GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1470

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9^{TH} DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 18, 1947 (SAKA)

INTERGENERATIONAL DYNAMICS AND PERCEPTIONS AGEING

1470. SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's population is ageing at a pace that would have seemed improbable only a generation ago and at least 10% of Indians are now above 60, a figure projected to rise to nearly 20% (one in five Indians) by 2050 and the implications go far beyond mere numbers and they touch upon questions of identity, family construct, support systems and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether recent studies titled 'Understanding Intergenerational Dynamics & Perceptions on Ageing', reveals a paradoxical landscape and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) and (b)

As per report of Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the National Commission on Population, the proportion of population of the older ages (60 years and above) is projected to increase from 10.16 crores in 2011 to 22.74 crores in 2036 -an increase in their share to the total population from 8.4 to 14.9 percent. Due to rise in the elderly

population, there shall be challenges across health, social, economic and digital domains concerning the senior citizens.

Recognizing the growing needs of the elderly population and to mitigate the hardships being faced by them, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing an umbrella scheme, namely Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) w.e.f. 01.04.2021 for the Welfare of Senior Citizens across the country. The Government has also constituted National Council of Senior Citizens under the Chairpersonship of the Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment comprising of various stakeholders.
