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OLD AND HELPLESS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of old and helpless men and women in the country has increased during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) the number of Government and private institutions engaged for their care/ welfare;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments including Maharashtra to assist these old and helpless persons; and

(e) if so, the details of the appropriate action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) and (b): As per census 2001, the population of senior citizens in the country was 7.7 crore which is 7.5 per cent of the total population. The age data of census 2011 has not yet been released. The Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the National Commission on Population in its report published in May 2006 has projected that the population of Senior Citizens will increase from 7.7 crore in 2001 to 9.84 crore by 2011 (7.5% to 8.3%). A statement of size of elderly population (aged 60+) by residence in States and Union Territories as per census 2001 is at Annuexure-I.

(c): There is no data available/maintained with regard to the private institutions engaged in the case/welfare of Senior Citizens. However, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing a Scheme namely Integrated Programme for Older Persons(IPOP) under which Grant-in-aid is given to NGOs and Panchayati Raj Institutions. The number of NGOs and the projects assisted are given at Annexure-II.

(d) and (e): The details of the project proposals received and assisted under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) Scheme from the States/UTs including Maharashtra are given in the Annexure-II