

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4504
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021

NEW SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS

4504. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has announced any new schemes and programmes for the welfare of the elderly during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the budgetary allocation for the same;
- (c) whether the Government announces the “Vayoshreshtha Samman” awards every year, if so, the details thereof along with the details of winners during the said period; and
- (d) the number of beneficiaries of the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana so far, State and year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has announced new schemes/programmes for the welfare of senior citizens during the last 5 years. Details of these schemes/ programmes are at **Annexure-I**.

(c): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in order to recognise the efforts made by eminent senior citizens and institutions involved in rendering distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens, confers the “Vayoshreshtha Samman” - National Awards. The Awards are conferred every year as part of celebrations of International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) on 1st October. During 2020 Vayoshreshtha Samman could not be conferred due to COVID-19 pandemic. Details of Awardees during last 5 years are at **Annexure-II**.

(d): State and year wise number of beneficiaries of Rashtriya Vayosrhi Yojana are at **Annexure-III**.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (b) in Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4504 regarding "New Schemes for Welfare of Senior Citizens", to be answered on 23.03.2021

New Schemes announced by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during last 5 years

(i) **Senior Citizens Welfare Fund (SCWF)** - SCWF was announced in the Budget Speech 2015 and notified in the Finance Act 2015. The Department of Economic Affairs is the Custodian of the Fund and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is the Nodal Ministry for administration of the Fund. An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted for administering the Fund and approving proposals of various Ministries/ Departments to be financed from SCWF.

(ii) **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)** -- Launched on 01.04.2017, the scheme aims to provide the Senior Citizens, suffering from any of the age related disability/infirmity, with assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions, overcoming the disability/infirmity manifested such as low vision, hearing impairment, loss of teeth and locomotor disabilities. The devices are provided to Senior Citizens belonging to BPL Category and Senior Citizens with the monthly income having not more than 15,000/- per Month.

Under RVY assisted living devices like walking sticks, wheelchairs, spectacles, hearing aid, artificial denture, etc. are provided free of cost to eligible senior citizens, in camp mode. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a Public Sector Undertaking of this Ministry, is the implementing agency for RVY.

Funding of RVY is from Senior Citizens Welfare Fund (SCWF). ALIMCO has been provided Rs. 124.01 crore till now for implementing the scheme. Till date a total of 1,68,004 senior citizens have been provided 4,43,171 assisted living devices in 181 camps.

(iii) **State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC)**

The Scheme of State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC) was launched in November 2019 and subsumed under the National Action Plan for Senior Citizens. Objective of the Scheme is to provide recognition and opportunity to senior citizens to contribute and thereby feel useful to the society, to improve the quality of life of the Senior Citizens, by encouraging productive and active ageing by the State/ UT Governments through the Institutions of the State/ UT Governments/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) / local bodies and the community at large. The States are expected to put in their own funds to augment the resources available for this purpose. The States/UTs are free to include their own strategies and programmes.

So far a total of Rs. 29.19 crore has been released to various States/ UTs and Rs. 2.50 crore has been released to National Institute of Social Defence (NSID), an autonomous institute under the Ministry.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) in Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4504 regarding "New Schemes for Welfare of Senior Citizens", to be answered on 23.03.2021

List of Winners of Vayoshreshtha Samman during last 5 years (2015 to 2019. Awards could not be held in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic)

Institutional Categories

Category 01 – Best Institution for Research in the field of Ageing

Year	Awardee
2015	None
2016	(i) Geriatric Care & Research Organisation (GeriCare), Bhubaneswar, Odisha (ii) National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, Karnataka
2017	None
2018	None
2019	Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, New Delhi

Category 02 - Best Institution for providing Services to Senior Citizens and Awareness Generation

Year	Awardee
2015	(i) Gram Vikas Parishad, Village Rangaloo, P.O. Jumarmur, District Nagaon, Assam (ii) Pravara Rural Hospital, Post Loni BK, Taluka Rahata, District Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
2016	(i) Aastha Centre for Geriatric Medicine, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. (ii) Janaseva Foundation, Pune, Maharashtra
2017	Varishth Nagrik Kesari Club, Delhi
2018	Sarvajanik Shikshonnayan Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
2019	Gandhi Bhawan International Trust, Kollam, Kerala

Category 03 – Best District Panchayat in providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens

Year	Awardee
2015	(i) Zila Panchayat Dindori, Government Building, Z.P.D., District Dindori, Madhya Pradesh. (ii) Udupi Zila Panchayath, Rajathadri, Manipal, Udupi district, Karnataka
2016	Zilla Panchayat Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.
2017	Ujjain Zila Panchayat
2018	Madurai District Panchayat, Tamil Nadu
2019	District Panchayat Panna, Madhya Pradesh

Category 04 – Best Urban Local Body in providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens

Year	Awardee
2015	None
2016	Municipal Corporation, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
2017	Nagar Palika, Nagda, Madhya Pradesh
2018	None
2019	Nagar PalikaUnhel, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

Category 05 – Best State in implementing the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens

Year	Awardee
2015	None
2016	Karnataka
2017	Kerala
2018	Chhattisgarh
2019	Tamil Nadu

Category 06 – Best Private Sector Organisation in promoting the well being and welfare of senior citizens

Year	Awardee
2015	None
2016	None
2017	None
2018	Bangalore Baptist Hospital, Bellary Road, Hebbal Bangalore Karnataka
2019	None

Category 07 - Best Public Sector Organisation in promoting the well being and welfare of senior citizens

Year	Awardee
2015	None
2016	Bhilai Steel Plant, Steel Authority of India Limited, Chhattisgarh
2017	Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
2018	Karnataka State Women`s Development Corporation, Bangalore, Karnataka
2019	Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Individual Categories

Category 08 – Centenarian

Year	Awardee
2015	Shri Uday Singh Mann, Village Lowa Kalan, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, Haryana

Year	Awardee
2016	(i) Dr. H. Sreenivasaiah, Bengaluru, Karnataka. (ii) Dr. DaramNagabhushanam, Karimnagar, Telangana. (iii) Shri Nurul Huda, Dibrugarh, Assam
2017	(i) Sh. ChemancheryKunhiraman Nair, Kozhikode, Kerala (ii) Mrs. ArvindaVishnukant Dave, Vadodara, Gujarat (iii) Sh. ThangaDarlong, Kailashahar, Unakoti, Tripura (iv) Late Shri Kishan Chand Garg(Posthumous), Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh
2018	(i) Dr. (Mrs.) Y.G. Parthasarathy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (ii) Sh. NagindasHargovindSanghavi, Mumbai, Maharashtra
2019	Shri IshwarchandraChintamani, Vajayaput, Karnataka

Category 09 – Iconic Mother

Year	Awardee
2015	Smt. Laduben alias LeelabenChaabildasGurjar, Thakkar-Bapa Colony, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
2016	Smt. MankabaiAkaram Yadav,Sangli, Maharashtra.
2017	Smt. Kaushalya Devi, Jalandhar, Punjab
2018	(i) Smt. Muniyamma, District Tumkur, Karnataka (ii) Smt. ManbeerNarang, Madhya Pradesh
2019	(i) Smt. SharadaYashwant Date, Kolhapur, Maharashtra (ii) Smt. Urmila Sharma, Pandav Nagar, Delhi

Category 10 – Lifetime Achievement

Year	Awardee
2015	(i) Shri Yashwant Narayan Kadam, Kolhapur, Maharashtra (ii) Dr. Manohar VishwanathBhale, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh
2016	(i) MsUrmilKumari, Patiala, Punjab. (ii) Dr. Anil Kr Chaturvedi, I.P. Extension, Delhi
2017	(i) Dr. ParvatideviPatil, Gularga, Karnataka (ii) Dr. MahadeoraoJyotiramjiMeshram, Nagpur, Maharashtra
2018	Prof. P. Venugopal, Faridabad. Haryana
2019	Shri Chhajuram Sharma, Tehsil and District Rewari. Haryana

