

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1722  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018**

**FREE MEDICAL SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS**

**1722. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA:**

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

- (a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to provide better, inexpensive or free medical services to senior citizens of the country, especially to those who are not covered in any self insurance policies and belong to a weaker economic status, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

(a) to (c): As informed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India is implementing National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) with a view to provide dedicated health care facilities to the elderly people. The programme is State oriented and basic thrust of the programme is to provide dedicated health care facilities to the senior citizens (>60 year of age) at various level of primary, secondary and tertiary health care delivery system including outreach services. The health care facilities, being provided under this programme, are either free or highly subsidised. The major activities of the NPHCE are:-

- i) Setting up of Geriatric Department in identified Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) with OPD care services and 30 bedded Geriatric ward for providing indoor services. RGCs will also undertake PG Courses in Geriatric for developing Human Resource.
- ii) Setting up of 10 bedded Geriatric units at all District Hospitals that will provide indoor services for elderly during hospitalisation.
- iii) Establishment of Rehabilitation unit at all Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Geriatric clinic twice/week.
- iv) Setting up weekly Geriatric clinic by trained medical Officer at Primary Health Centres (PHCs).
- v) Provision of Aids and Appliances at Sub-centres.



As on date, 599 districts of 35 States/UTs and 19 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) in 18 States/UTs have been sanctioned to provide above mentioned health care services to elderly people under the programme.

The details of State-wise/UT-wise districts approved under NPHCE are annexed at **Annexure-I**. The details of Regional Geriatric Centres are annexed at **Annexure -II**.

In addition, the Government of India is supporting the setting up of two National Centres of Ageing (NCAs) - one in AIIMS, New Delhi and another in Madras Medical College, Chennai. The NCAs are supposed to function as a National Centres of Excellence with 200 bedded facility and aimed to be teaching, research & referral institute for geriatric care in the country.

Further, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) on 23.09.2018. This Scheme provides coverage upto Rs. 5 lakh per family per year from secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approx. 50 crore families) under PM-JAY. This Scheme covers poor and vulnerable families based on deprivation and occupational criteria as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) data. Senior Citizens, who belong to the defined eligibility criteria for PMJAY, are entitled to get benefits of PMJAY.

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**Annexure-I**

(Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) for Rajya Sabha Q.No-1722 for 27.12.2018)

**Details of State-wise/UT-wise districts approved under National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE):**

Sl. No.	Name of States	Nos. of Districts approved
1	Andaman and Nicobar	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	12
4	Assam	27
5	Bihar	38
6	Chattisgarh	27
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
8	Daman & Diu	2
9	Delhi	11
10	Goa	2
11	Gujarat	25
12	Haryana	22
13	Himachal Pradesh	12
14	Jammu and Kashmir	21
15	Jharkhand	24
16	Karnataka	30
17	Kerala	14
18	Lakshadweep	1
19	Madhya Pradesh	10
20	Maharashtra	28
21	Manipur	7
22	Meghalaya	10
23	Mizoram	9
24	Nagaland	11
25	Odisha	30
26	Puducherry	2
27	Punjab	22
28	Rajasthan	22
29	Sikkim	4
30	Tamil Nadu	31
31	Telangana	5
32	Tripura	8
33	Uttar Pradesh	75
34	Uttrakhand	13
35	West Bengal	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>599</b>



## Annexure-II

(Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) for Rajya Sabha Q.No-1722 for 27.12.2018)

### Details of Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs)

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.
2. Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi Uttar Pradesh
3. Grants Medical College & JJ Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
4. Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati, Assam.
5. Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
6. Madras Medical College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
7. Sher-a-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
8. Dr. S.N. Medical College, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
9. Dr. Rajendra Prashad Govt. Medical College, Himachal Pradesh.
10. KGIMS, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
11. Rajendra Institute Medical College, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
12. Kolkata Medical College, Kolkata, West Bengal
13. Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
14. Bangalore Medical College, Bangluru, Karnataka.
15. B. J. Medical College, Ahmadabad, Gujarat.
16. S.C.B. Medical College, Cuttack. Odisha.
17. Agartala Medical College, Agartala, Tripura.
18. Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
19. Patna Medical College, Patna, Bihar.