

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Health Care for Elderly

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

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- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) aligned with National Rural Health Mission, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the initiatives taken and the health infrastructure put in place thereunder for easy access to preventive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare by the elderly;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether any assistance has been received from the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for healthcare of the elderly as part of their CSR mandated by the Companies Act, 2013 and if so, the details thereof during the above period, company-wise; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government for healthcare of elderly in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): Keeping in view the recommendations made in the "National Policy on Older Persons" as well as the State's obligation under the "Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act 2007", the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had launched the "National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly" (NPHCE) during 2010-11 to address various health related problems of elderly people.

The major objectives of the NPHCE are establishment of Department of Geriatric in identified Medical Institutions as Regional Geriatric Centres for different regions of the country and to provide dedicated health facilities in District Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub-Centres (SCs) levels through State Health Society. The following facilities are being provided under the programme:

- I. Geriatric OPD, 30 Bedded ward for in-patient care etc. at Regional Geriatric Centres.
- II. Geriatric OPD and 10 bedded Geriatric Ward at District Hospitals.
- III. Bi-weekly Geriatric Clinic at Community Health Centres (CHCs).
- IV. Weekly Geriatric Clinic at Primary Health Centres (PHCs)
- V. Provision of Aids and Appliances at Sub-centres.

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 NPHCE as per information available are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): Details of funds released to the States/Union Territories during 2012-13 to 2014-15 and the current year are at Annexure-II

(d): No.

(e): At present, Government had launched following programmes/schemes i.e. under which, inter alia health care facilities are being provided to elderly people also in the country.

I. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)- The programme is being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) for intervention upto the district level includes awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment.

II. National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) This programme was launched in the year 1976 as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme with the goal of reducing the prevalence of blindness to 0.3% by 2020. Rapid Survey on Avoidable Blindness conducted under NPCB during 2006-07 showed reduction in the prevalence of blindness from 1.1% (2001-02) to 1% (2006-07). Under this programme there are provision for distribution of free spectacles to old persons suffering from presbyopia and free treatment for cataract surgery.

III. National Oral Health Programme: Taking into account the oral health situation in the country, Government of India has initiated a National Oral Health Programme to provide integrated, comprehensive oral health care in the existing health care facilities with a view to improve the determinants of oral health, reduce morbidity from oral diseases, integrate oral health promotion and provide preventive services.

IV. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD): This Ministry has launched this programme on the pilot phase basis in the year 2006-07(January 2007). Under this programme, hearing-aid are provided as per synergy between Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJE) and National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. At present, the Programme is being implemented in 281 districts of 27 States and 6 Union Territories.

Annexure-I

Activities initiated at different levels under the National Programme for Health Care of Elderly

Institution Institutions covered under NPHCE OPD Indoor wards Physiotherapy Equipments

District Hospital 104 68 58 48 43

CHCs 832 403 NA 171 334

PHCs 4032 1018 NA NA 646

SCs 27173 NA NA NA 4541

NA=Not applicable

Annexure-II

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR HEALTH CARE OF THE ELDERLY (NPHCE)

Statement Showing Allocation/Release of fund and Expenditure (As on 31.05.2015)

Sl. No Name of the States

Rs. In Lakhs

2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16*

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s1 Andhra Pradesh 871.52 0 0 1.37 0 0 0.00 0.00

2 Assam 0 23.44 0 128.61 142.27 53.55 3333.00 32.72

3 Bihar 446.72 13.28 0 83.02 150 134.91 597.00 0.00

4 Chattisgarh 229.2 23.39 50.94 121.24 99 49.2 526.00 0.00

5 Gujarat 225.44 85.28 0 99.5 215.66 230.87 1551.00 71.54

6 Haryana 0 65.73 0 133.86 77.62 48.81 331.00 32.83

7 Himachal Pradesh 0 0 0 19.15 11.85 68.04 263.00 3.03

8 Jammu & Kashmir 0 218.29 0 126.76 0 84.94 629.00 0.00

9 Jharkhand 0 1.28 0 20.42 111 37.77 790.00 22.37

10 Karnataka 0 151.78 0 158.3 170.95 16.33 1187.00 13.65

11 Kerala 470.72 88.88 0 122.81 150 749.74 467.00 0.00

12 Madya Pradesh 391.84 150.26 0 237.09 209.45 81.54 2681.00 35.55

13 Maharashtra 426.96 412.22 0 145.36 203.64 239.44 2375.00 37.95

14 Odisha 374.56 109.35 33.89 354.15 116 140.71 1065.00 32.95

15 Punjab 196.24 31.51 0 171.31 111.36 48.14 312.00 0.10

16 Rajasthan 711.2 147.65 0 61.94 87.05 23.15 2704.00 476.53

17 Sikkim 0 77.46 31.08 43.27 44 0 66.00 53.10

18 Tamil Nadu 344.16 0 0 0 0.42 0 1300.00 0.00

19 Uttarakhand 81.04 56.77 0 94.14 0 11.24 624.00 1.11

20 Uttar Pradesh 1855.04 0 0 188.77 0 0 3626.00 40.66

21 West Bengal 231.2 0.95 0 88.9 150 18.58 0.00 12.98

22 Daman & Diu 0 0 0 0 24.34 0 35.00 0.00

23 Lakshdweep 0 0 0 0 95.66 0 0.00 0.00

24 Mizoram 0 0 0 0 119.06 0 137.00 0.00

Total 6855.84 1657.52 115.91 2399.97 2289.33 2036.96 24599.00 867.07

* No separate allocation of funds has been made for National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE), during 2015-16. NPHCE is the part of NCD flexible pool under the National Health Mission for which total allocation at BE stage for 2015-16 is Rs. 527.36 crores.