

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

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CONDITIONS OF ELDERLY

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that as per the data of the Global Age Watch Index, India ranks at 73rd position in elderly care out of 91 countries sampled;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether India`s ranking is even lower to Sri Lanka in this respect; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the condition of the elderly/ aged people and their care keeping in view the fact that India has the second largest aged population in the world?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (d) As per information provided by Help Age India, the main purpose of preparation of the Global Age Watch Index is to measure quality of life and well-being of older people around the world. A set of thirteen separate indicators have been put together under the four domains of income security, health, education and employment and the enabling age-friendly environment to prepare the Index. It measures the economic, social and political elements that interact to create a healthy environment for older persons. India is ranked 73 and Sri Lanka is ranked 36 out of 91 countries selected for the Index. In the domain ranking India is ranked 54 in Income Security. Some of the important Schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens are as follows:-

1. Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons(IPOP)
2. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)
3. National Programme for the Health Care for the Elderly (NPHCE)

Brief details of the above schemes are given in the Annexure.