

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEALTHCARE OF ELDERLY PEOPLE

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme/programme to address the health related problems of elderly people and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the activities undertaken and health infrastructure put in place by the Government for the purpose;
- (c) the funds earmarked, released and utilised for the healthcare of elderly people during each of last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to establish Centre for Excellence for Geriatrics in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard, State/UTwise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): Yes. The Government of India launched the "National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly" (NPHCE) during the year 2010-11 for providing dedicated health care facilities to senior citizens (above 60 years of age) at primary, secondary and tertiary health care delivery system. The basic aim of the NPHCE is to provide separate and specialized comprehensive health care to the senior citizens at various levels of state health care delivery system including outreach services. The major components of the NPHCE are:-

- i. Setting up of Geriatric department in identified Regional Geriatric Centres (RGC) with OPD care services and 30 bedded Geriatric wards for providing indoor services. RGCs will also undertake PG Courses in Geriatric for developing Human Resource.
- ii. Setting up of Geriatric units at all District Hospitals that will provide specialist services. A 10 bedded Geriatric Ward will also be set up for providing indoor services.
- iii. Establishment of Rehabilitation unit at all Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Geriatric clinic twice/week.
- iv. Setting up weekly Geriatric clinic by trained medical Officer at Primary Health Centres (PHCs).
- v. IEC on healthy life style, home care to the bed ridden and supportive devices for the needy elderly persons at sub-centre level.

As on date, a total of 104 districts of 24 States/UTs and 08 regional Geriatric Centres have been covered under the programme. Details of activities undertaken at different levels under the Programme as per information available are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): Details of funds released to the States/Union Territory during 2011-12 to 2014-15 are at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): The following 08 Regional Geriatric Centres have already been established in the country:-

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi
2. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
3. Grants Medical College & JJ Hospitals, Mumbai.
4. Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati, Assam.
5. Trivandrum Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
6. Madras Medical College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

7. Sher-a-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Kashmir.

8. Dr. S.N. Medical College, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.