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MATERIAL FOR PREPARATION FOR ECONOMIC SURVEY 13-14

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Scheme & Programme of Senior Citizens , differently abled & vulnerable persons

9. Welfare of Senior Citizens

9.1 Government of Delhi has brought out “a policy for senior citizens” The policy considers persons of 60 years and more in age as “Senior Citizens”. The policy envisages ensuring welfare of senior citizens and improving 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 user friendly and sensitive to the needs of senior citizens. Government of Delhi would also consider having a public education mechanism to prepare people for old age in order to ensure that they are able to grow gracefully and remain financially secure in their later years. There are a number of schemes being implemented by Social Welfare Department for welfare of senior citizens.

9.2 Pension to Senior Citizen

This scheme is being implemented by Department of Social Welfare. Under this scheme, Pension is remitted on quarterly basis in the saving accounts of the beneficiaries maintained in the bank through Electronic Clearing System (ECS) of RBI. The Persons residents of Delhi for five years with proof of age of 60 years & above and having family income less than Rs. 60,000/- per annum, are eligible . The income does not include income of independent sons and daughters. The recommendation of area MLA / MP/ Gazetted Officer of State /Central Government is necessary. The applicant must have a valid ID proof as listed in notification. From April 2008, rate of pension was enhanced from Rs. 600/- pm to Rs. 1000/- per month. The quantum of financial assistance to senior citizens of 70 years and above has been enhanced from Rs. 1000/- to 1500/- p.m w.e.f. October, 2011. Additional assistance of Rs.500/-p.m. is provided to SC/ST/Minorities w.e.f. April 2012. The details regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the plan scheme Senior Citizen Pension Scheme in Delhi from 2009-10 to 2012-13 is presented in Statement 17.1

Statement 17.1

PERFORMANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN PENSION SCHEME

Sl. NO	Year	Plan Outlay (Rs. Crore)	Expdr.	No. of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	310.00	309.73	250000
2.	2010-11	410.00	409.91	338420
3.	2011-12	490.00	470.90	343700
4.	2012-13	563.20	558.34	386068

In addition to remitting pension through ECS, Deptt. has also begun the process for Aadhaar Enabled Payment System(AEPS) for beneficiaries who submitted their Aadhaar numbers. Gradually entire ECS would be phased into AEPS.

9.3 Old Age Homes

The aim and objective of plan scheme "Setting up of Old Age Homes" is to provide a place to senior citizens where they may live gracefully in a congenial atmosphere. Under the scheme residential care including free boarding and lodging facilities, health care, reading room, recreation facilities, common prayer place & discourses etc. are being provided, Presently two homes are functioning one at Bindapur with capacity of 50 inmates being run by the Deptt. and another at Lampur in collaboration with an NGO. Possession of Land has been taken for construction of new Old Age Homes at Chitranjan Park, Kanti Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Rohini, Chhatarpur, Janakpuri and efforts are being made to take possession of land at Janak puri, Krishna Nagar , Wazirpur , Sarita Vihar, Shakur Basti and Vasant Kunj. Laying of Foundation stone of Old Age Home at Chhatarpur done on 11.09-2013.

9.4 Recreation Centers

The Department is committed to provide various services to the Senior Citizens in pursuance of Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & senior citizens Act, 2007. The other notable achievement is Recreation Centers being run in partnership with Civil Society Organizations in different areas of Delhi for benefiting senior citizens. The aim of the recreation centers is to provide best form of leisure to the elderly where they are being provided social, cultural, and recreational facilities. In 2012-13, 94 Recreation Centers were operational. The Government of Delhi is committed towards well-being and holistic development of the elderly citizen in Delhi

9.5 Maintenance Tribunal

The Government of Delhi has notified and set up eleven Maintenance Tribunals in all districts to provide for effective provisions for the maintenance and Welfare of parents & senior citizens recognized and guaranteed under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. The Maintenance Tribunals functions in the office premises of ADM of the respective districts. In the financial year 2012-13, the total number of cases instituted before Maintenance Tribunal are 232 and disposed off 195 cases.

Appellate Tribunal :- The Department has notified and set up eleven Appellate Tribunals in context to Maintenance Act-2007.

