

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1395#
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2025**

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ELDERLY PEOPLE

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

- (a) Whether according to a survey the number of elderly people aged above 60 years in the total population in the country will increase from 10.1% in 2021 to 15% in 2036 and 20.8% by 2050;
- (b) Whether there is a rapid increase in the number of older people and a decrease in the population aged below 15 years; and
- (c) If so, the problem arising due to the said situation and the steps being taken to deal with it?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) According to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) report titled “Caring for our elders: Institutional response - India Ageing Report 2023”, the number of elderly people aged above 60 years in India is projected to increase from 10.1% of the population in 2021 to 15% by 2036 and further to 20.8% by 2050.

(b) & (c) According to UNFPA report there is a rapid increase in the number of older people and a decrease in the population aged below 15 years. Due to this demographic change there will be increased strain on healthcare systems and a growing need for social security programs.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing the “National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly” (NPHCE) since 2010-11 to address various health related problems of elderly. The programme provide accessible, affordable, comprehensive and dedicated care services to the ageing population.
