

DATA FOR ECONOMIC SURVEY OF DELHI 2023-24

SCHEMES AND PROGRAMMES UNDER DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

4.1 Policy for Senior Citizens

4.1.1 The Government of Delhi brought out a 'policy for senior citizens' in 2006 for providing social security citizens above 60 years of age by providing old age pension. The policy envisages ensuring the welfare of senior citizens and improving the quality of their lives. It aims at providing assistance to enable them to cope with the problems of old age. It also proposes affirmative action by the Government Departments in collaboration with civil society for ensuring that the existing public services for senior citizens are made more users friendly and sensitive to the needs of senior citizens. The government of Delhi would also have a public education mechanism to prepare people for old age in order to ensure that they are able to live gracefully and remain financially secure in their later years.

4.2 Financial assistance to Senior Citizens (Old Age Pension)

4.2.1 This scheme is being implemented by the Department of Social Welfare. Applications under the scheme are made online on E-District portal. Under this scheme, financial assistance is remitted on monthly basis in the saving accounts of the beneficiaries maintained in the Bank, as per the Aadhaar number or account number of the beneficiary through PFMS portal. The Delhi resident of five years with proof the age of 60 years & above and having a family (applicant & spouse) income less than 1, 00,000/- per annum are eligible. The applicant must have a valid ID proof as listed in the notification. The Quantum of financial assistance to senior citizens having age of 70 years and above is 2500/- per month. For senior citizens having age between 60-69 years, it is 2000/- per month. Additional assistance of Rs. 500/- per month is provided to the beneficiaries of SC/ST/Minorities category (age between 60-69 years) besides the usual pension on the production of relevant documents. This rate is effective from February 2017 (earlier, it was 1500/- and 1000/- p.m.).

4.2.2 The details regarding the allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the scheme to a senior citizen in Delhi during the period 2012-2013 to 2023-2024 (up to Sept. 23) is presented in the statement 17.7.

Statement 17.7
Performance of Senior Citizen Pension Scheme

S. No	Year	Outlay (Rs. in Crores)	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	2012-13	563.20	558.34	386068
2.	2013-14	541.00	537.88	375668
3.	2014-15	558.00	532.24	331881
4.	2015-16	608.79	607.79	388471

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5.	2016-17	682.00	638.48	381849
6.	2017-18	1065.00	984.72	437896
7.	2018-19	1299.00	1255.90	441999
8.	2019-20	1344.00	1342.63	463945
9.	2020-21	1324.00	1137.33	424920
10.	2021-22	1578.50	1406.44	417962
11.	2022-23	1650.00	1211.10	406830
12.	2023-24 (up to Dec., 2023)	1644.50	830.64	405397

4.3 Old Age Homes

4.3.1 The aim and objective of the scheme 'Setting up of Old Age Homes' is to provide a place to senior citizens where they may live gracefully in a congenial atmosphere, as per section 19 of the MWPSA Act 2007 and as per schedule of Rule 20 of Delhi MWPSA (Amendment) Rules, 2010. The Department of Social Welfare, Government of Delhi is running 04 Old Age Homes Bindapur, Wazirpur, Kanti Nagar and Tahirpur.

4.3.2 The following services are provided at the old age homes

- Lodging/boarding, clothing and bedding facilities.
- Case work and counseling services
- Medical care of the inmates.
- TV, Radio, and religious discourses/ Bhajan Kirtan programmes.
- Helping the bed ridden or incapacitated inmates to perform their daily needs.

4.3.3 The Old Age Homes are open for:

- Senior Citizen, i.e. age 60 years and above
- Should not have anyone to support or maintain them
- Should not suffering from any infectious/communicable disease
- Should be the residents of NCT of Delhi

4.4. Recreation facilities to Senior Citizens

4.4.1 The Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD provides Grant-in-Aid to registered organizations/ institutions in Delhi which work exclusively for the social, physical and mental well being of senior citizens through recreational activities such as indoor games, outdoor trips, yoga, health camps and similar measures for active ageing.

4.4.2 There are a total of 150 Recreation Centres associated with the the Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD.

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4.5 Maintenance Tribunal

4.5.1 Under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and Delhi Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens rules, 2010; 11 Appellate Tribunals have been established in Delhi.

4.5.2 The objective behind setting up of these Tribunals is to create awareness of legal provisions for senior citizens about maintenance and property rights. The Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD appoints non-official members of these tribunals and provides sitting allowance to them.

5. Welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

5.1 The Constitution of India ensures equality, freedom, justice and dignity to all individuals and implicitly mandates an inclusive society for all, including persons with disabilities. The Department of Social Welfare is the nodal department in GNCT of Delhi for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons and believes in the fact “Help the Persons with Disabilities to help themselves”.

