

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2015**

HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY

**1121. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:
SHRI PREM DAS RAI:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) aligned with National Rural Health Mission, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the initiatives taken and the health infrastructure put in place thereunder for easy access to preventive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare by the elderly;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether any assistance has been received from the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for healthcare of the elderly as part of their CSR mandated by the Companies Act, 2013 and if so, the details thereof during the above period, company-wise; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government for healthcare of elderly in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) & (b): Keeping in view the recommendations made in the “National Policy on Older Persons” as well as the State’s obligation under the “Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act 2007”, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had launched the “National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly” (NPHCE) during 2010-11 to address various health related problems of elderly people.

The major objectives of the NPHCE are establishment of Department of Geriatric in identified Medical Institutions as Regional Geriatric Centres for different regions of the country and to provide dedicated health facilities in District Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub-Centres (SCs) levels through State Health Society. The following facilities are being provided under the programme:

- I. Geriatric OPD, 30 Bedded ward for in-patient care etc. at Regional Geriatric Centres.
- II. Geriatric OPD and 10 bedded Geriatric Ward at District Hospitals.
- III. Bi-weekly Geriatric Clinic at Community Health Centres (CHCs).
- IV. Weekly Geriatric Clinic at Primary Health Centres (PHCs)
- V. Provision of Aids and Appliances at Sub-centres.

As on date, a total of 104 districts of 24 States/UTs and 08 Regional Geriatric Centres have been covered under the programme. Details of activities undertaken at different levels under the NPHCE as per information available are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

(c): Details of funds released to the States/Union Territories during 2012-13 to 2014-15 and the current year are at **Annexure-II**

(d): No.

(e): At present, Government had launched following programmes/schemes i.e. under which, inter alia health care facilities are being provided to elderly people also in the country.

- I. **National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)**- The programme is being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) for intervention upto the district level includes awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment.
- II. **National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB)** This programme was launched in the year 1976 as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme with the goal of reducing the prevalence of blindness to 0.3% by 2020. Rapid Survey on Avoidable Blindness conducted under NPCB during 2006-07 showed reduction in the prevalence of blindness from 1.1% (2001-02) to 1% (2006-07). Under this programme there are provision for distribution of free spectacles to old persons suffering from presbyopia and free treatment for cataract surgery.
- III. **National Oral Health Programme:** Taking into account the oral health situation in the country, Government of India has initiated a National Oral Health Programme to provide integrated, comprehensive oral health care in the existing health care facilities with a view to improve the determinants of oral health, reduce morbidity from oral diseases, integrate oral health promotion and provide preventive services.
- IV. **National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD):** This Ministry has launched this programme on the pilot phase basis in the year 2006-07(January 2007). Under this programme, hearing-aid are provided as per synergy between Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJE) and National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. At present, the Programme is being implemented in 281 districts of 27 States and 6 Union Territories.

**Activities initiated at different levels under the National Programme for
Health Care of Elderly**

Institution	Institutions covered under NPHCE	OPD	Indoor wards	Physiotherapy	Equipments
District Hospital	104	68	58	48	43
CHCs	832	403	NA	171	334
PHCs	4032	1018	NA	NA	646
SCs	27173	NA	NA	NA	4541

NA=Not applicable

									Annexure-II
NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR HEALTH CARE OF THE ELDLERY (NPHCE)									
Statement Showing Allocation/Release of fund and Expenditure (As on 31.05.2015)									
Sl. No	Name of the States								Rs. In Lakhs
		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16*	
		GIA Released by GOI	Expenditure Reported By the State	GIA Released by GOI	Expenditure Reported By the State	GIA Released by GOI	Expenditure Report By the States	GIA Released by GOI	Expenditure Report By the States
s1	Andhra Pradesh	871.52	0	0	1.37	0	0	0.00	0.00
2	Assam	0	23.44	0	128.61	142.27	53.55	3333.00	32.72
3	Bihar	446.72	13.28	0	83.02	150	134.91	597.00	0.00
4	Chattisgarh	229.2	23.39	50.94	121.24	99	49.2	526.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	225.44	85.28	0	99.5	215.66	230.87	1551.00	71.54
6	Haryana	0	65.73	0	133.86	77.62	48.81	331.00	32.83
7	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	19.15	11.85	68.04	263.00	3.03
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0	218.29	0	126.76	0	84.94	629.00	0.00
9	Jharkhand	0	1.28	0	20.42	111	37.77	790.00	22.37
10	Karnataka	0	151.78	0	158.3	170.95	16.33	1187.00	13.65
11	Kerala	470.72	88.88	0	122.81	150	749.74	467.00	0.00
12	Madya Pradesh	391.84	150.26	0	237.09	209.45	81.54	2681.00	35.55
13	Maharashtra	426.96	412.22	0	145.36	203.64	239.44	2375.00	37.95
14	Odisha	374.56	109.35	33.89	354.15	116	140.71	1065.00	32.95
15	Punjab	196.24	31.51	0	171.31	111.36	48.14	312.00	0.10
16	Rajasthan	711.2	147.65	0	61.94	87.05	23.15	2704.00	476.53
17	Sikkim	0	77.46	31.08	43.27	44	0	66.00	53.10
18	Tamil Nadu	344.16	0	0	0	0.42	0	1300.00	0.00
19	Uttarakhand	81.04	56.77	0	94.14	0	11.24	624.00	1.11
20	Uttar Pradesh	1855.04	0	0	188.77	0	0	3626.00	40.66
21	West Bengal	231.2	0.95	0	88.9	150	18.58	0.00	12.98
22	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	24.34	0	35.00	0.00
23	Lakshdweep	0	0	0	0	95.66	0	0.00	0.00
24	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	119.06	0	137.00	0.00
	Total	6855.84	1657.52	115.91	2399.97	2289.33	2036.96	24599.00	867.07
<p>* No separate allocation of funds has been made for National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE), during 2015-16. NPHCE is the part of NCD flexible pool under the National Health Mission for which total allocation at BE stage for 2015-16 is Rs. 527.36 crores.</p>									