

SOCIAL DEFENCE BUREAU

- **WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS**
- **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**

SOCIAL DEFENCE BUREAU

➤ Social Defence Bureau of the Ministry is responsible for policies and programmes for the welfare of:

- ❖ Senior Citizens and
- ❖ Victims of Substance (Drug) Abuse

so as to equip them to sustain a life of respect and honour and to become useful citizens.

➤ In order to rehabilitate and empower these categories, the Ministry works in close collaboration with voluntary organizations.

SENIOR CITIZENS: An Overview

As per 2001 Census:

- total population of Senior Citizens (60+) was 7.7 crores,
- of which population of males and females was 3.8 crores and 3.9 crores respectively.
- Senior Citizens constituted 7.5% of the total population.

As per the Census 2001 Report:

- population of senior citizens in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand **in Northern region** is more than the national average (7.5%).

SENIOR CITIZENS: An Overview

Some of the issues concerning senior citizens are:

- security,
- healthcare and
- need for care and maintenance.

Ensuring that they not merely live longer, but lead a secure, dignified and productive life is a major challenge.

Status of Implementation of MWSPSC Act 2007

- The Act has to be brought into force by individual State Governments.
- So far, the Act had been notified by all States and UTs. The Act is not applicable in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh has its own Act for Senior Citizens, which is being amended in the line of the Central Act.

Status of Implementation of MWSPSC Act 2007

States/ UTs which have notified the Act are required to take the following measures/steps for effective implementation of the Act:

- **Frame Rules under the Act;**
- **Appoint Maintenance Officers (MOs)**
- **Constitute Maintenance Tribunals (MT) and Appellate Tribunals (AT).**

All the States/UTs in the Northern Region have taken all the necessary steps, except Uttarakhand (it has not appointed Maintenance Officer so far)

Status of Implementation of MWPSC Act 2007

Progress details of the states/UTs in the Northern Region w.r.t. disposal of claims and appeals in the Tribunals:

States/ UT	Year	Number & Claims in Maintenance Tribunals						
		Pending at the beginning	Instituted during the year	Disposed of during the year				Pending at the end of the year
				Settled through conciliation officers	No. in which maintenance awarded by the Tribunal	No. in which the claim rejected	Total	
Punjab	2011-12	30	89	65	05	11	81	38
Chandigarh	2011-12	1	3	0	4	0	0	0
NCT of Delhi	2011-12	39	131	--	--	--	125	45
		Complete information not provided						
Haryana	2012-13 (upto Sept.'12)	2	29	28	0	0	31	3

Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP)

The Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) is being implemented since 1992 with the objective:

- To improve the quality of life of Senior Citizens by providing basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities, etc.

Under the scheme, financial assistance upto 90% of the project cost is provided to non-governmental organizations for running and maintenance of old age homes, day care centres and mobile medicare units.

The Scheme has been revised with effect from 1.4.2008. Besides increase in amount of financial assistance for existing projects, Governments/ Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Local Bodies, etc. have been made eligible for getting financial assistance under the Scheme

IPOP

Several innovative projects have been added for assistance under the Scheme after its revision in 2008 are:

- Respite Care Homes and Continuous Care Homes
- Day Care Centres for Alzheimer's / Dementia Patients
- Physiotherapy clinics for Older Persons
- Multi Facility Care Centre for Older Widow Women
- Help-lines and Counselling Centres for Older Persons
- Sensitizing programmes for children particularly in Schools and Colleges
- Regional Resource and Training Centres
- Awareness Generation Programmes and Training of Caregivers to the Older Persons
- Formation of Senior Citizens Associations, etc.

Financial & Physical Achievements under IPOP

The financial and physical achievements during the last three years are given below:

(Amt. in Rs. Crore)

Year	BE	RE	Amount Released	No. of assisted		
				NGOs	Projects	Beneficiaries
2010-11	40.00	22.00	20.67	359	595	38785
2011-12	40.00	22.00	19.99	348	615	34630
2012-13	40.00	18.00	18.21	296	496	30775

GIA released under IPOP in 2012-13

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	NA (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of NGO's covered	Amount Released (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of projects assisted				Total	No. of beneficiaries covered
					OAH	DCC	MMU	Others		
1	Haryana	100	11	48.28	5	10	0	0	15	625
2	Himachal Pradesh	20	1	6.10	2	0	0	0	2	50
3	Jammu and Kashmir	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Punjab	65	2	5.79	1	3	0	0	4	175
5	Uttarakhand	35	2	23.22	3	0	0	1	4	75
6	Chandigarh	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Delhi	50	5	43.46	2	3	0	1	6	3200
Total		305	21	126.85	13	16	0	2	31	4125

Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and Social Defence Services

- The Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and Social Defence Services has implemented from 1985-86, which was last revised in 2008.
 - Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided upto 90% of the project cost for setting up/running:
 - ❖ Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCAs)
 - ❖ Regional Resource and Training Centres (RRTCs)
 - ❖ Holding Awareness-cum-De-addiction Camps (ACDC), Awareness generation programme etc.
- by voluntary and other eligible organizations for identification, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts.
- More than 300 centres covering about 1,20,000 beneficiaries has been supported every year under the Scheme.
 - Keeping in view the rising cost of living, the cost norms of the Scheme is under revision. EFC note is under preparation with the concurrence of IFD.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse are:

- To create awareness and educate people about the ill-effects of alcoholism and substance abuse on the individual, the family, the workplace and society at large;
- To provide for the whole range of community based services for the identification, motivation, counselling, de-addiction, after care and rehabilitation for Whole Person Recovery(WPR) of addicts;
- To alleviate the consequences of drug and alcohol dependence amongst the individual, the family and society at large;
- To facilitate research, training, documentation and collection of relevant information to strengthen the above mentioned objectives; and
- To support other activities which are in consonance with the mandate of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in this field.

COMPONENTS ADMISSIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME

The following components are admissible for assistance under the Scheme:

- i) Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA)
- ii) Programme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse at Workplace
- iii) Regional Resource and Training Centres (RRTC)
- iv) Awareness-cum-Deaddiction Camps (ACDC)
- v) Technical Exchange and Personal Development Programme
- vi) Preventive Education and Awareness Generation through Media
Publicity
- vii) NGO Forum for Drug Abuse Prevention
- viii) Innovative Intervention to Strengthen Community Based
Rehabilitation
- ix) Survey, Studies, Evaluation and Research on the subjects covered
under the Scheme

Physical and Financial Performance of the Scheme during 2012-13 in the Northern Region

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of NGO assisted	No. of Project sanctioned	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0.00
2.	Punjab	9	9	115.78
3.	Haryana	6	6	62.82
4.	Delhi	5	5	19.33
5.	Uttarakhand	2	2	29.26
6.	Chandigarh	0	0	0.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	2	2	15.84

RRTCs under Integrated Programme for Older Persons & Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse

The broad activities expected to be carried out by these RRTCs include:

- Training of functionaries of other grantee organizations under IPOP and monitoring of their work.
- Advocacy and awareness generation.
- Liaisoning with concerned State Governments in the field of old age care, with specific reference to implementation of MWPSA Act, 2007, NPOP, 1999 and other programmes and interventions for senior citizens.
- Maintaining data-base of institutions working in the field of old age care.

RRTCs under Integrated Programme for Older Persons & Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse

IPOP:

- ANUGRAHA is the RRTC for the states of Delhi, Haryana and Uttarakhand under IPOP;

Prevention of Alcoholism & Substance (Drug) Abuse

Prevention:

- Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses is the RRTC for Delhi, UP, Uttarakhand, Haryana
- Gunjan Organisation for Community Development is the RRTC for HP, J&K, Punjab & Chandigarh

Issues under Integrated Programme for Older Persons & Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse

Constraints:

- Proposals with recommendations of the State Govt. Start coming very late. Some states have even sent their proposals in the last month of the financial year;
- Proposals with deficient documents are received resulting in delay in processing and final release;
- During 2012-13, none of the States/ UTs from Northern region could utilise the full amount of their notional allocation.

Issues under Integrated Programme for Older Persons & Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse

- The Ministry is in the process of simplification and atomization of the NGO Schemes. Hon'ble Minister has written to the Chief Ministers for comments in this regard. State Govt may provide their comments.
- Hon'ble Minister has written to the Chief Minister for seeking comments on the Draft National Policy on Drug Demand Reduction. State Govt may provide their comments at the earliest.
- An advanced Pilot Survey on Drug Abuse in the State of Punjab is being conducted by NSSO. State Govt may provide necessary support and information in this regard to the Ministry/NSSO in time bound manner

Issues under Integrated Programme for Older Persons & Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse

- National Award Scheme on Vayoshreshtha Samman and Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for outstanding services as individual as well as institution have been instituted this year. Nominations from the State Governments have not been received in sufficient numbers for National Award for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, to be held on 26th June.
- State Governments may send nomination in sufficient numbers under both categories for Vayoshreshtha Samman to be held on 1st October 2013 by the due date i.e. 31st May 2013
- Ministry has written to the State Govt requesting them to designate their training Institute /Hospitals as RRTC. State Govt may respond to this

Thank You