5.2 The Delhi Govt. through its various initiatives and programmes is rendering full support to the PwDs, so that they can live with full participation and have equal involvement in every aspect of society. With the coming of new Right of Person with Disabilities Act 2016, replacing the previous Act of 1995 has under the horizon of Welfare of Person with Disabilities, included 21 types of Disabilities which was 07 in previous Act of 1995.

5.3 For the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD is running homes:

- 6 Homes for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
- 1 hostel for College Going Blind Students (Male)
- 1 training cum production center
- 1 sheltered workshop for differently-Abled persons.

5.4 All the 07 Special Schools – 05 schools for Speech & Hearing Impaired Students, 01 School for Intellectually Disabled Students & 01 School for Visually Impaired Students. (Previously run the Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD) have been transferred to the Directorate of Education, GNCTD with effect from 01.04.2023, as per order of the Lt. Governor of Delhi.

5.5 Under the scheme “National Programme for Rehabilitation of Person with Disabilities (NPRPD)” two types of camps i.e., General Disability Camps and Special Disability Camps were organized by Department of Social Welfare in all districts of Delhi. General Disability Camps are organized in coordination with other Govt. agencies in every district in which persons with disabilities are provided with the facility of Disability Certificate, DTC Passes, ID Card by the office of Dy. Commissioner, Registration in Integrated School Railway Concession Pass etc. Special Camps are also organized to provide free Aid and Appliances to the disabled persons.

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5.6 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred, camps held and beneficiaries covered under the welfare program for persons with disabilities in Delhi during 2014-15 to 2023-24 (up to Oct. 2023) is presented in statement 17.9

Statement 17.9
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SCHEME

S. No.	Year	Expenditure (in lakh)	Number Of	
			Camps	Beneficiaries
1	2014-15	6.83	08	3242
2	2015-16	9.37	14	5000
3	2016-17	3.49	11	6000
4	2017-18	0.21	--	--
5.	2018-19	0.00	--	--
6.	2019-20	3.00	05	2600
7.	2020-21	--		
8.	2021-22	4.74	07	4000
9.	2022-23	--	--	--
10.	2023-24 (up to Nov., 2023)	6.51	30	NA

5.7 No General Disability Camps held in FY 2020-21 due to outbreak of COVID. Therefore, no expenditure was incurred under this head of accounts.

5.8 Due to administrative reasons, General Disability Camps could not be conducted in FY 2022-23.

5.9 Department of Social Welfare is implementing the scheme “Financial Assistance to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)” in which financial assistance of Rs. 2500/- p.m. is provided to the persons who have more than 40 percent and above disabled are age of 0 to lifelong (i.e. from birth to death), have residence proof in Delhi for minimum five years prior to application, with family income not more than 1,00,000/- per annum. This rate is effective from February, 2017 (earlier, it was 1500/- p.m)

5.10 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred, camps held and beneficiaries covered under the welfare program for persons with disabilities in Delhi during 2010-11 to 2022-23 is presented in statement 17.10.

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Statement 17.10

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DELHI

S. No.	Year	Outlay (in Crores)	Expenditure (in Crores)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	2010-11	26.50	17.86	25691
2	2011-12	28.50	27.52	26622
3	2012-13	58.00	57.41	36809
4	2013-14	78.00	75.82	45471
5	2014-15	92.00	78.68	41043
6.	2015-16	108.71	108.42	60657
7	2016-17	137.00	135.52	71581
8.	2017-18	200.00	196.03	76263
9	2018-19	265.00	262.26	87196
10.	2019-20	291.35	290.02	95324
11.	2020-21	317.35	279.16	101750
12.	2021-22	405.05	370.08	111790
13.	2022-23	349.35	347.22	113039
14.	2023-24 (up to Dec. 2023)	448.03	266.46	123071

5.11 In order to provide a facilitating mechanism for the rehabilitation of persons whose mental illness is treated & controlled after their discharge from their mental hospitals. Govt. of Delhi constructed 5 half way/long stay homes. These are located at Dwarka (01 unit), Rohini Sector-3 (02 units), Rohini Sector-22 (1 unit) and Narela (01 unit).

5.12 Out of these, 3 half way homes are operational/ established (First two homes are operational since 2017 and remaining at S.No.(iv) located at Dwarka is operational since December 2021). At present, following number of inmates are residing in these homes:-

Sr. No.	Name & Address	Sanctioned Strength	Present Numbers (inmates)
i.	'Nav Kiran'- I(for Women) at Rohini Sector – 3	40	39
ii.	'Nav Kiran'–II(for Women) at Rohini Sector – 3	40	37
iii	'Nav Chetna' (for Men) at Rohini sector – 22.	-	-
iv	'Nav Rachna' Half Way Home (Male) at Dwarka Sector 3	50	19

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5.13 'Nav Chetna' (for Men) at Rohini sector – 22 is under renovation at present and residents of this Halfway Homes have been shifted to Nav Rachna (Male) at Dwarka Sector-3.

