

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2209  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2022**

**RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA**

**†2209. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has the data of total number of senior citizens suffering from age related disabilities and living below poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any specific regional focus for Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of camps organised in this regard since 2019 in Bihar?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): As per 2011 Census, total number of Senior Citizens in the country is 10.38 Crore. Data on total number of senior citizens suffering from age related disabilities and living below poverty line are not maintained in this Ministry. However before distribution of assisted devices assessment is done regarding senior citizens who suffer from age related disabilities/infirmities. The Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) under which free of cost assistive devices are provided to those senior citizens who suffer from age related disabilities/infirmities, and belong to BPL category. Since 2020-21 senior citizens who have a monthly income upto Rs. 15,000/- can also avail the benefit.

RVY is implemented across the country. There is no regional focus for RVY.

(d): A total 11 Camps (08 distribution camps and 03 Assessment Camps) have been organised in Bihar since 2019 under RVY scheme and physical aids and assisted devices have been distributed free of cost to 2638 senior citizens.

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