

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1458
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025**

NATIONAL POLICY ON SENIOR CITIZENS

1458. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to implement a new national policy for Senior Citizens of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether such policy will reflect demographic realities, as India heads into the future, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government estimated the proposed percentage of senior citizens in 2047, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) & (b): The National Policy on Older Persons, 1999 which is already in force envisages State support to ensure financial and food security, healthcare, shelter, protection and other needs of older persons to improve the quality of their lives. With the passage of time there is a need to bring in a new policy.

(c): As per report of Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the National Commission on Population, between 2011 and 2036, the proportion of population of the older ages (60 years and above) is projected to increase from 10 crores in 2011 to 23 crores in 2036 - an increase in their share to the total population from 8.4 to 14.9 percent.
