

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 240  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2019**

**RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA**

**240. SHRI D.K. SURESH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices for Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target under the said scheme and if so, the details and the achievement thereof;
- (d) the total number of beneficiaries identified under the scheme, State and year-wise; and
- (e) the facilities provided to the senior citizens under the said scheme?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has introduced a scheme for providing physical aids and Assisted Living Devices for Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category named "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)" on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 with the objective of providing Senior Citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities, with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions. Under the Scheme, assisted living devices such as Walking Sticks, Elbow Crutches, Walkers/ Crutches, Tripods/ Quadpods, Hearing Aids, Wheelchairs, Artificial Dentures and Spectacles are provided free of cost to the beneficiary senior citizens. The Scheme is being implemented through the "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)", a Public Sector Undertaking under this Ministry, as the sole Implementing Agency. The devices are distributed in the camp mode. The beneficiaries are identified through Assessment Camps organised in collaboration with the respective State Government/District Administration and the devices are distributed in Distribution Camps organised in the selected districts. For the senior citizens aged 80 years or more, the devices are provided at their doorsteps.

At present, a total of 325 Districts have been selected for the implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana. The assessment camps to identify the beneficiaries have been completed in 135 districts of which as on 25.01.2019, 77 distribution camps have been organised benefitting 70939 senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. The State/UT wise/ Year wise number of beneficiaries is at **Annexure**.

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**ANNEXURE**

**Annexure referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 240 to be answered on 05/02/2019**

**State-wise/Year-Wise Total Number of Senior Citizens Benefited under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana as on 25/01/2019**

| Sl. No.                           | States/UTs        | No. of Beneficiaries |              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                                   |                   | 2017-18              | 2018-19      |
| 1                                 | Andhra Pradesh    | 2720                 | 2682         |
| 2                                 | Arunachal Pradesh | Nil                  | 384          |
| 3                                 | Bihar             | 1665                 | 261          |
| 4                                 | Chhattisgarh      | Nil                  | 31           |
| 5                                 | Delhi             | 1480                 | 1384         |
| 6                                 | Goa               | 2407                 | Nil          |
| 7                                 | Gujarat           | 2760                 | Nil          |
| 8                                 | Haryana           | 1611                 | 563          |
| 9                                 | Himachal Pradesh  | 76                   | 118          |
| 10                                | Jharkhand         | 21                   | 96           |
| 11                                | Karnataka         | Nil                  | 1316         |
| 12                                | Kerala            | 687                  | 275          |
| 13                                | Lakshadweep       | Nil                  | 528          |
| 14                                | Madhya Pradesh    | 3980                 | 10959        |
| 15                                | Maharashtra       | 3126                 | 3217         |
| 16                                | Meghalaya         | 1822                 | 5469         |
| 17                                | Puducherry        | 1529                 | Nil          |
| 18                                | Punjab            | Nil                  | 804          |
| 19                                | Rajasthan         | 4210                 | Nil          |
| 20                                | Sikkim            | Nil                  | 1814         |
| 21                                | Tamil Nadu        | Nil                  | 1152         |
| 22                                | Telangana         | Nil                  | 1473         |
| 23                                | Tripura           | 795                  | Nil          |
| 24                                | Uttar Pradesh     | 4080                 | 2807         |
| 25                                | Uttarakhand       | 1100                 | 1537         |
| <b>Total No. of Beneficiaries</b> |                   | <b>34069</b>         | <b>36870</b> |