

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.213
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2023**

EXCLUSIVE HOSPITALS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

213 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to have Government hospitals exclusively for senior citizens so that old people can get hassle free treatment;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the action which Government is planning to take in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) to (c): The Government of India launched “National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly” (NPHCE) during 2010-11 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) in order to provide exclusive hassle free treatment to elderly people. It addresses their health related problems and provide separate, specialized and comprehensive health care at various levels of State health care delivery system including outreach services. It includes preventive care, management of illness, health manpower development for geriatric services, medical rehabilitation and therapeutic interventions.

19 Regional Geriatric Centres(RGCs) have been set up in various regions exclusively for providing health care services and treatment to elderly people through specialized OPD’s, having 30 bedded wards including earmarked beds in various specialties like urology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology etc, manpower development & research activities. Presently OPD services are provided through 18 RGCs and inpatient services in 14 RGC’s. The list of 19 RGCs is at ANNEXURE.

Under NPHCE dedicated free of cost, accessible health care is provided to elderly population through District Hospitals (DHs)/Community Health Centres (CHCs)/ Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub centres. Upto 2022-23, a total number of 725 districts are sanctioned under this Programme for providing health care services to the geriatric population, out of which 640 district hospitals are providing various OPDs and 595 district hospitals are having facilities of geriatric beds (10 bedded), laboratory investigations for diagnosis, provision of free medicines etc. District hospitals also conduct camps in PHCs/CHCs and other sites for geriatric health care services, also working as referral hospitals for the elderly patients referred by the CHCs/PHCs etc.

CHCs are also working as first Referral Unit (FRU) for the Elderly from PHCs, provide twice a week geriatric clinic for elderly persons, rehabilitation unit for physiotherapy, provides domiciliary visits by the rehabilitation worker for bed ridden elderly and counselling of the family members on their home-based care.

PHCs are providing weekly geriatric clinic run by a trained Medical Officers who maintain record of the elderly using standard format based on simple clinical examination relating to eye, blood pressure, blood sugar, etc. They are the primary units for referral to CHCs or the DH as per need.

Under the Tertiary Care Programme , funds have been released to two National Centres of Ageing (NCA), one each at AIIMS, New Delhi and Madras Medical College, Chennai as Centre of Excellence for providing Geriatric Health Care services to the elderly population like Specialized OPD clinics (Fall Clinic, Syncope Clinic, dementia clinic etc.) with 200 bedded Health Care Facility for in-patient care in the various specialties viz. Surgery, Orthopaedics, Psychiatry, Urology, Ophthalmology, Neurology etc.

ANNEXURE**List of 19 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) under the Tertiary Component of NPHCE-**

Sl. No	Name of the Institution/Medical College	Location	State/UT
1	Govt. Medical College	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
2	Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
3	Guwahati Medical College	Guwahati	Assam
4	S.N Medical College	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
5	Madras Medical College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
6	Grants Medical College & JJ Hospital	Mumbai	Maharashtra
7	Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Science	Srinagar	J & K
8	All India Institute of Medical Science	New Delhi	New Delhi
9	Gandhi Medical College	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
10	Kolkata Medical College	Kolkata	West Bengal
11	Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences	Hyderabad	Telangana
12	S.C.B. Medical College	Cuttack	Odisha
13	King George's Medical University	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
14	Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences	Ranchi	Jharkhand
15	Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute	Bangalore	Karnataka
16	B.J. Medical College	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
17	Agartala Medical College	Agartala	Tripura
18	Nalanda Medical College	Patna	Bihar
19	Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College	Kangra	Himachal Pradesh