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WELFARE PROGRAMMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, DEFFERENTLY-ABLED AND VULNERABLE PERSONS:

Welfare of Senior *Citizens*:

Government of Delhi has brought out “a policy for senior citizens” for providing social security citizens above 60 years of age by providing old age pension. 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 users friendly and sensitive to the needs of senior citizens. 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 grow gracefully and remain financially secure in their later years. A brief accounts of progress of the schemes implemented by Department of Social Welfare for welfare of senior citizens in this section.

1. (7.2) Financial Assistance to Senior Citizen (Old Age Pension)

This scheme is being implemented by Department of Social Welfare. Applications under the scheme are made online on E-District portal. Aadhaar number is mandatory for filling up the application. Under this scheme, pension 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 persons resident of Delhi for five years with proof, age of 60 years & above and having family (applicant & spouse) income less than Rs.1,00,000/- per annum are eligible. The recommendation of area MLA/ MP/ Gazetted Officer of State/Central Government is not mandatory. Self attested forms are also acceptable. The applicant must have a valid ID proof as listed in notification. The Quantum of financial assistance to senior citizens having age of 70 years and above is Rs. 2500/- per month. For senior citizens having age between 60-69 years, it is Rs.2000/- per month and additional assistance of Rs 500/- per month is provided to the beneficiaries of SC/ST/Min. category (age between 60-69 years) on production of relevant documents. Enhanced pension is remitted only to Aadhaar linked account of the beneficiaries.

The details regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the scheme pension to senior citizen in Delhi during 2012-13 to 2017-18 is presented in statement.

S. No	Year	Plan Outlay	Expenditure	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
5	2016-17	681.69	650.68	381849
6	2017-18	970.00	467.48(up to Sept 2017)	410330

2. (7.3) Old Age Homes

7.3.1 The aim and objective of the 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. The Department of Social Welfare, Government of Delhi is running two Old Age Homes – one at Bindapur and another at Sewa Sadan Complex, Lampur. In year 2015-16, average number of beneficiaries (residents) in these home were 71 (Bindapur Homes) and 25(Lampur Homes).

7.3.2 The following services are provided at the Old Age Homes

- Free boarding/lodging at the state run Old Age Homes for free seats,
- Medical Care & Counseling and
- Recreational facilities and rehabilitation programme.

7.3.2 The Old Age Homes are open for:

- Senior Citizen, i.e. age 60 years and above,
- Don't have anyone to support or maintain them,
- Not suffering from any infectious/communicable disease and
- Resident of NCT of Delhi.

7.3.4 The Department of Social welfare, GNCT of Delhi has initiated construction of 10 more Old age homes in different areas of Delhi i.e. at Chitranjan Park, Rohini, Kanti Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Geeta colony, Wazirpur, Chattarpur, Janakpuri, Sarita Vihar and Vasant Kunj to cater the needs and requirement of Old Age persons.

7.4 Senior Citizen Welfare Recreation Facilities :-

7.4.1 The Government of Delhi is committed towards the well-being and holistic development of elderly citizen of Delhi for which a scheme of recreation centre is operational. It provides an avenue for the well-being and over all development of the elderly citizens in Delhi. The recreation centre for aged person provides facilities for relaxation, avenues of Social interaction for their leisure which help the senior citizens to integrate them with their families. Under this programme, Delhi Government is provided one time non-recurring grant of Rs 75,000/- to the suitable NGO/ organization/ RWA for setting up of a center and recurring grant of Rs 20,000/- for covering operational expenses.

7.4.2 At present 107 running Recreation centre are getting grant from the Delhi Govt. During the Financial year 2016-17 Rs 2.09 crore has been released out of the total budget of Rs 2.11 crore as Grant-in-Aid to the 107 running recreation centers for senior citizens.

7.5 Maintenance Tribunal

7.5.1 The Government of Delhi has notified and set up 11 Maintenance Tribunal in all eleven Districts of Delhi to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

7.5.2 Under this Act, any senior Citizen or parent who is unable to maintain himself or who's children are not maintaining him/her from his own earning or out of property owned by him, shall be entitled to make an application against their children for Maintenance.

Maintenance Tribunal in each district is headed by A.D.M.s as the Presiding Officer/ Chairperson along with two Non-Official Members one of whom is female.

Appellate Tribunal :-

The Government of Delhi has notified and set up 11 Appellate Tribunal in all eleven Districts of Delhi to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

A Senior citizen can make appeal to following appellate tribunals against the decision of maintenance tribunal.

Appellate Tribunal in each district is headed by Dy. Commissioners (Revenue) as the Chairpersons along with two Non-Official Members, one of whom is a female

The total number of cases filed and disposed off by the Maintenance Tribunals in all 11 District of Delhi during the period 2014 and 2016 is as under:-

Year	Cases filed	Disposed off Cases	Pending Cases at the end of the year
2014	361	321	40
2015	433	363	70
2016	233	191	42

8. Welfare of Differently- Abled Persons

The Constitution of India ensures equality, freedom, justice and dignity of all individuals and implicitly mandates an inclusive society for all including Person 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 Differently Abled Persons to help themselves”.

