

Opening of Old Age Homes

1719. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Old Age Homes are currently being run by the Ministry;
- (b) what is the total number of inmates in those homes; and
- (c) what are the plans of the Ministry about opening more such homes in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) No, Sir. This Ministry does not run any Old Age Home directly. However, this Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) under which grants are given for running and maintenance of Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units etc. The main objective of the Scheme is to improve the quality of life of older persons by providing basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities etc.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a).

(c) Does not arise.

Free coaching to students belonging to SC/OBC categories

†1720. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions/centres selected by Government in Chhattisgarh during the last three years to enable the students belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Other Backward Classes to appear in the competitive examinations and to get success in getting job in Government/private sector by providing them free coaching;

(b) the amounts of grants provided to these centres during the said period; and

(c) the number of successful students in competitive examinations who got free coaching from these institutions/centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) to (c) No institution/Centre has been selected by Government for providing coaching under the Scheme, Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students, in Chhattisgarh during the last three years.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.