

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2377
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF RVY

2377. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices for Senior citizens belonging to BPL category, if so, the details thereof along with the number of people benefited under the Scheme during the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has set any aim under said scheme and the details thereof with the achievement made;
- (c) the facilities provided to senior citizens under the said scheme;
- (d) the number of districts/cities that have been selected for the implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) along with the number of distribution camps set up in such areas; and
- (e) the funds allocated and utilized under the Scheme during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme on 01.04.2017 for providing physical aids and assisted-living devices for senior citizens belonging to BPL category and also to the senior citizens with monthly income not more than Rs. 15000/-.

The following aids & assisted devices are provided under the scheme:

- (i) Generic Items: (1) Walking sticks (2) Elbow crutches (3) Walkers/Crutches, (4) Tripods/Quadpods (5) Hearing Aids (6) Artificial Dentures, and (7) Spectacles.
- (ii) Special Items: (1) Wheelchairs, (2) Wheel Chairs with Commode, (3) Chair/Stool with Commode, (4) Silicon Foam Cushion, (5) Knee Brace, (6) Spinal Support, (7) Cervical Collar, (8) Lumbosacral Belt (LS), (9) Walker/Roalator with Brakes, (10) Walking Stick with Seat, (11) Foot Care Kit:- (i) Flexi Gel Socks, (ii) Socks Cusion Sandal, (iii) Silicon Insole (Complete Foot/Ankle) and (iv) Insole with Pressure Point Relief.

During the current year, due to the disruption caused by the pandemic, the disbursement camps could not be held so far. Despite this, 2285 senior citizens were provided assistive devices during 2021-22, details of which are given at **Annexure**.

(d): The RVY is implemented in all districts in the Country. As on 06.07.2021, 194 distribution camps have been organised.

(e): The details of the fund allocated and utilized under the scheme during the last years and the current year is as below:

Financial Year	Fund released (Rs. in Crore)	Fund Utilized (Rs in Crore)
2018-19	106.51	45.028
2019-20	0.00	38.978
2020-21	26.50	28.403
2021-22 (till 06.07.2021)	0.00	4.2284

Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha
Unstarred Question No. 2377 to be answered on 03.08.2021**

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)

S.NO.	States/UTs	<u>No. of Beneficiaries</u> (as on 06.07.2021)
		2021-22
1.	Andhra Pradesh	432
2.	Bihar	759
3.	Haryana	420
4.	Maharashtra	229
5.	Telangana	445
Total		2285
