

- (iii) Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme to Promote Voluntary action for Persons with Disabilities (DDRS Scheme)
- (iv) Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme)
- (v) An Integrated Programme for Older Persons
- (vi) Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse.
- (e) In the event of proven misappropriation of funds by an NGO, the Ministry initiates action to blacklist the NGO.

National commission for senior citizens

1523. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to establish National Commission for Senior Citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the Commission is likely to become functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT) : (a) to (c) The Planning Commission has approved the proposal of the Working Group on Social Welfare to formulate the Twelfth Five Year Plan to establish a National Commission for Senior Citizens. Accordingly, the Ministry has constituted an Expert Committee to formulate the new Scheme.

Steps to improve condition of elders and aged people

1524. SHRI PRABHAT JHA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether as per the data of Global Age Watch Index, India ranks at 73rd position in elderly care, out of the 91 countries sampled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India's ranking is even lower to that of Sri Lanka;

- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons for the same; and
- (f) the details of steps Government would take to improve the condition of elders and aged people in the country which has the second largest aged population in the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT) : (a) to (f) As per information provided by-HelpAge India, the main purpose of preparation of the Global Age Watch Index is to measure of quality of life and well-being of older people around the world. A set of thirteen separate indicators have been put together under the four domains of income security, health, education and employment and the enabling age-friendly environment to prepare the Index. It measures the economic, social and political elements that interact to create a healthy environment for older persons. India is ranked 73 out of 91 countries selected for the Index. In the domain ranking India is ranked 54 in Income Security. Some of the important Schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens are as follows:

1. Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP)
2. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)
3. National Programme for the Health Care for the Elderly (NPHCE)

Brief details of the above schemes are given in Statement

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Brief details of the 3 important Schemes meant for Senior Citizens

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Nodal Ministry	Brief details of the Scheme
1.	Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP)	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	The Scheme is being implemented since 1992 and revised w.e.f 1.4.2008. Financial assistance is provided under it to State Governments/

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			<p>Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Urban Local Bodies and Non Governmental Organisations for running and maintenance of projects like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Age Home; • Day Care Centre; • Mobile Medicare Unit; • Day Care Centre for Alzheimer's Disease/ Dementia Patients; • Physiotherapy Clinic for Older Persons; • Help-lines and Counseling Centres for Older Persons; • Sensitizing Programmes for Children particularly in Schools and Colleges; • Regional Resource and Training Centres; etc.
2.	Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)	Ministry of Rural Development	<p>Under the Scheme, Central assistance is given towards pension @ Rs. 200/- per month to persons above 60 years, and @ Rs. 500/- per month to persons above 80 years belonging to a household below poverty line, which is expected to be supplemented by contribution by the States.</p>

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Nodal Ministry	Brief details of the Scheme
3.	National Programme for the Health Care for the Elderly (NPHCE)	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	<p>Major components of this programme, launched in 2010-11, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based Primary Healthcare approach; • Strengthening of health services for senior citizens at District Hospitals/ CHC/ PHC/ Sub-Centres; • Dedicated facilities at 100 District Hospitals with 10 bedded wards for the elderly; • Strengthening of 8 Regional Medical Institutions to provide dedicated tertiary level Medical Care for the elderly, with 30 bedded wards, at New Delhi (AIIMS), Chennai, Mumbai, Srinagar, Varanasi, Jodhpur, Thiruvananthapuram and Guwahati; and • Introduction of PG courses in Geriatric Medicines in the above 8 Institutions and In-Service training of health personnel at all level.