

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -298
ANSWERED ON - 24/07/2024

RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices for Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category in the Country; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has set any target under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries identified under the scheme, State and Year- wise; and
- (d) the facilities provided to the Senior Citizens under the said scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment launched a Central Sector Scheme namely "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojanan" (RVY) on 1st April, 2017 with the objective to provide the senior citizens, living below poverty line and suffering from any of the age-related disability/infirmity, with such assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions, overcoming the disability/infirmity manifested. The assisted -living devices under the scheme are provide to the senior citizens belonging to BPL category and also to the senior citizens with monthly income not more than Rs. 15000/-. The Government aims to cover all the districts of the country under the scheme.

The State and year-wise total number of beneficiaries identified under the scheme is at **Annexure.**

At present, the following aids & assisted devices are provided under the scheme:

(i) Generic Item:

- (1) Walking sticks, (2) Elbow crutches, (3) Walkers / Crutches, (4) Tripods/Quadpods, (5) Hearing Aids, (6) Artificial Dentures, (7) Spectacles.

(ii) Special Items:

- (1) Wheelchairs, (2) Wheel Chairs with Commode, (3) Chair/Stool with Commode, (4) Silicon Foam Cushion, (5) Knee Brace, (6) Spinal Support, (7) Cervical Collar, (8) Lumbosacral Belt (LS), (9) Walker/Rollator with Brakes, (10) Walking Stick with Seat.

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 298 to be answered on 24.07.2024

S.No.	States/UTs	Number of Beneficiaries						
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	342	0	0	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	2720	2676	1007	0	1001	182	243
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	384	943	299	569	0	49
4	Assam	0	0	316	1679	2323	14100	2627
5	Bihar	1665	261	496	837	1305	2641	5646
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
7	Chhattisgarh	0	711	0	2073	1310	713	382
8	Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu	0	0	0	76	265	209	68
9	Delhi	1480	1971	0	0	0	242	853
10	Goa	2407	0	0	0	0	0	86
11	Gujarat	2760	861	1961	0	0	0	1665
12	Haryana	1611	563	1609	158	907	1143	1002
13	Himachal Pradesh	76	118	0	236	0	0	229
14	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	247	114	8	1163	541
15	Jharkhand	21	1839	0	346	0	991	235
16	Karnataka	0	1320	418	532	3273	434	2436
17	Kerala	687	275	1646	664	910	0	10
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	528	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	3980	11024	818	2022	1863	328	3700
21	Maharashtra	3126	18401	0	3434	41282	29964	5447
22	Manipur	0	0	0	4170	387	1027	756
23	Meghalaya	1822	5469	2510	0	0	0	34
24	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	364	0	0
25	Nagaland	0	2661	0	0	317	680	1735
26	Odisha	0	0	1352	289	1920	0	2781
27	Puducherry	1529	0	0	0	0	0	33
28	Punjab	0	1434	0	1343	383	117	695
29	Rajasthan	4210	2707	5298	71	1364	753	4005
30	Sikkim	0	1814	804	0	0	0	0
31	Tamil Nadu	0	1415	780	0	0	0	5
32	Telangana	0	1473	592	0	1130	2623	723
33	Tripura	795	0	1158	3226	1233	939	1105
34	Uttarakhand	1100	1537	1404	1034	0	320	1583
35	Uttar Pradesh	4080	5831	21474	2429	8829	4503	21800
36	West Bengal	0	0	0	101	0	222	2110
Total		34069	65615	44833	25133	70943	63307	62584*

* Data taken from ARJUN Portal.
