

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2981
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2023**

HASSLE-FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO SENIOR CITIZENS

2981. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for providing better and hassle-free medical treatment to senior citizens in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any guideline/direction has been issued to private hospitals across the country for giving prompt service to senior citizens; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d) The Government of India had launched the “National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly” (NPHCE) during 2010-11 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to address health related problems of elderly people and to provide separate, specialized and comprehensive health care to the senior citizens at various levels of State health care delivery system including outreach services. Preventive and promotive care, management of illness, health manpower development for geriatric services, medical rehabilitation & therapeutic interventions and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) are some of the strategies envisaged in the NPHCE.

Upto 2022-23, a total number of 725 districts of 36 States/UTs, 19 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) in selected Medical Colleges/Institutes and 02 National Centres for Aging (NCAs) have been sanctioned under the programme. Geriatric and Palliative

Care have been included in the extended package of services under Ayushman Bharat Comprehensive Primary Healthcare (CPHC).

640 District Hospitals & 18 RGCs have been operationalized for various NPHCE services like Geriatric OPD, IPD, Physiotherapy, Lab Services including home based care. The programme implementation at States/UTs level is through transfer of funds under NCD Flexible pool of National Health Mission (NHM).

Under the Tertiary Care Programme, funds have been released to 2 National Centres for Ageing (NCA) and 19 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) through State Treasury Mode. Funds have also been released to International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai for Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI).
