

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018**

SCHEMES FOR UPLIFTMENT OF WEAKER SEGMENTS

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

- (a) the details of schemes started in various States by Government during the last three years to uplift the weaker segments of the society in the country;
- (b) the number of people who have been benefited from these schemes during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) the amount allocated to every State during the above period, State-wise and scheme-wise;
- (d) whether there is any agency to monitor the implementation of these schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): to (e) : During the last three year, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched one scheme namely '**Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)**' on 01.04.2017. The objective of the scheme is to provide senior citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities, with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions. Under the Scheme, assisted living devices such as walking sticks, elbow crutches, walkers/ crutches, tripods/ quadpods, hearing aids, wheelchairs, artificial dentures, spectacles are provided free of cost to the beneficiaries.

The Scheme is implemented by the "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)", a Mini Ratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the administrative control of this Ministry. The devices are distributed in the camp mode to the identified beneficiaries. The Scheme is being funded from Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund (SCWF). The scheme is monitored by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment as Nodal Ministry. At present, a total of 318 districts have been selected from all States/UTs for the implementation of the Scheme. As on 13.12.2018, 66 Distribution Camps have been organized at district level benefitting 68,612 Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category. The State wise number of beneficiaries is at Annexure. An amount of Rs.17.50 crore was released to the ALIMCO during 2017-18 and Rs. 53.25 crore during 2018-19.

ANNEXURE

**Referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1230
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State-wise Total Number of Beneficiaries under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (as on
13.12.2018)

S.NO.	States/UTs	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	5402
2	Arunachal Pradesh	384
3	Bihar	1926
4	Chhattisgarh	31
5	Delhi	2605
6	Goa	2407
7	Gujarat	2760
8	Haryana	1712
9	Himachal Pradesh	76
10	Jharkhand	21
11	Karnataka	1214
12	Kerala	962
13	Madhya Pradesh	14939
14	Maharashtra	6343
15	Meghalaya	7291
16	Puducherry	1529
17	Punjab	393
18	Rajasthan	4210
19	Sikkim	1814
20	Tamil Nadu	969
21	Telangana	1473
22	Tripura	795
23	Uttar Pradesh	6719
24	Uttarakhand	2637
Total No. of Beneficiaries		68612