

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3302**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2019**

**RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA**

**3302. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the present population of senior citizens in the country is around 130 million and is expected to reach 175 million by 2026;
- (b) if so, whether nearly 8 per cent of the senior citizens suffer from some sort of disabilities related to old age related physical impairment therein;
- (c) the status of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana and the support of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) since 2017, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which all elderly economically weaker people with special needs in the country will be covered under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): As per Census 2011, population of Senior Citizens (people aged 60 years and above) is 10.38 crore in the country. The projected population of Senior Citizens aged 60+ years of the country for 2026 (as on 01<sup>st</sup> March) is expected to be 17.32 crore, as per the report of Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the National Commission on Population.

(b): As per Census 2011, the number of senior citizens suffering from any disability in their old age is 53,76,619 which is approximately 5.18 percent of total population of senior citizens (10.38 crore).

(c): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has successfully launched the 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)' on 01.04.2017 with the objective to provide with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in the bodily functions to the senior citizens belonging to BPL category who are suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities. Under the Scheme, assisted living devices such as Walking Sticks, Elbow Crutches, Walkers/ Crutches, Tripods/ Quadpods, Hearing Aids, Wheelchairs, Artificial Dentures, Spectacles are provided free of cost to the targeted group. The Scheme is being implemented by the "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)" under the administrative control of this Ministry, as a sole implementing agency. Since inception of the Scheme, 70 distribution camps have been organised benefitting 69516 senior citizens belonging to BPL Category till date. The State/UT wise number of beneficiaries is at **Annexure**.

(d): Implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana is a continuous process, it is not feasible to indicate a definite time period.

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**ANNEXURE**

**Annexure referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 3302 to  
be answered on 01/01/2019**

**State-wise Total Number of Beneficiaries Benefited under Rashtriya  
Vayoshri Yojana as on 26/12/2018**

<b>S.NO.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	5402
2	Arunachal Pradesh	384
3	Bihar	1926
4	Chhattisgarh	31
5	Delhi	2864
6	Goa	2407
7	Gujarat	2760
8	Haryana	2174
9	Himachal Pradesh	76
10	Jharkhand	21
11	Karnataka	1214
12	Kerala	962
13	Madhya Pradesh	14939
14	Maharashtra	6343
15	Meghalaya	7291
16	Puducherry	1529
17	Punjab	393
18	Rajasthan	4210
19	Sikkim	1814
20	Tamil Nadu	1152
21	Telangana	1473
22	Tripura	795
23	Uttar Pradesh	6719
24	Uttarakhand	2637
<b>Total No. of Beneficiaries</b>		<b>69516</b>