

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2019**

OLD AGE HOMES

†2333. **SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:**

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

- (a) the total number of old persons in the country and the number of destitutes out of them;
- (b) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the States to provide shelter to destitute old persons in Old Age Homes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to set up old age homes in large numbers for destitute old people in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per 2011 Census Report, the number of Senior Citizens in the country is 10.38 crore ie., 8.6% of the total population.

(b) to (e): This Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC) under which grants in aid is given for setting up, running and maintenance of Senior Citizens Homes (Old Age Homes)/Continuous Care Homes, Mobile Medicare Units etc. to the Implementing Agencies (IAs) such as NGOs/VOs, PRIs, Local Bodies, etc. through Registered Societies.

The Government has enacted the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPSA) Act, 2007 which inter-alia directs State Governments to establish and maintain old age homes, at least one in each district, to accommodate a minimum of 150 senior citizens, who are indigent.

Besides the provisions of the MWPSA Act, 2007, this Department has also accorded priority in sanctioning of new project proposals of Senior Citizen Homes in un-covered Districts on the basis of recommendations of the State Governments, to expand the coverage of such Homes in all Districts in the country.

Number of Senior Citizens Homes (Old Age Homes) being supported under the Scheme of IPSrC, State-UT wise, is at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE**Annexure referred to in reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No.2333 for 03.12.2019-reg.**

State wise number of Senior Citizen Homes/Old Age Homes under Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC)-

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of OAHs/Sr.CH
1	Andhra Pradesh	76
2	Arunachal Pradesh	00
3	Assam	28
4	Bihar	02
5	Chhattisgarh	01
6	Delhi	02
7	Gujarat	11
8	Haryana	16
9	Himachal Pradesh	01
10	Karnataka	38
11	Kerala	05
12	Madhya Pradesh	15
13	Manipur	34
14	Maharashtra	55
15	Mizoram	00
16	Nagaland	02
17	Odisha	75
18	Punjab	03
19	Puducherry	02
20	Rajasthan	07
21	Tamil Nadu	59
22	Telangana	18
23	Tripura	04
24	Uttar Pradesh	15
25	Uttarkhand	04
26	West Bengal	20
	Total	493