GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 470
ANSWERED ON 16/09/2020

SENIOR CITIZENS BELOW POVERTY LINE IN BIHAR

470 . SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY

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

(a) whether the Ministry has data regarding total number of senior citizens below poverty line and suffering from age related disability, if so, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the focus of Ministry is on any specific field for the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY); and

(c) the number of camps organised in Bihar since 2018, the district-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a scheme namely, "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)" for providing physical aids and Assisted Living Devices to the Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category. Data regarding total number of senior citizens below poverty line and suffering from age related disability is not maintained in the Ministry. As per Census 2011 the number of senior citizens suffering from any disability in their old age is 53,76,619, which is 5.18% of total population of senior citizens (10.38 crore). The objective of the Scheme is to restore near normalcy in the bodily functions of the senior citizens, who are suffering from age related disabilities/infirmities, by providing physical aids and assisted living devices such as Walking Sticks, Elbow Crutches, Walkers/ Crutches, Tripods/Quad pods, Hearing Aids, Wheelchairs, free of cost. The Scheme is being implemented through the "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)", a Public Sector Undertaking under this Ministry. ALIMCO, in coordination with the State Governments, identifies the beneficiaries through assessment camps. Details of camps organised in Bihar since 2018 are at **Annexure.**

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 470 for answered on 16.9.2020

Details of Distribution Camps held in Bihar under RVY since 2018

S. No.	District	No of Beneficiaries	No of Appliances	Value of Appliance in Rs. Lakh
1	Bhojpur Ara	1665	3842	71.35
2	Buxar	261	590	8.62
3	Gaya	251	746	14.09
4	Begusarai	245	922	23.14
Total		**2422**	**6100**	**117.2**

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