

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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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 a National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) to address various health related problems of elderly people and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the guidelines formulated, the activities undertaken, agencies involved and area selected for implementation of NPHCE, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries identified for the said programme along with the healthcare facilities being provided to them thereunder, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the funds earmarked, released and utilised for the purpose during each of last three years and the current year, State/UTwise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) to (c): Yes. The Government of India launched the "National Programme for the Health Care of the Elderly"(NPHCE) in 2010 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 establishment of the Department of Geriatrics in identified Medical Institutions as Regional Geriatric Centres for different regions of the country and to provide dedicated health facilities in District Hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and Sub Centres levels.

Following facilities are being provided under the Programme:

- i) Geriatric OPD, 30 bedded Geriatric ward for in-patient care, etc. at Regional Geriatric Centres. The Regional Geriatric Centres will also undertake PG Courses in Geriatric for developing Human Resource.
- 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 Centre (PHCs).
- v) Provision of Aids and Appliances at Sub-centres.

As on date, a total of 100 districts of 21 States and 8 Regional Geriatric Centres have been covered under the Programme.

(d): Details of funds released to the States and the Institutes during 2010-11 to 2013-14 are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. No funds have been released so far during 2014-15.