

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.344
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH AUGUST, 2018
HEALTH ISSUES OF ELDERLY PEOPLE**

†*344. **SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:**

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

- (a) whether a systematic and authentic study regarding the number of elderly persons in India has not been conducted till now and as a result thereof, health challenges/issues of elderly people have not been analysed properly and an effective programme to address those issues could not be formulated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai is conducting any study in collaboration with Harvard School of Public Health and University of South California under the auspices of the Union Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed to analyse the health issues of elderly people and chalk out the programmes accordingly to deal with those issues?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) No.

(c) & (d): Yes. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had undertaken a 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), Mumbai, Deemed University, has been appointed as a National Nodal Agency for conducting the LASI survey in the country. The Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and the University of Southern California (USC) are the collaborating institutions for providing technical support for the LASI.

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.

LASI wave-1 data collection has been completed in 16 States selected in phase-1 of the study. Factsheets of key indicators on health, social and economic wellbeing of elderly have been prepared for these 16 States.

Data collection is in progress for the remaining 20 States/UTs in phase-2, wave-1. The factsheets of key indicators for these 20 phase-2 states/UTs is expected to be released in February 2019. The factsheets, national and state reports will include detailed data and analysis of health issues, economic and social wellbeing of elderly population in India and states.

These reports will be used for developing comprehensive national and state level health policies and programmes for elderly population in India.
