

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1874  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.03.2020**

**NATIONAL PLAN FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

**1874. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes a National Plan for the welfare of the elderly keeping in view the fast growing elderly population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the present safeguards to address the problems of such persons are not sufficient;
- (d) if so, the new provisions likely to be added in the new action plan;
- (e) whether all the stakeholders including State Governments have been consulted before taking any steps; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final action plan is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has conceptualised and rolled out the National Action Plan for Senior Citizens (NAPSrC), which is based on the National Policy for Older Persons 1999 and the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007. The NAPSrC has been formulated after discussion with various stakeholders and outside experts in the field keeping, in view the changing demographic pattern, socio-economic needs of the senior citizens, social value system and advancement in the field of science and technology over the last decade.

The NAPSrC highlights all the facets which are required to create an eco system where all the Indians can age gracefully and live a life of dignity. The Plan lays down in one documents the vision, mission and the plan of action of the Government on India for welfare and well being of the Senior Citizens of this country. The NAPSrC includes the following 10 components encompassing the needs of senior citizens:-

- i. Financial Security
- ii. Health Care and Nutrition
- iii. Shelter and Welfare
- iv. Protection of life and property of Senior Citizens
- v. Active and Productive Ageing with Intergenerational Bonding and Skill Development
- vi. Accessibility, transport and Age friendly environment
- vii. Awareness Generation and Capacity Building
- viii. Promoting Silver Economy: senior friendly industrial goods and services in the society
- ix. Research and Study
- x. Project Management

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