

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DRAFT NATIONAL POLICY ON SENIOR CITIZENS

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

- (a) the status of the draft national policy on senior citizens and the timeline for its roll out;
- (b) whether the policy will be opened for public consultation, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what provisions have been incorporated in the draft policy to ensure adequate healthcare and social security for them given that the projected rise in population of senior citizens will be over 12 per cent by 2026; and
- (d) the details of stakeholder consultation regarding the draft?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (d) The National Policy on Older Persons, 1999 which is already in force envisages State support to ensure financial and food security, healthcare, shelter, protection and other needs of older persons to improve the quality of their lives. With the passage of time there is a need to bring in a new policy.
