

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO - 38
ANSWERED ON - 20/07/2022**

WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS

38. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the present population of senior citizens in the country is around 130 million and is expected to reach 175 million by year 2026;
- (b) if so, whether nearly 8 per cent of the senior citizens suffer from some sort of disability due to old age related physical impairment;
- (c) the status of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) and the support of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) since 2017, State-wise, particularly in Punjab; and
- (d) the time by when all elderly economically weaker people with special needs in the country will be covered under RVY?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *38 to be answered on 20.07.2022

(a) As per Census 2011, population of Senior Citizens (people aged 60 years and above) is 10.38 Crore in the country. The projected population of Senior Citizens aged 60+ years of the country for 2026 (as on 01st March) is expected to be 17.32 crore, as per the report of Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the National Commission on Population.

(b) As per Census 2011, the number of senior citizens suffering from any disability in their old age is 53,76,619 which is approximately 5.18 percent of total population of senior citizens (10.38 crore).

(c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is successfully implementing the 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)' since 01.04.2017 with the objective to provide with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in the bodily functions to the senior citizens belonging to BPL category or senior citizens with monthly income not more than Rs. 15000/- who are suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities. The Scheme is being implemented through Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) which has been conducted 250 distribution camps and benefiting 2,51,787 senior citizens. The State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries including Punjab is at **Annexure**.

(d) The objective of RVY is to provide physical aids and assisted living devices to all the economically weaker senior citizens who are suffering from age related disability.

Annexure referred to part (c) in reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *38 to be answered on 20.07.2022

State-wise Total Number of Beneficiaries Benefited under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) as on 14.07.2022

S.NO.	State/UTs	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	342
2	Andhra Pradesh	7404
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2195
4	Assam	6198
5	Bihar	7205
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattisgarh	4644
8	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman and Diu	341
10	Delhi	3451
11	Goa	2407
12	Gujarat	5582
13	Haryana	4848
14	Himachal Pradesh	430
15	Jammu and Kashmir	369
16	Jharkhand	3197
17	Karnataka	5977
18	Kerala	4182
19	Lakshadweep	528
20	Madhya Pradesh	19435
21	Maharashtra	68651
22	Manipur	4557
23	Meghalaya	9801
24	Mizoram	364
25	Nagaland	2990
26	Odisha	3561
27	Puducherry	1529
28	Punjab	3160
29	Rajasthan	14236
30	Sikkim	2618
31	Tamil Nadu	2195
32	Telangana	3859
33	Tripura	6412
34	Uttarakhand	5395
35	Uttar Pradesh	43623
36	West Bengal	101
Total		251787
