

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

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

- (a) whether the number of old and helpless citizens in the country has increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Punjab;
- (c) the number of old and helpless care/welfare oriented Government and registered private institutions operational in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Governments including Punjab 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 THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

- (a) and (b) As per census 2011, the population of Senior Citizens in the country has increased from 7.7 crore (7.5%) in 2001 to 10.38 crore in 2011, which is 8.6 per cent of the total population. A statement showing size of elderly population (aged 60+) by residence in States and Union Territories as per census 2001 and 2011 is at Annexure-I.
- (c), (d) and (e) No data is maintained with regard to private institutions engaged in the care/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 details of the project proposals received and assisted under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons(IPOP) Scheme from the States/UTs including Punjab are given in the Annexure-II.