

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

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TRAINING TO PROFESSIONALS FOR CARE OF OLDER PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to train professionals for taking care of older persons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the number of persons trained under the said programmes during the said period; and
- (d) whether any specialised training is also imparted for mental healthcare and special care clinics for older persons and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) Yes Madam. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment trains professionals for taking care of Older persons under the Project "National Initiatives for Care of Elderly".

(b) & (c) : The Expenditure incurred and the Number of persons trained during the last three years and the current year (up to January 2015) is as follows:

Year	Expenditure Incurred (Rs. In Lakh)	No. of persons trained
2011-12	213.07	4357
2012-13	283.50	5806
2013-14	273.24	6534
2014-15	118.87	1207

(d): The Institute conducts many Training programmes and courses in the area of Geriatric care including inter alia, Five day training programme on Management of Dementia and Five day programme on Geriatrics Counseling for NGO functionaries.