

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF NATIONAL POLICY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

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

- (a) the population of senior citizens in the country and the percentage of their population, out of the total population, as per the 2011 Census;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to review the National Policy for Senior Citizens;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to improve the living standard of senior citizens by implementing various welfare schemes for them; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

- (a) As per Census 2011, the population of senior citizens in the country is 10.38 crore, which is about 8.6% of the total population of the country.
- (b) & (c) Keeping in view the changing demographic pattern, socio-economic needs of the senior citizens, social value system and advancement in the field of science and technology over the last decade, the National Policy on Older Persons, 1999 has been reviewed and the new National Policy for Senior Citizens is under finalization.
- (d) & (e) In order to improve the living standard of senior citizens, different Ministries and Departments of Government of India, along with Ministry of Social justice and Empowerment, are implementing various welfare schemes for them. The details are at Annexure.