

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4859  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER,  
MEDICAL FACILITY TO SENIOR CITIZENS**

**4859. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:**

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

- (a) the number of senior citizens living in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Medical facility available for them is below par to similar facility being provided in other countries;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the lack of these facilities;
- (d) whether any scheme has been introduced for providing medical facility to senior citizens during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): As per Census 2011, the 60+ years aged people in India are 103.84 million that accounts for 8.6% of the total population of India. The State-wise details of senior citizens in India is at **Annexure**.
- (b) & (c): Yes. The medical care facilities available to senior citizens in India are not comparable with that of other countries. The medical facilities for senior citizens in developed countries have been initiated long ago as compared to India whereas the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) was launched only in 2010-11. Hence, dedicated health care facilities are available only in 90 district hospitals, which are operationalised among 418 districts that have been sanctioned for implementation of NPHCE.
- (d) & (e): Yes. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had launched “National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) during 2010-11 to address various health related problems of elderly people. The programme is State oriented with the following main objective:-
  - i. To provide an easy access to promotional, preventive, curative and rehabilitative services to the elderly through community based primary health care approach.
  - ii. To identify health problems in the elderly and provide appropriate health interventions in the community with a strong referral backup support.
  - iii. To build capacity of the medical and paramedical professionals as well as the care-takers within the family for providing health care to the elderly.
  - iv. To provide referral services to the elderly patients through district hospitals, regional medical institutions.
  - v. Convergence with National Rural Health Mission, AYUSH and other line departments like Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

As on date, 418 districts, 20 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) and two National Centres for Ageing (NCA) also have been sanctioned for implementation of NPHCE.

## State-wise details of senior citizens in India

	Total population (2011)	Total population aged 60 years (2011)	% (proportion) of population 60 years (2011)
<b>India</b>	<b>1,210,854,977</b>	<b>103,849,040</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>State/Union Territory</b>			
Jammu & Kashmir	12,541,302	922,656	7.4
Himachal Pradesh	6,864,602	703,009	10.2
Punjab	27,743,338	2,865,817	10.3
Chandigarh	1,055,450	67,078	6.4
Uttarakhand	10,086,292	900,809	8.9
Haryana	25,351,462	2,193,755	8.7
NCT of Delhi	16,787,941	1,147,445	6.8
Rajasthan	68,548,437	5,112,138	7.5
Uttar Pradesh	199,812,341	15,439,904	7.7
Bihar	104,099,452	7,707,145	7.4
Sikkim	610,577	40,752	6.7
Arunachal Pradesh	1,383,727	63,639	4.6
Nagaland	1,978,502	102,726	5.2
Manipur	2,855,794	200,020	7.0
Mizoram	1,097,206	68,628	6.3
Tripura	3,673,917	289,544	7.9
Meghalaya	2,966,889	138,902	4.7
Assam	31,205,576	2,078,544	6.7
West Bengal	91,276,115	7,742,382	8.5
Jharkhand	32,988,134	2,356,678	7.1
Odisha	41,974,218	3,984,448	9.5
Chhattisgarh	25,545,198	2,003,909	7.8
Madhya Pradesh	72,626,809	5,713,316	7.9
Gujarat	60,439,692	4,786,559	7.9
Daman & Diu	243,247	11,361	4.7
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	343,709	13,892	4.0
Maharashtra	112,374,333	11,106,935	9.9
Andhra Pradesh	49,386,799	5,008,662	10.1
Telangana	35,193,978	3,269,579	9.3
Karnataka	61,095,297	5,791,032	9.5
Goa	1,458,545	163,495	11.2
Lakshadweep	64,473	5,270	8.2
Kerala	33,406,061	4,193,393	12.6
Tamil Nadu	72,147,030	7,509,758	10.4
Puducherry	1,247,953	120,436	9.7
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	380,581	25,424	6.7

**Sources:** C-13 Single Year Age Returns by Residence and Sex Census 2011, <http://www.censusindia.gov.in/2011census/C-series/C-13.html>.