

- (ii) Provide mental health services including prevention, promotion and long-term continuing care at different levels of district healthcare delivery system.
- (iii) Augment institutional capacity in terms of infrastructure, equipment and human resource for mental healthcare.
- (iv) Promote community awareness and participation in the delivery of mental healthcare services.

Funds upto ₹ 12 lakhs per annum are provided to each district supported under DMHP for targeted interventions with the following objectives:-

- (i) To provide class teachers with facilitative skill to promote life skill among their students.
- (ii) To provide the class teachers with knowledge and skills to identify emotional conduct, scholastic and substance use problems in their students
- (iii) To provide class teachers with a system of referral for students with psychological problems to the District Mental Health Team for inputs and treatment.
- (iv) To involve other stakeholders like parents, community leaders to enhance development of adolescents etc.

#### **Health issues related to senior citizens**

1396. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the challenges and health issues related to the senior citizens in the country have been addressed properly with an effective programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government intends to take up;
- (c) whether Government has initiated/proposes to initiate any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the study and programmes for addressing the health related issues of old persons are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) In recognition of special

healthcare needs of elderly and to provide dedicated healthcare facilities to the elderly population, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) at various levels of primary, secondary and tertiary health care facilities.

Objective of the programme is to provide accessible, affordable, comprehensive and dedicated health care services to elderly population. The programme has been sanctioned for implementation in 713 districts of the country. In addition, for tertiary health care facilities, 19 Regional Geriatric Centres and 2 National Centres for Ageing have been sanctioned under the programme.

Other National Programmes such as programmes for control of Blindness, Deafness, Non-Communicable Diseases, Mental health and Oral health also provide healthcare services to 'elderly. Health being a State subject, financial and technical support under the National Programmes is provided to States/UTs through the National Health Mission and tertiary care components, based on proposals received from them.

Further, elderly healthcare services are also covered in the expanded range of services under Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres. Under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, which provides for health cover of ₹5.00 lakh per family, to the poor and vulnerable families as per socio-economic caste census data, there is no restriction on age or family size and all members of the entitled family, including elderly, are covered.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has undertaken a Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) under the tertiary level activities of NPHCE to assess the health status of the elderly and to provide comprehensive longitudinal evidence base on health, economic, social and overall well-being of people aged 45 years and above in India. International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, a Deemed University, has been appointed as a National Nodal Agency for conducting the LASI survey in the country. The Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and the University of Southern California (USC) are the collaborating institutions for providing technical support for the LASI. Draft report in respect of Wave-I of LASI has been received.

#### **FSSAI guidelines on trans-fat elimination**

1397. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: