

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2968
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2016**

2968. SOCIAL SECURITY TO ELDERLY

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the age-wise population in the country, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that after a decade or so, the population of people above the age of 70 will increase tremendously, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to provide social security to the aged/ older persons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) : As per the information provided by the Office of the Registrar General of India, the details of Age wise population in the country according to Census 2001 and Census 2011 are given at Annexure. As per Census 2011 the population of senior citizens in India vis-à-vis total population was as under:-

Actual Population (2011)

	Persons	Males	Females
Total Population	121.05 Cr.	62.31 Cr.	58.74 Cr.
Population of Sr. Citizens	10.38 Cr.	5.11 Cr.	5.27 Cr.

(b): The projected population aged 60+ and their percentage share in the total projected population of the country, for the year 2016 to 2026(as on 1st March) as per the May 2006 report of the Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the National Commission on Population published by the Office of the Registrar General of India, is as under:

Year	Projected Population of Senior Citizens (in crores)		
	Persons	Male	Female
2016	11.81	5.81	5.99
2021	14.32	7.06	7.26
2026	17.32	8.46	8.86

(c) to (e): The Government of India announced the National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), 1999. The Policy envisages State support to ensure financial and food security, healthcare, shelter and other needs of older persons, equitable share in development, protection against abuse and exploitation, and availability of services to improve the quality of their lives.

Subsequently, the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act was passed in 2007 to ensure need based maintenance for parents and senior citizens and their welfare. The Act provides for maintenance of parents/senior citizens by children/relatives obligatory and justiciable through Tribunals; revocation of transfer of property by senior citizen in case of negligence by relatives; penal provision for abandonment of senior citizens; establishment of Old Age Homes for indigent senior citizens; adequate medical facilities and security for senior citizens and protection of life and property.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated programme for Older Persons (IPOP) since 1992 with the objective of improving the quality of life of senior citizens by providing basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities and by encouraging productive and active ageing. Under this Scheme, financial assistance (up to 95% in the case of States of Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim and North-eastern states and 90% for rest of the country) is provided to Non-Governmental/Voluntary Organisations, Panchayati Raj Institutions etc. for maintenance of Old Age Homes, Respite Care Homes and Continuous Care Homes, Multi-service centres, mobile medicare units, Day care centres for Alzheimer's disease /Dementia patients, physiotherapy clinics for older persons etc.

Keeping in view the recommendations made in the National Policy on Older Persons, 1999 as well as the State's obligations under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens, 2007, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had launched the National "Programme for Health Care of the 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 Centre for different regions of the country and to provide dedicated health facilities in District Hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and Sub Centre levels through State Health Society.

Following facilities are being provided under the programme:

- I. Geriatric OPD, 30 bedded Geriatric Ward for in-patient care etc. at Regional Geriatric Centre (RGCs)
- II. Geriatric OPD and 10 bedded Geriatric Ward at District Hospitals.
- III. Bi-weekly Geriatric Clinic at Community Health Centres (CHCs)
- IV. Weekly Geriatric Clinics at Primary Health Centres (PHCs).

Provision of Aids and Appliances at Sub-Centres.

Annexure

Annexure referred to reply of part (a) of Unstarred Question No.2968 for 15.3.2015

Age Wise Population of India:-Census-2001-2011

Age	Age wise Population		Difference (2011-2001)
	Census-2001	Census-2011	
1	2	3	4
All ages	1028610328	1210854977	182244649
0	16561349	20311234	3749885
1	19647573	21755197	2107624
2	24168984	23056268	-1112716
3	25443946	23974041	-1469905
4	24625312	23710038	-915274
5	26959509	26054230	-905279
6	26412941	25654245	-758696
7	23045028	24826640	1781612
8	31031074	26968373	-4062701
9	20868238	23424638	2556400
10	33855378	30552107	-3303271
11	18078949	24740946	6661997
12	30427429	27877307	-2550122
13	19897051	24280683	4383632
14	22588051	25258169	2670118
15	22521059	25899454	3378395
16	21777810	24592293	2814483
17	14898862	21217467	6318605
18	27686902	27958147	271245
19	13331257	20859088	7527831
20	28367204	28882735	515531
21	12110022	19978972	7868950
22	21428918	23528225	2099307
23	13465533	19154055	5688522
24	14392455	19880235	5487780
25	28917266	27768078	-1149188
26	14816846	20076997	5260151
27	10990931	16709350	5718419
28	21781213	22127016	345803
29	6916137	14732524	7816387
30	34634209	30399029	-4235180
31	5739449	13823245	8083796
32	17482474	17613544	131070
33	8610078	12764541	4154463
34	7807834	13994592	6186758
35	32175754	28422631	-3753123
36	10948347	15827717	4879370

37	6584873	11692231	5107358
38	15905963	17471758	1565795
39	4959148	11726347	6767199
40	30733879	28528992	-2204887
41	4002930	11567894	7564964
42	11168253	13380642	2212389
43	5432438	9334352	3901914
44	4400797	9626232	5225435
45	24710862	23872961	-837901
46	5659548	10992678	5333130
47	4146735	7951297	3804562
48	9899369	11649592	1750223
49	2992462	7851799	4859337
50	21540415	21462422	-77993
51	2757432	7885966	5128534
52	6225881	7735164	1509283
53	3164651	5590790	2426139
54	2899180	6394912	3495732
55	14963273	15607546	644273
56	3518257	7071837	3553580
57	2177975	4599026	2421051
58	5355016	6718934	1363918
59	1638826	5148712	3509886
60	18141973	17810689	-331284
61	1733310	6026813	4293503
62	4064010	5745143	1681133
63	2032394	3994105	1961711
64	1545092	4086957	2541865
65	12943767	13022352	78585
66	1842746	4511946	2669200
67	1389037	2605082	1216045
68	2751020	3548373	797353
69	880385	2767230	1886845
70	10683125	10986280	303155
71	813785	3084183	2270398
72	1851177	2250929	399752
73	744499	1366536	622037
74	616058	1520914	904856
75	4395972	4772346	376374
76	717945	1667133	949188
77	369926	835048	465122
78	801367	1068415	267048
79	266015	889561	623546
80	3484205	3784938	300733
81	260732	1027816	767084
82	456114	603793	147679
83	191874	380185	188311

84	173009	423497	250488
85	1127207	1264798	137591
86	173485	447898	274413
87	119867	221411	101544
88	167513	235640	68127
89	73487	213420	139933
90	806412	833072	26660
91	68585	258297	189712
92	120898	153561	32663
93	56603	94630	38027
94	49209	106974	57765
95	295868	272534	-23334
96	65322	120268	54946
97	42135	71413	29278
98	102439	104511	2072
99	64282	64571	289
100+	139472	605778	466306
Age not stated	2738472	4489802	1751330

Note:-The Figures for India and Manipur, excludes population of Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-division of Senapati District on Manipur for Census 2001.