

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether new initiatives have been taken up by the Government on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons & Vayoshreshtha Samman, 2014 in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): International Day of Older Persons is celebrated by this Ministry on 1st October every year. On this day the National Awards for Senior Citizens/ Vayoshreshtha Samman are conferred on individuals/institutions in recognition of their outstanding services for the welfare of Senior Citizens.

While in 2013, as part of the celebrations, Walkathons were held in New Delhi and other major cities i.e. Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Guwahati, Jaipur, Kochi, Lucknow, Mumbai, Shimla, in 2014, apart from the above, walkathons were also held in Agartala, Bengaluru, Dehradun, Goa, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Patna, Puducherry, Raipur, Ranchi and Shillong.