

Affordable housing for elderly people

469. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of segregation of elderly people from families are on the rise due to massive change in the traditional ways of joint family to modern nuclear family-style;

(b) whether there is a serious demand for paid housing for elderly people in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide affordable paid housing and proper regulation of housing meant for elderly people, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) Data regarding segregation of elderly people from families is not maintained in this Ministry.

(b) and (c) This Ministry does not support any paid housing for elderly people and therefore no such data is available in this Ministry. The Ministry, however, has taken following steps for housing and regulation of housing for elderly people:

The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPSA) Act, 2007 includes the provision that the State Governments may establish and maintain such number of old age homes at accessible places, beginning with at least one in each district. Further, the State Government may prescribe a scheme for management of old age homes, including the standards and various types of services to be provided by them which are necessary for medical care and means of entertainment to the inhabitants of such homes.

Provisions for registration of such homes, including paid and private old age homes/senior citizens care homes, their standardization and monitoring by the State Governments have been included in the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

This Ministry is implementing a Central sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSC), under which grant-in-aid is provided to Implementing Agencies for running and maintenance of, *inter alia*, Senior Citizen Homes (Old Age Homes) for indigent senior citizens.

Further, the Department has recently launched National Action Plan for the welfare of Senior Citizens (NAPSrC) to enable them to lead a life of dignity. It includes programmes, inter-alia, for providing spaces for Old Age Homes/Senior Citizens Homes/Multi-Service Day Care Centres etc.

Implementation of NAPDDR

470. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the action that has been taken by Government for implementation of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR); and
- (b) whether there is any proposal to increase the intervention beyond the 127 districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated and is implementing a National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for 2018-25. The Plan aims at reduction of adverse consequences of drug abuse through a multi-pronged strategy. The activities under the NAPDDR, *inter-alia*, include awareness generation programmes in schools/colleges/Universities, workshops/seminars/ with parents, community based peerled interactions intervention programmes for vulnerable adolescent and youth in the community, provisioning of treatment facilities and capacity building of service providers.

The Ministry has also approved the proposal of National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (NDDTC, AIIMS) for providing financial assistance for establishment of Addiction Treatment Facilities at 125 Govt. Hospitals in phase manner for over a period of three years. An amount of ₹ 6.46 crore has been released to AIIMS for the same during 2019-20.

The National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) is the technical resource agency for implementing the activities of the NAPDDR across the country.

NISD through various stakeholders has conducted awareness programs and campaign in schools and colleges. Till date, 1033 awareness programs have been conducted across nationwide. Details is as under: