

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1250**  
ANSWERED ON – 10/12/2025

**ORPHANAGES AND OLD AGE HOMEs**

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

- (a) the number and status of orphanages and old age homes functioning in the country, specially in Pune and Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Central Government provides financial assistance to these institutions and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds released during the last three years and their utilisation; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve amenities such as healthcare, nutrition, rehabilitation and safety for the children and elderly residing in these homes?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) to (d) Under Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC), a component of Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY), grants-in-aid (GIA) is being given to 706 senior citizen homes in the country including 72 senior citizen homes in the State of Maharashtra. There is no senior citizen home being supported in Pune under this scheme component. Funds released under IPSrC during the last three years are as under:

S.No.	Financial Year	Funds Released (In Cr.)
1	2022-23	72.31
2	2023-24	118.95
3	2024-25	125.42

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has informed that it is implementing a scheme namely, Mission Vatsalya under which support is provided to State and UT Governments to deliver various services for children in difficult circumstances. Under this scheme, a total of 2559 Child Care Institutions (CCIs) including 107 in the State of Maharashtra have been supported during FY 2024-25. Funds released under the scheme during last three years are as under:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funds Released (In Cr.)</b>
1	2022-23	884.76
2	2023-24	1341.68
3	2024-25	1394.31

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has taken various steps to improve the amenities for the elderly residing in the homes, which include formulation of 'Minimum Standards for Senior Citizen Homes', involving the Regional Resource Training Centres (RRTC) to provide training to the staff of senior citizen homes, to carry out the awareness, advocacy, monitoring and research initiatives in the field of old age care.

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