

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1728
ANSWERED ON - 15/03/2023

STANDARD MODEL OF SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

1728. SHRI JAGGESH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is aware of the facts that, pushing through changes to the 'Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Social Welfare (Amendment) Bill' may lead to unnecessary litigation within the family which may harm the social fabric and family unit;
- (b) whether Government in consultation with State Governments proposes to formulate a standard model of services to be provided to the senior citizens and a mechanism to implement them; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) to (c) The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 came into being due to the gradual withering away of Joint Family System in the society. For proper implementation of the provisions of the Act, the Government circulated Model Rules to State Governments/UTs in order to enable them to notify their respective State Rules, taking into consideration State-specific ground realities. The Act has been under implementation for more than a decade now. Based on the feedback received from various stakeholders, it has been found expedient to suitably amend the provisions of the Act in order to make it more contemporary and effective. Hence, after proper consultation with line-Ministries, State Governments, NGOs and Experts in the field, the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced in the Lok Sabha.
