

Ministries of Home Affairs, Law and Justice, Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs are *inter-alia*, members of the Committee. The Committee has so far held thirteen meetings wherein implementation of the above two Acts in 24 States and 4 Union Territories has been reviewed.

#### **National policy for welfare of senior citizens**

422. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of National Policy for Welfare of Senior Citizens;
- (b) the details of various schemes implemented for the welfare of senior citizens under the National Policy in Bihar;
- (c) the details of various concessions being provided to senior citizens by the Central Government and Bihar Government; and
- (d) the details of grants/financial assistance given for old age home during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRID. NAPOLEON): (a) The National Policy on Older Persons, 1999 envisages State support to ensure financial and food security, health care, 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.

(b) The Ministry is implementing the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) under which financial assistance is provided to Government/NGOs/Panchayati Raj Institutions/local bodies etc. for establishing and maintaining old age homes, day care centres and mobile medicare units, etc.

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) under which Central assistance is given towards pension @ Rs. 200/- per month to persons above 65 years belonging to a household below poverty line, which is meant to be supplemented by at least an equal contribution by the States so that each beneficiary gets at least Rs. 400/- per month as pension.

(c) and (d) Various concessions like income tax rebate; rail and air fare; special medical facilities, etc are provided to senior citizens by the Central Government.

The State Government of Bihar is also implementing (i) Old Age Pension Scheme to provide monthly pension to helpless and destitute old people having income Rs. 5000/- per annum in the age group of 60-64 years, who could not be covered under IGNOAPS, due to lower age bar of 65 years, (ii) Free operation of cataract and free cost of lenses are being provided to senior citizens at Government Hospital.

State-wise details of grants/financial assistance given for old age home during the last three years are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Details of State-wise funds released and number of OAH assisted under the scheme of IPOP*

Sl. No.	State	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11 (As on 21.2.2011)	
		Amount released	No. of OAH assisted	Amount released	No. of OAH assisted	Amount released	No. of OAH assisted	Amount released	No. of OAH assisted
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	344.43	88	321.23	68	347.81	86	182.65	49
2.	Assam	52.02	15	60.73	13	71.78	16	61.78	16
3.	Bihar	2.76	1	2.76	1	4.88	1	0	0
4.	Chhattisgarh	1.18	1	5.97	1	5.08	2	0	0
5.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
6.	Gujarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Haryana	13.36	5	9.09	4	34.25	9	17.81	5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Karnataka	148.11	45	183.82	38	207.86	45	155.47	37
11.	Kerala	2.22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12.	Madhya Pradesh	8.01	2	8.98	2	9.23	5	0	0
13.	Maharashtra	21.77	10	32.47	9	27.69	8	29.26	7
14.	Manipur	66.02	24	57.96	12	56.80	15	60.06	13
15.	Nagaland	0	1	1.38	0	—	0	0	0
16.	Orissa	112.52	46	129.54	40	173.17	44	107.28	28
17.	Pudducherry	3.97	14	0	0	—	0	0	0
18.	Punjab	3.42	4	0	1	9.29	4	2.27	1
19.	Rajasthan	8.23		5.52	3	11.77	4	8.87	3
20.	Tamil Nadu	167.70	46	183.95	36	220.70	54	119.03	29
21.	Tripura	2.76	3	2.76	1	10.85	3	1.02	2
22.	Uttar Pradesh	33.73	10	18.03	4	65.31	21	55.69	18
23.	Uttarakhand	2.90	1	5.54	1	—	0	9.61	3
24.	West Bengal	66.62	20	136.72	24	111.41	27	58.86	16
25.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0
		1061.73	328	1146.45	258	1367.88	345	869.66	227