GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3211 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2022

SETTING UP OF OLD AGE HOMES

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

- (a) whether the Government aims to set up at least one old age home in every district, under Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is also aware that there are only 19 old age homes in Telangana amongst 33 districts in the State;
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to take by the Government to set up at least one old age home in every district of Telangana; and
- (d) the status of performance of existing old age homes in the State?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC) (a component of Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana) under which grants in aid is provided to implementing agencies like NGOs/Voluntary Organizations etc. for running and maintenance of, *inter alia*, senior citizens homes (old age homes). The Scheme guidelines have been revised w.e.f. 01.04.2021 and a provision has been made for establishing a senior citizen home in each district.

At present there are 16 Senior Citizen Homes run by NGOs assisted by this Department under IPSrC in Telangana.

The Department invites proposals on e-Anudaan portal for running and maintenance of senior citizens homes in uncovered districts in every financial year.

Quality of services provided to senior citizens in the senior citizen homes assisted under IPSrC is monitored by Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) of this Department as per guidelines of the Scheme. Grant in aid has been stopped for 02 Sr citizen homes in Telengana State as unsatisfactory services to the destitute senior citizens found by PMU in the financial year 2020-21.