The Delhi Govt. through its various initiatives and program's is rendering full support to the Differently Abled Persons, so that they can live with full participation and have equal involvement in the every aspect of Society.

8.1 For the welfare of differently abled, the Department of Social Welfare is running:-

- 05 Schools for Deaf and dumb.
- 06 homes for mentally challenged persons.
- 01 School for mentally challenged children.
- 01 Hostel for school and college going blind boys.
- 01 Schools for blind.
- 01 Training Cum Production Center.
- 01 Sheltered Workshop for Physically Handicapped

The Department organizes General Disability Camps under National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities(NPRPD) Scheme from time to time in various Districts of Delhi wherein following facilities are provided:-

- Issue of Disability certificates
- DTC bus passes
- Identity card from SDM office
- Distribution of Financial Assistance Scheme forms
- Registration of disabled children in govt. schools etc.

In the current financial year Department has proposed to organize 12 General Disability Camps.

8.2 Under the scheme “National Programme for Rehabilitation of Person with Disabilities” 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 is organized in coordination with other Govt. agencies in every districts in which persons with disabilities are facilitated with the facility of disability certificate, DTC Passes, ID Card by the office of Dy. Commissioner,

Registration in Integrated School Railway Concession Pass etc., and Special Camps is organized to provide free Aid and Appliances to the disabled persons.

8.3 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred, camps held and beneficiaries covered under the welfare program for persons with disabilities in Delhi during 2014-15 to 2016-17 is presented.

Performance- National Program for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Scheme.

S.No.	Year	Revised Plan Outlay(In Lakh)	Expenditure(in lakh)	Number of	
				Camps	Beneficiaries
1	2014-15	15.00	6.83	08	3242
2.	2015-16	15.00	9.37	14	5000
3.	2016-17	10.00	3.49	11	6000

There is a plan scheme of “Financial Assistance to Differently–Abled Persons” under which financial assistance of Rs. 2500/- p.m. is provided to the person who have more than 40 percent disability are between the age group of 0-59 years, have residence proof in Delhi for minimum five years prior to application, with family income not more than Rs1,00,000/- per annum. Enhanced assistance is remitted monthly to the bank account of the beneficiaries as per the Aadhaar number/account number through PFMS portal.

The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under financial assistance to persons with special needs during 2010-11 to 2017-18 is presented in statement.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DELHI.

S.No	Year	Revised Plan Outlay (In lakh)	Expenditure(In lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	2010-11	2650.00	1786.48	25691
2	2011-12	2850.00	2752.38	26622
3	2012-13	5800.00	5740.72	36809
4	2013-14	7800.00	7581.72	45471
5	2014-15	9200.00	7867.58	41043
6	2015-16	10871.00	10842.00	60657
7	2016-17	13700.00	13646.00	71581
8	2017-18	18000.00	9585.00	73748

In order to provide a facilitating mechanism for rehabilitation of persons whose mental illness is treated & controlled after their discharge from mental hospitals, Govt. of Delhi has constructed five Half Way/Long Stay Homes, which are to be functional. These Homes are located at Dwaraka (01 unit), Rohini Sector-03 (02 units), Rohini Sector-22(01 unit) and Narela (01 unit).

9. National Family Benefit Scheme

One time assistance is being provided to the poor households on the events of the death of the breadwinner. Amount of benefit is Rs.20,000/- in case of death of primary breadwinner, irrespective of the cause of death viz. natural or accidental. The age of deceased should be between 18-60 yrs, i.e. death of bread earner has occurred while he/she was in the age group 18-59 yrs. 'bread earner' is defined as the member of the household whose earnings contribution is the largest proportion to the total household income. The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under National Family Benefit Scheme during 2011-12 to 2017-18 is presented in Statement

PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME.

S.No	Year	Revised Plan Outlay (In lakh)	Expenditure(In lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	2010-11	215.00	207.70	2077
2	2011-12	258.00	253.40	2534
3	2012-13	270.00	269.40	2694
4	2013-14	310.00	282.70	2827
5	2014-15	360.00	337.20	3372
6	2015-16	550.00	539.20	5396
7	2016-17	700.00	700.00	7000
8.	2017-18	1000.00	467.00(up to Sept 2017)	2587

10. BEGGARS HOME :-

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. In addition to one regular Beggars Court, two mobile Beggars courts have been started in 2009. A table regarding details of anti begging operation & trial by beggars is given as under:-

Details of Anti Begging Operations and trials by Beggars Courts :-

Year (Jan-Dec)	Persons arrested by the RCC team and Mobile Court	Beggars committed by the Hon'ble Court	Released by the Hon'ble Court
2013	1036	358	678
2014	4203	488	3715
2015	3402	301	3101
2016	2368	241	2127
2017 (Jan-Mar.)	612	64	548

11. 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 feet and to make them economically independent. In these centers, department provides training facilities in handloom weaving, shoe-making, chalk making, candle making etc.