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Monitoring of NGOs

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(a) whether the Government monitors the efficiency of the NGOs to which grants in aid have been released under various welfare schemes for senior citizens and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has enhanced capacity building for old age homes for the senior citizen during the last two years and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schemes for providing assistance to older persons in public transport and public places?

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

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) since 1992 with the objective of improving the quality of life of senior citizens by providing basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities and by encouraging productive and active ageing. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental/Voluntary Organisations, Panchayati Raj Institutions etc. for running and maintenance of projects like Old Age Homes, Physiotherapy Centres, Day Care Centres, etc.

The performance of the NGOs under the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) is monitored from time to time through inter alia, periodic field visits by the nodal officers of this Ministry, Inspection of projects by Regional Resources Training Centres (RRTCs), inspection of the projects under the Scheme by the Distt. Social Welfare Officer of the State Govt. Grants to NGOs is also released only on receipt of satisfactory Inspection Report Utilization Certificate in respect of grants released during the previous years etc.

(b): The Ministry conducts various awareness and capacity building programmes for senior citizens through 'National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)', an Autonomous Institute under the Ministry. The details of these capacity building programmes during last two years is at Annexure-I.

(c) The details of the schemes for providing assistance to older persons in public transport and public places are at Annexure-II.