

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2913  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025**

**PM-SPECIAL SCHEME**

**2913. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:**

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

- (a) the Government to develop care economy in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has trained individuals under the PM-Special scheme, if so, the details of the number of individuals trained under the scheme so far, State/UT-wise in Telangana;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to expand the training centres in Telangana to meet the demand for geriatric care services and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government provides financial assistance or stipends to individuals undergoing training under the scheme, if so, the details of financial support provided, including criteria for eligibility and disbursement; and
- (e) whether the Government has collaborated with hospitals, nursing homes, or home-care service providers to facilitate employment opportunities for trained geriatric caregivers, if so, the number of trained caregivers employed under such partnerships, particularly in Telangana?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

- (a) The main objective of the PM Special (Training of Geriatric Care Givers) scheme is to bridge the gap in supply and increasing demand in the field of geriatric caregivers so as to provide more professional services to the senior citizens and also to create a cadre of professional caregivers in the field of geriatric. The Scheme will ensure sufficient availability of dedicated, professionally trained manpower of geriatric caregivers who can attend to diverse and dynamic needs of elderly population relating to recreation and holistic well-being.
- (b) to (c) 32 institutes were empaneled under the Scheme in F.Y. 2023-24, which imparted training to 36,785 trainees. The details of individuals trained under the Scheme State/UT-wise including the Telangana is at Annexure-I.
- (d) Under the Scheme, free of cost training is provided to the trainees. However, the training cost is being given to the training institutes as per common cost norms of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). There is no provision of stipend to individuals undergoing training under the scheme.
- (e) As per Scheme guidelines, the Training Institute are required to tie-up with hospitals, nursing homes, or home-care service providers to facilitate on the job training, wherever applicable, and employment opportunities for trained geriatric caregiver.

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## Trained No. of Candidates under PM –SPECIAL

Sl No.	State	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	150
2	Bihar	750
3	Chhattisgarh	200
4	Delhi	100
5	Gujarat	650
6	Haryana	200
7	Himachal Pradesh	1,575
8	Jammu & Kashmir	2,600
9	Karnataka	1,100
10	Madhya Pradesh	12,450
11	Maharashtra	3,200
12	Punjab	850
13	Rajasthan	2,800
14	Tamil Nadu	150
15	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>60</b>
16	Uttar Pradesh	9,750
17	Uttarakhand	200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36,785</b>

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