

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4876
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2019**

RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA

4876. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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/age related physical impairments;
- (c) the status of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) and the support provided by the 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 RVY?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

- (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 01st 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, 100 distribution camps have been organised benefitting 1,01,055 senior citizens belonging to BPL Category till date. The State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries is at **Annexure-I**.
- (d): Implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana is a continuous process, it is not feasible to indicate a definite time period.

Annexure-I

**Annexure referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4876
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**State-wise Total Number of Beneficiaries Benefited under Rashtriya Vayoshri
Yojana as on 13.07.2019**

S.NO.	States/UTs	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	342
2	Andhra Pradesh	5396
3	Arunachal Pradesh	384
4	Assam	0
5	Bihar	1926
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattishgarh	711
8	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman and Diu	0
10	Delhi	3451
11	Goa	2407
12	Gujarat	4166
13	Haryana	2174
14	Himachal Pradesh	194
15	Jammu and Kashmir	0
16	Jharkhand	1860
17	Karnataka	1350
18	Kerala	962
19	Lakshadweep	528
20	Madhya Pradesh	15004
21	Maharashtra	21527
22	Manipur	0
23	Meghalaya	7291
24	Mizoram	0
25	Nagaland	2661
26	Odisha	0
27	Puducherry	1529
28	Punjab	1434
29	Rajasthan	6917
30	Sikkim	1814
31	Tamil Nadu	1415
32	Telangana	1920
33	Tripura	795
34	Uttarakhand	2637
35	Uttar Pradesh	10260
36	West Bengal	0
Total No. of Beneficiaries		101055