Category 11 – Creative Art

Year	Awardee
2015	(i) Dr. JitendraUdhampuri, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir (ii) Dr. Rabindranath Das Shastri, P.O. Agartala, Tripura
2016	(i) Sh. JagannathBehera, Jagatsinghpur, Odisha. (ii) Sh. Moti LalKemmu, Kunjwani, Jamm
2017	(i) Shri YumnamRajendra Singh, Imphal, Manipur (ii) Shri B. Shankara Rao, Bangalore, Karnataka (iii) Shri S. Thippeswamy, Mysuru, Karnataka (iv) Smt. MangalRamchandraBansode, Satara, Maharashtra (v) Dr. Dolly Das, Dibrugarh, Assam
2018	(i) Shri NadojaBelagalluVeeranna, Bellary, Karnataka

Year	Awardee
	(ii) Sh. Wareppa Naba, Imphal West, Manipur
2019	Ms. Eli Ahmad, Guwahati, Assam

Category 12 – Sports and Adventure (one each for Male and Female)

Year	Awardee
2015	Shri Bahadur Singh, Patiala, Punjab- 147001
2016	Female- Dr.(Miss) Bhagwati M. Oza Vadodara, Gujarat. Male-Capt. (Retd.) Gurjiwan Singh Sidhu, Chandigarh
2017	Female- Dr. Manorama M. Kulkarni, Kolhapur, Maharashtra Male – (i) Shri G.S. Sandhu, Patiala, Punjab Male – (ii) Shri Yogendra Vaidya, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
2018	Dr. Rajpal Singh, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh
2019	Female- Ms. Anandini Darjee, Balangir town, Odisha Male – Shri Hadev Singh, New Delhi

Category 13 – Courage and Bravery (one each for Male and Female)

Year	Awardee
2015	None
2016	None
2017	Female – Dr. Aabha Verma, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh Male – Shri Padamshri Shambhu Nath Khajuria, Poonch, J&K
2018	None
2019	Female- Dr. (Smt.) Shasi Trivedi, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Male – Shri Prem Singh, District SAS Nagar, Punjab

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State and year wise number of beneficiaries of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

S.No.	States/UTs	No. Of Beneficiaries			
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	342	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	2720	2676	1007	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	384	943	209
4	Assam	0	0	316	1679
5	Bihar	1665	261	496	837
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
7	Chhattishgarh	0	711	0	1293
8	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
9	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	76
10	Delhi	1480	1971	0	0
11	Goa	2407	0	0	0
12	Gujarat	2760	861	1961	0
13	Haryana	1611	563	1609	158
14	Himachal Pradesh	76	118	0	116
15	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	247	114
16	Jharkhand	21	1839	0	346
17	Karnataka	0	1320	418	532
18	Kerala	687	275	1646	664
19	Lakshadweep	0	528	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	3980	11024	818	1907
21	Maharashtra	3126	18401	0	3434
22	Manipur	0	0	0	3629
23	Meghalaya	1822	5469	2510	0
24	Mizoram	0	0	0	0
25	Nagaland	0	2661	0	0
26	Odisha	0	0	1352	289
27	Puducherry	1529	0	0	0
28	Punjab	0	1434	0	1343
29	Rajasthan	4210	2707	5298	71
30	Sikkim	0	1814	804	0

S.No.	States/UTs	No. Of Beneficiaries			
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
31	Tamil Nadu	0	1415	780	0
32	Telangana	0	1473	592	0
33	Tripura	795	0	1158	3226
34	Uttarakhand	1100	1537	1404	1034
35	Uttar Pradesh	4080	5831	21474	2429
36	West Bengal	0	0	0	101
Total		34069	65615	44833	23487
