

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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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) the number of senior citizens/elderly people in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the extent of health care facilities being provided to them in the country;
- (c) if so, the details alongwith the findings thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has recently launched any scheme to address various health related problems of senior citizens/elderly people; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the medical facilities being provided thereunder?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a): Statement showing the number of elderly population of the country of 60+ of age as per Census 2001 is enclosed (Annexure-I). Number of persons of 60 years estimated from the provisional totals of 2011 Census of some States is at Annexure – II.
- (b) to (d): While there has been no formal assessment of the health care facilities specially for the elderly, the Government of India has launched the "National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly" (NPHCE) in 2010 to address health related problems of elderly people.
- (e): The basic aim of the NPHCE programme is to provide separate and specialized comprehensive health care to the senior citizens at various level of state health care delivery system including outreach services.

The major component of the NPHCE during 2010-12 are establishment of 30 bedded Department of Geriatric in 8 identified Regional Medical Institutions (Regional Geriatric Centres) in different regions of the country and to provide dedicate health facilities in District Hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and Sub Centres level in 100 identified districts of 21 States of the country.