

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.421
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2022**

SENIOR CITIZENS IN JHARKHAND

421. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

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

- (a) the total population of senior citizens in Jharkhand, district-wise;
- (b) the number of senior citizens who have availed old age pension in Jharkhand, district-wise, as on date;
- (c) the number of old age homes in Jharkhand, district-wise;
- (d) the detailed steps taken by the Government for protection of rights and welfare of senior citizens; and
- (e) the achievements made under such initiatives for Jharkhand, as on date?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): As per Census 2011 there are 23,56,678 senior citizens in Jharkhand. Details of district wise population of senior citizens in Jharkhand are at **Annexure-I**.

Under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) of Ministry of Rural Development there are 9,92,852 beneficiaries in Jharkhand. The central government releases the funds to States/UTs for IGNOAPS. The State/UT Governments disburse the pensions/ financial assistance to the beneficiaries identified by them. The Central Government does not maintain district/block/village-wise data of disbursement of pensions/ financial assistance in respect of the States.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid for running and maintenance of, *inter alia*, senior citizen homes (old age homes) to implementing agencies (IAs) such as Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) / Registered Societies /Trusts/ Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) / Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) etc under

Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC). Under IPSrC there are 02 Senior Citizen Homes in Jharkhand – one each in Purbi Singhbhum and Deoghar districts.

Under IPSrC the beneficiary senior citizens are provided with free of cost shelter, health facilities, nutritional support, entertainment facilities etc. Old Age Pension is provided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) senior citizens under IGNOAPS. Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) free of cost assistive devices are provided to BPL senior citizens, in camp mode. Details of camps held in Jharkhand till now are at **Annexure-II**.

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District wise population of senior citizens in Jharkhand, as per Census,2011

S. No.	District	Total
1.	Bokaro	1,36,252
2.	Chatra	67,832
3.	Deoghar	1,11,557
4.	Dhanbad	1,64,511
5.	Dumka	1,03,156
6.	Garhwa	1,05,140
7.	Giridih	1,67,030
8.	Godda	99,277
9.	Gumla	85,058
10.	Hazaribagh	1,24,108
11.	Jamtara	62,453
12.	Khunti	40,743
13.	District - Kodarma (03)	51,651
14.	Latehar	47,311
15.	Lohardaga	32,937
16.	Pakur	48,726
17.	Palamu	1,53,996
18.	Pashchimi Singhbhum	89,637
19.	Purbi Singhbhum	1,87,921
20.	Ramgarh	58,391
21.	Ranchi	2,10,243
22.	Sahibganj	68,385
23.	Saraikela-Kharsawan	87,509
24.	Simdega	52,854
	Grand Total	23,56,678

Annexure-II

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Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)- Distribution Camp Completed

S.No	District	No of Beneficiaries	No of Appliances	Value of Appliance in Lakhs of Rupees
1	Gumla	21	63	1.49
2	Godda	96	156	4.00
3	Bokaro	1726	4942	124.68
4	Palamu	17	27	0.86
5	Koderma	86	282	8.47
6	Pashchimi Singhbhum	260	698	20.15