

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CRIME AGAINST ELDERLY PEOPLE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a study has been conducted by Help Age India on abuse of elderly people by family members;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the total number of such cases reported by the Help Age India, State-wise;
- (d) whether a National Policy on Older Persons exists in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, whether the Government proposes to formulate any such policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (f): Ministry of Home Affairs is not aware of any such report.

The National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), 1999 envisages State support to ensure financial and food security, health care, shelter and other needs of older persons to improve the quality of their lives.

The Government has also enacted the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 to inter-alia, protect parents and senior citizens against abuse and exploitation. The provisions of the act envisage setting up of Maintenance tribunals in each district of the country to take appropriate action in order to protect the interests of senior citizens.