10. Welfare of Differently Abled Persons

10.1 The Department of Social Welfare is running 5 schools for deaf with 1144 students, 3 training cum Production Centres 2 Sheltered Workshop for differently abled persons, 1 Hostel for the College going and 1 school for the visually handicapped with 108 students and 95 students respectively and three homes and 1 school for mentally challenged children with 1012 & 47 students respectively. Further, Social

Welfare Department has constructed a primary school for deaf at Nehru Vihar for providing educational facilities to deaf children of the school going age.

- 10.2 Various disability camps were organized in different districts to give the information about the schemes being implemented by Social Welfare Department for welfare of differently abled persons in Delhi and to provide aid & appliances and disability certificates free of cost to the disabled in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sewa Samiti.
- 10.3 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred, camps held and beneficiaries covered under the welfare program for persons with disabilities in Delhi during 2009-10 to 2012-13 is presented in Statement 17-2

Statement 17.2
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SCHEME,

S.No	Year	Plan Outlay (Rs in lacs)	Expdr. (Rs in lacs)	No.of camps	No.of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	60.00	59.90	25	4391 (673 disability certificates were issued)
2.	2010-11	50.00	43.79	19	3281
3.	2011-12	29.00	26.71	12	2076
4.	2012-13	31.00	29.18	9	1431

- 10.4 There is a plan scheme of "Financial Assistance to persons with special needs" under which an allowance @ Rs. 1500/- p.m. is remitted quarterly from April 2012, provided they have more than 40 per cent disability, are between the age group 0-60 years, have residence proof in Delhi for minimum five years prior to application, with family income not more than Rs. 75000/- per annum. Mentally challenged & mentally ill as per National Trust Act have also been included in the scheme. This scheme was started in 2008-09.
- 10.5 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under Financial Assistance to Persons with Special Needs during 2009-10 to 2012-13 is presented in Statements 17.3

Statement 17.3
PERFORMANCE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DELHI

S.No	Year	Modified budget (Rs.in lacs)	Expdr. (Rs.in lacs)	No.of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	761.00	760.95	6200
2.	2010-11	2650.00	1786.48	25691
3.	2011-12	2850.00	2752.38	26652
4.	2012-13	5800.00	5640.72	37263

11. National Family Benefit Scheme

The objective of the scheme is to provide assistance to poor households on the events of the death of the breadwinner. Amount of benefit is Rs. 10,000/- in case of death of primary breadwinner, irrespective of the cause of death viz. natural or accidental. The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under National Family Benefit Scheme during 2009-10 to 2012-13 is presented in Statement 17.4

Statement 17.4
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME

S.No	Year	Plan Outlay (Rs. Lakh)	Expdr. (Rs. Lakh)	No.of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	195.00	161.70	1617
2.	2010-11	215.00	207.70	2077
3.	2011-12	258.00	253.40	2534
4.	2012-13	270.00	269.40	2694

12. BEGGARS

There are 11 institutions for the beggars in various parts of Delhi, which look after beggars as and when beggars are sent to these homes under the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 as extended to UT of Delhi. Delhi Prevention of Begging Rules were framed thereunder. In these homes, boarding, lodging, medical, fooding are provided to the inmates. The Deptt. has also set up 20 bedded drug de-addiction centre for convicted & addicted beggars in partenership with an NGO at Lampur. In addition to one regular Beggars Court , two mobile Beggars courts have been started in 2009.

13. WELFARE OF LEPROSY AFFECTED PERSONS

A Rehabilitation Center for Leprosy [RCL] affected person was established during the year 1980-81. At present Social Welfare Department is paying Rs 1800/- per month to RCL beneficiaries as financial assistance. Most of the beneficiaries are residing in different areas of Delhi such as Tahirpur [Trans Yamuna], R.K.Puram, Sri Niwas Puri & Patel Nagar etc. The major colony of Leprosy affected persons is Tahirpur where Shelter workshop & Training cum Production center are located. In these centers, Department provides production work facilities to enable leprosy affected persons to stand on their own legs and to make them economically independent. In these centers, department provides training facilities in handloom weaving, shoe-making, chalk making, candle making etc.