

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

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HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the population of aged people has been growing and is likely to grow steadily during the next few decades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the likely estimated population of aged people by 2050;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to improve and enhance health care services for the elderly people including construction of hospitals exclusively for senior citizens;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which Government is likely to ensure health caring for the senior and super senior citizens of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Census of India has shown that the elderly population of India (persons aged 60 and above) has been increasing at a phenomenal rate. While the elderly constituted only 24 million in 1961, it increased to 43 million in 1981, 57 million in 1991 and 77 million in 2001. Population Projection (1996) made by the Technical Group on Population Projections indicated that the 100 million mark is expected to be reached in 2013. Projections beyond 2016 made by the United Nations (1996 Revision) has indicated that India will have 198 million persons 60+ in 2030 and 326 million in 2050.

(c) to (e): The Government of India has launched the National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) in 2010-11 to address health related problems of elderly people. The major component of the NPHCE during 11th Five Year Plan were establishment of 30 bedded Department of Geriatric in 8 identified Regional Medical Institutions (Regional Geriatric Centres) in different regions of the country and establishment of 10 bedded Geriatric Ward with OPD at the District Hospitals, bi-weekly Geriatric Clinic at CHCs, weekly Geriatric Clinic at PHCs, aids and appliances at the Sub-Centres at 100 selected districts of 21 States.

Funds have so been released to 8 Regional Geriatric Institutes and 91 districts in 20 States. Statement showing State/Institute wise details of funds released under NPHCE during 2010-11 and 2011-12 is annexed.