

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH JANUARY, 2018**

LONGITUDINAL AGEING STUDY IN INDIA

3053. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), if so, the details and motives thereof;
- (b) the details and status of the work undertaken so far in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the targets fixed along with action plan prepared by the Government under the scheme for the ensuing years?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): Yes. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) under the tertiary level activities of National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) to assess the health status of the elderly and to provide comprehensive longitudinal evidence base on health, economic, social and overall well-being of people aged 45 years and above, in India. International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), an autonomous organisation of the Ministry, has been appointed as a National Nodal Agency for conducting the LASI survey in the country.

The main goal of LASI project is to collect credible scientific data on burden of disease, mental health, functional health, health care and social and economic well-being of elderly population. The data is being collected based on internationally comparable research design, tools and adopting cutting edge scientific methods to provide the foundation for credible and acceptable data – for National and State level policy making and long- term scientific research. LASI project will provide data on demographics, household economic status, health and bio-markers, health insurance and health care utilization, family and social network, social welfare programmes, work and employment, retirement and pension, life satisfaction and expectations.

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(b): Field survey implementation has been completed in 16 States/UTs pertaining to Phase-1. Field survey for 8 States/UTs pertaining to Phase-2 is under implementation. The Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops are scheduled in January-February 2018 for rest of 12 States/UTs pertaining to Phase-3.

(c): LASI is envisioned as a nationally representative survey of 61,000 older adults in age 45+ in all the 36 States/UTs in the country. Internationally harmonized, de-identified panel data will be collected enabling cross-state analyses within India and cross- national analyses of ageing, health, economic status, and social behaviours.

LASI lays the foundation for national and state-level policy and to develop much needed mid and long-term policy solutions to address the challenges presented by increasing disease burden and population ageing in India.

The fact sheets of key indicators for the phase-1 States/UTs are planned to be released in February-March 2018. The National report containing all indicators is planned to be released in January 2019. LASI main wave-2 is planned to be conducted during 2019-21.

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