

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO - 40
ANSWERED ON – 22/07/2026

RE-EMPLOYMENT OF SENIOR CITIZENS

40. SHRI RAJINDER GUPTA

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the findings of the UNFPA-India's 'India Ageing Report, 2023' projecting a significant increase in the country's elderly population and the need for structured re-employment opportunities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has developed any portal or platform to facilitate the re-employment of senior citizens, if so, the present status thereof;
- (c) the total number of senior citizens registered on such portal, along with the number of registered public and private employers, as on date; and
- (d) the total number of senior citizens who have secured employment through the portal since its launch, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR.VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 40 for reply on 22.07.2026 regarding Re-employment of senior citizens by Shri Rajinder Gupta.

(a) Yes, the Government has taken note of the findings of the India Ageing Report 2023 of UNFPA-India. The report estimates that the population of elderly persons (60 years and above) in India will increase from 10.4% in 2022 to 20.8% by 2050 and will reach 36 % by the end of this century. It particularly highlights the need for policies ensuring livelihood options and re-employment opportunities for income security of elderly persons, especially in the unorganised sector.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Labour and Employment has informed that it is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Scheme for transformation of the National Employment Service. The NCS Portal is a one-stop digital solution for providing career-related services including jobs from private and government sectors, information on online and offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, and information on skill development courses and skill/training programmes. The NCS Portal is available to all stakeholders (including senior citizens) across the country.

Further, under the NCS project, in collaboration with States/Institutions, the Government has approved 407 Model Career Centres (MCCs) across the country. These centres connect local youth and other job-seekers (including senior citizens) with job opportunities through job fairs, the NCS portal, as well as career counselling and training.

NCS is playing a pivotal role in supporting India's vision of a skilled, employable, and future-ready workforce. As the platform continues to evolve through AI-driven services, broader convergence, and enhanced citizen-centric offerings, NCS is well-positioned to serve as the cornerstone of India's modern employment services framework and contribute meaningfully to inclusive economic growth and employment generation.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment has further informed that since the inception of the NCS portal in 2015, more than 6.46 crore jobseekers and 58.76 lakh employers have registered on the NCS Portal, of which 1.89 lakh jobseekers are above the age of 60 years. As per the data at the NCS Portal, 1.68 lakh vacancies have been found to be suitable for candidates above the age of 60 years. More than 2.29 crore jobseekers (including senior citizens) have been shortlisted by employers through the portal across the country.
