

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4167  
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2011  
CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
Hussain Shri Syed Shahnawaz

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Government for welfare of senior citizens;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to review the said schemes to make them more effective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said schemes are likely to be reviewed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is not implementing any Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the welfare of senior citizens. However, this Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons through Non-Government Organizations, Panchayati Raj/ Local Bodies, etc. to cater to the basic needs of destitute senior citizens viz. shelter, food, recreation, health care etc.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, "National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE)" being implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to improve health services for the elderly. The Programme has been taken up in 100 selected districts of 21 States and 8 Regional Geriatric Institutes across the country on cost sharing basis with the participating States at the ratio of 80:20 (excluding the expenditure on 8 Regional Medical Institutes).

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Programme is being done, in-house, on an ongoing basis. The first meeting of the State Programme Officers (Non Communicable Diseases) was held on 29th July, 2011 to take stock of the implementation of the Programme.