

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

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ASSISTANCE TO OLD AND HELPLESS PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the number of old and helpless men and women has increased in the country, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Government and private institutions working for the welfare of such persons;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Governments to assist these old and helpless persons; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken thereon by the Government?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. As per census 2011, the population of Senior Citizens (male and female) in the country has increased. The details are as under:-

Year	Male	Female	Total
2001	3.8	3.9	7.7
2011	5.11	5.27	10.38

(b) to (d): No data is available with regard to the total number of Governmental and private institutions engaged in the care/welfare of Senior Citizens. However, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing a Scheme namely, Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) under which Grant-in-aid is given to implementing agencies i.e. Panchayati Raj Institutions/Local bodies, Non- Governmental Voluntary Organizations, State Government autonomous/subordinate bodies, Government Recognized Educational institutions, Youth Organizations and in exceptional cases, State Governments/UT administrations for, inter alia, running of Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units etc. The proposals for release of Grant-in-aid to Non-Governmental Voluntary Organizations under the said scheme are recommended and forwarded by the State Governments. It is a continuous process.

During the financial year 2014-15, 341 projects of 248 Non-Governmental Voluntary Organizations, have been assisted under the Scheme of IPOP.