

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4196
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2017**

REVIEW OF SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SCHEMES

4196. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY:

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

- (a) whether any review has been conducted regarding implementation of schemes for the welfare of senior citizens during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to remove the deficiencies, if any, noticed therein;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to reduce the age limit of senior citizens for availing the benefits of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

(a) to (c): While implementing the scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons of this Ministry, two evaluation studies of the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) were conducted during 2011-12. IPOP is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, under which grant-in-aid are given for running and maintenance of *inter-alia*, Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units, Multi Facility Care Centre for Older Widows etc. Main findings/ recommendations and outcome thereof of these studies are at Annexure-I.

During the current year (2016-17), an evaluation study on the Scheme of IPOP has been commissioned .

(d): There is no such proposal in respect of the above scheme.

(e): Does not arise.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 4196 for 28.03.2017 regarding "Review of Senior Citizens Welfare Schemes".

Evaluation studies were conducted during 2011-12 as per details below:-

S. No.	Title of the Study	Conducted by	Main findings/recommendations	Action Taken
1.	Health and Socio Economic status of Older Persons in the States of UP and Haryana (including evaluation of the scheme of IPOP)	Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut	1. There is a need to set up old age homes in every district. 2. There is lack of awareness about Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Sr. Citizens Act, 2007 and of old age homes, day care centres and various facilities available for older persons such as pension, health care etc. Wide publicity should be given on these issues so that the old age persons can access these facilities and know their legal rights.	1. Section 19(1) of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act mandates that the State Government may establish and maintain such number of Old Age Homes at accessible places as it may deem necessary in a phased manner, beginning with at least one in each district to accommodate a minimum of one hundred fifty senior citizens who are indigent. Pursuant to this provision, it is for the State Governments to make assessment of the requirement of old age homes keeping in view that number of indigent Senior Citizens in each district. 2. The Ministry has been conducting seminars, trainings and awareness campaigns etc. for the welfare of Senior Citizens including inter alia, the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Sr. Citizens Act, 2007 through the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) and the Regional Resource and Training Centres (RRTCs)
2.	A study of institutionalised elderly women in Delhi	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	1. Public Authorities especially the police should initiate nation-wide review of the	1. The National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), 1999, <i>inter alia</i> , recognised the fact that the older persons have become soft targets for criminal elements and are victims of fraudulent dealings, physical and emotional abuse within the family and outside. Therefore the policy

			<p>problems of neglect, abuse and violence against older women.</p> <p>2. Older Womens collective groups like Self Help Groups should be formed at the community level to encourage social activities</p> <p>3.A mobile geriatric health care should be provided in all old age homes to take care of the Immobile, sick and aged persons.</p> <p>4.It is necessary that all old age homes should be equipped with elderly women friendly structures.</p>	<p>emphasised the importance of special provisions to protect older persons from domestic and other violence, so as to ensure their safety and provide help to the needy senior citizens. In pursuance of the policy directions, the Ministry of Home Affairs had issued detailed advisory to all the State Governments and UT Administrations regarding the measures to be taken for providing security of life and property of older persons. The Police and public order being state subjects, it was emphasised in the advisory that it was the responsibility of the State Governments/ UT Administrations to take action for prevention and control of crimes, including crimes against older persons.</p> <p>2. Under the scheme of IPOP, funds provided, inter-alia for running and maintenance of Mobile Medicare Units for Senior Citizens.</p>
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