

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2951
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2018**

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR GERIATICS

**2951. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any programme to provide dedicated, specialized and comprehensive healthcare to the senior citizens at various levels of State healthcare delivery system, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of new initiatives of the Government proposed to address various health related issues of the elderly people;
- (c) the details of districts earmarked/ sanctioned for specialised care and training of geriatric care services as on date and likely to be set up during the current Financial Year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has established National Centres for Ageing (NCA) as centre of excellence for geriatrics, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Government of India is implementing National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) with a view to provide dedicated, specialized and comprehensive health care to the elderly people. The programme is State oriented and basic thrust of the programme is to provide dedicated health care facilities to the senior citizens (>60 year of age) at various level of primary, secondary and tertiary health care delivery system including outreach services.

The major activities of the NPHCE are:-

- I. Setting up of Geriatric Department in identified Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) with OPD care services and 30 bedded Geriatric ward for providing indoor services. Each RGC to produce 2 post graduates (MD geriatrics) every year for developing Human Resource
- II. Training of doctors and staff from CHCs and PHCs and setting up of 10 bedded Geriatric units at all District Hospitals that will provide indoor services for elderly during hospitalisation.

- III. Establishment of Rehabilitation unit at all Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Geriatric clinic twice/week.
- IV. Setting up weekly Geriatric clinic by trained medical Officer at Primary Health Centres (PHCs).
- V. Health Education related to healthy ageing, domiciliary visits for attention and care to home bound / bedridden elderly persons, provide training to the family health care providers in looking after the disabled elderly persons.

As on date, 599 districts of 35 States/UTs and 19 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) in 18 States/UTs have been sanctioned to provide above mentioned health care services to elderly people under the programme.

(b): This Ministry has also been implemented Senior Citizens Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS) from 01/04/2016 as top up over existing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) for senior citizens aged 60 years and above. SCHIS provides enhanced coverage upto Rs. 30,000 per senior citizen in the family enrolled under RSBY. Around 18 lakh families having senior citizen (s) were covered under SCHIS till 23.09.2018.

The Government has launched Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) on 23.09.2018. This scheme provides coverage upto Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year from secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to over 10 crores poor and vulnerable families based on deprivation and occupational criteria as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SCHIS). After the launch of PMJAY, RSBY and SCHIS got subsumed in it. Senior Citizen who belong to the defined eligibility criteria for PMJAY, are entitled to get benefits of PMJAY.

(c): The year-wise details of State-wise/UT-wise districts sanctioned under NPHCE are annexed.

(d): Government of India is supporting the setting up of two National Centres of Ageing (NCAs) - one in AIIMS, New Delhi and another in Madras Medical College, Chennai. The NCAs are supposed to function as a National Centres of Excellence with 200 bedded facility and aimed to be teaching, research & referral institute for geriatric care in the country.

Annexure

S. No	Name of the States/UTs	No. of Districts sanctioned under the programme					
		upto 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Total
1	Andaman and Nicobar	0	1	2	0	0	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	8	0	0	5	0	13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	2	10	0	0	12
4	Assam	5	9	13	0	0	27
5	Bihar	6	10	0	22	0	38
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	3	6	0	0	18	27
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	1	0	0	0	1
9	Daman & Diu	1	0	0	1	0	2
10	Delhi	0	11	0	0	0	11
11	Goa	0	2	0	0	0	2
12	Gujarat	6	4	4	5	6	25
13	Haryana	4	9	8	0	1	22
14	Himachal Pradesh	3	9	0	0	0	12
15	Jammu and Kashmir	5	0	8	8	0	21
16	Jharkhand	3	10	11	0	0	24
17	Karnataka	5	5	20	0	0	30
18	Kerala	5	2	7	0	0	14
19	Lakshadweep	1	0	0	0	0	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	5	0	5	0	0	10
21	Maharashtra	6	7	15	0	0	28
22	Manipur	0	2	0	5	0	7
23	Meghalaya	0	0	0	5	5	10
24	Mizoram	2	0	2	1	4	9
25	Nagaland	0	0	4	7	0	11
26	Odisha	5	3	22	0	0	30
27	Puducherry	0	1	0	0	1	2
28	Punjab	3	8	11	0	0	22
29	Rajasthan	7	5	5	5	0	22
30	Sikkim	2	2	0	0	0	4
31	Tamil Nadu	0	5	3	23	0	31
32	Telangana	0	5	0	0	0	5
33	Tripura	0	0	2	2	4	8
34	Uttar Pradesh	9	0	26	0	40	75
35	Uttarakhand	2	0	11	0	0	13
36	West Bengal	3	5	6	13	0	27
	Total	99	124	195	102	79	599