

Financial assistance to drug de-addiction centres

†3949. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from States for providing financial assistance to de-addiction centres during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) if not, whether Government would insist upon those States to forward their proposals; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 440 proposals have been received online from 27 State Governments/UTs for providing financial assistance to de-addiction centres for the financial year 2016-17.

This Ministry periodically writes to all State Governments/UTs to forward proposals of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other eligible organisations online for running and maintenance of de-addiction centres. In many cases these are received late. However, all cases are processed for grant subject to completeness of the proposal and satisfactory inspection report.

Social security for older persons

3950. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 per cent of the old age population in our country is not covered with any form of social security net and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether most of the senior citizens do not have a stable income and at the same time they need to pay for rising medical costs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any move to increase the old age pension and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of per senior citizen funds allocated on all Governmental initiatives during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) and (b) This data is not available in this Ministry. However, as per information provided by the Ministry of Health and

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