6. Family Benefit Scheme

6.1 One time assistance is being provided to the poor households in case of the death of the breadwinner. Amount of benefit is 20,000/- in case of death of the breadwinner, irrespective of the cause of death viz natural or accidental. The age of the deceased should be between 18-60 years. Bread earner' is defined as a member of the household whose earnings contribution is the largest proportion of the total household income.

6.2 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the National Family Benefit Scheme during 2010-11 to 2023-24 (up to June 23) is presented in Statement 17.11.

Statement 17.11
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL Family Benefit Scheme

S. No	Year	Outlay (Rs. in Crores)	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	2010-11	2.15	2.08	2077
2.	2011-12	2.58	2.53	2534
3.	2012-13	2.70	2.69	2694
4.	2013-14	3.10	2.83	2827
5.	2014-15	3.60	3.37	3372
6.	2015-16	5.50	5.39	5396
7.	2016-17	7.00	7.00	7000
8.	2017-18	12.62	9.01	4510
9.	2018-19	14.00	11.61	5840
10.	2019-20	24.70	21.30	10729
11.	2020-21	29.70	27.23	13676
12.	2021-22	34.67	33.42	15623
13.	2022-23	29.67	29.25	14706
14.	2023-24 (up to Dec. 23)	35.67	19.33	10618

7. Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana:

7.1 "Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Family Financial Assistance Scheme" was started on in the FY 2021-22 to provide financial assistance @ Rs. 2500/- per month to the surviving family of the bread earner who died of Covid-19.

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7.2 Eligibility conditions & Quantum of pension under the Scheme are mentioned below.

Situation (Death of working member of the family due to Covid-19)	Eligible Dependent	Amount
Husband	wife	Rs 2500/- p.m. for life
Wife	Husband	Rs 2500/- p.m. for life
Single Parent (Other parent already died (either due to covid or otherwise)/ Separated/ Divorced	Each Child below 25 years of age	Rs 2500/- p.m. to each child of the deceased parents till they attain age of 25 years
Both Husband and Wife died	Each Child below age of 25 years. Father or Mother in case of no children.	Rs 2500/- p.m. to each child till the age of 25 years. Rs 2500/- p.m. for life (in case of Father or Mother - only one will get the assistance)
Unmarried Working Son / Daughter	Father or Mother	Rs 2500/- p.m. for life
Brother / Sister	Dependent Brother / Sister if they are physically or intellectually challenged	Rs 2500/- p.m. for life

Statement 17.12

PERFORMANCE OF MUKHYAMANTRI COVID-19 FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

S. No	Year	Outlay (Rs. in Crores)	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	2021-22	41.00	17.24	10425
2.	2022-23	34.00	33.76	11570
3.	2023-24 (up to Dec. 23)	45.00	26.73	11891

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8. The Welfare of Leprosy Affected Persons

The Department of Social Welfare implemented the scheme of rehabilitation for leprosy Person in 1981. Under the scheme, Leprosy Affected Persons were provided dry ration etc. In 1991 the scheme was partially modified and the leprosy patients were given maintenance allowance in lieu of dry ration etc. At present, the amount of maintenance allowance is Rs. 3000/- per month per beneficiary. The total number of beneficiaries is around 372. It is a closed scheme as no new beneficiaries are being admitted under the scheme. The department has also established training cum production centre and shelters workshop at Tahirpur for training leprosy patients in vocational trades like handloom weaving, shoe-making, chalk and candle making. TCPC & SWPH are functional/ operational.

Skill Development for Homeless Beggars in Delhi in collaboration with DUSIB & Skill Training Agencies.

Duration: March'23 to September'23

In light of the G-20 Summit, during which the Heads of State or Government of 20 countries, comprising their respective Foreign Ministers and Presidents, were slated to convene on March 1-2, 2023, and subsequently in September 2023 in Delhi, an inter-departmental committee had been established. This committee, operating under the directives of the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and Chief Secretary, has been tasked with the imperative responsibility of formulating strategies for the rehabilitation and relocation of destitute beggars. The constituents of this committee include the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), the Delhi Police, the Department of Women & Child Development, and the Social Welfare Department, among others.

A survey, jointly conducted by DUSIB and its Shelter Management Agencies (SMA) in collaboration with the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, was carried out from December 21-23, 2022, at designated locations using the enclosed format. This survey resulted in the collection of data pertaining to approximately 1,312 homeless beggars, with the objective of facilitating their relocation and rehabilitation. The Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD, has been designated with the responsibility of providing skill training to the relocated homeless beggars at DUSIB-operated Night Shelters, with a focus on integrating them into mainstream society.