

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3122  
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POPULATION OF ELDERLY  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of persons who are 60 years of age and above in the country, gender and State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to their population and basic requirements for the next few decades; and
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) A Statement giving State-wise and gender-wise number of persons who are 60 years of age and above in the country as per Census 2011 is at Annex-I.

(b) to (c) A Statement giving State-wise and gender-wise projected population of the elderly (60+) based on Census 2001 data for the year 2016, 2021 & 2026 is at Annex-II. No study has been conducted to assess these basic requirements of senior citizens for the next few decades. However, the basic requirements of the senior citizens are social, financial, health & shelter, especially for the oldest old category of senior citizens (i.e. those above 80 years), elderly women, rural poor elderly and elderly working in the unorganized sectors. Further, there is a need to use the advancing technology for developing assistive devices for senior citizens for ensuring independence.