

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR OLDER PERSONS

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

- (a) the details of proposals received from various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and NGOs/VOs under various schemes implemented for older persons during 2006-07;
- (b) the funds allocated and released under each scheme to the States/Union Territories and NGOs/VOs during the said period;
- (c) the number of new Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres and Mobile Medicare units to be opened during 2006-07 alongwith number of proposals received in this regard from State Governments, State-wise;
- (d) the details of cases of misutilisation of funds came to the notice of the Government during the last two years and the action taken thereon; and
- (e) the measures taken/to be taken by the Government for further expansion of schemes for older persons and proper utilisation of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) During 2006-07, 144 proposals of Non Governmental Organisations were received.
- (b) There is no allocation for the States/Union Territories under the schemes.
- (c) No target has been fixed.
- (d) One case of misutilisation has come to the notice. Release of further grant in aid to the organisation has been stopped.
- (e) The budget allocation under the Plan Scheme has been increased from Rs. 19.80 crores during the year 2005-06 to Rs. 28.00 crores for the year 2006-07 and the State Governments have been requested to send complete proposals and to ensure regular inspections.