age homes during each of the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) National Policy on Older Persons, 1999 envisages State support to ensure financial and food security, health care, shelter and other needs of older persons, equitable share in development, protection against abuse and exploitation, and availability of services to improve the quality of their lives.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons(IPOP) under which financial assistance is provided to Government/ NGOs/ Panchayati Raj Institutions/ local bodies etc. for running and maintenance of old age homes, day care centres and mobile medicare units, etc.

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) under which Central assistance is given towards pension @ Rs. 200/- per month 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.

Various concessions like income tax rebate; rail, bus and air fare; special medical facilities, etc. are provided to senior citizens by the Government. State-wise details of grants/financial assistance given for old age home during the last three years are given at Annexure.