

SOCIAL DEFENCE BUREAU

- **WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS**
- **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**
- **BEGGARY & TRANSGENDER**

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

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

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 constitute 7.5% of the total population.

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 Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and senior Citizens (MWPSC) 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 Southern Region have taken all the necessary steps, except Andhra Pradesh and Lakshdweep which have not appointed MO so far)

Status of Implementation of MWPSC Act 2007

Progress details of the states/UTs in the Southern 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	
Tamil Nadu	2012-13 (upto Sept.12)	241	739	388	88	65	541	439
Puducherry	2011-12	No Claims have so far been made in the MT						
Andhra Pradesh	2012-13 (upto Sept.12)	93	315	12	172	90	274	134

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.

IPOP

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

- 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	Beneficia ries
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 IPOPOP 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	Tamil Nadu	355	46	257.72	45	11	4	3	63	3395
2	Kerala	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Karnataka	290	32	229.23	39	0	2	4	45	1895
4	Andhra Pradesh	590	68	365.07	76	28	12	0	116	8100
5	Puduchery	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Laksha Dweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1330	146	852.02	160	39	18	7	224	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 is being 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 (IRCA)**
 - ❖ **Regional Resource and Training Centres (RRTC)**
 - ❖ **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 are being supported every year under the Scheme.**
 - **Keeping in view the rising cost of living, the cost norms of the Scheme are under revision.**

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

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of NGO assisted	No. of Project sanctioned	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1	Tamil Nadu	13	14	130.50
2.	Kerala	10	11	86.71
3.	Karnataka	14	19	175.46
4.	Andhra Pradesh	6	6	36.73
5.	Puduchery	1* (State Govt for painting event on 14 th November 2012)	1	0.50
6.	Laksha Dweep	0	0	0.00

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

The broad activities expected to be carried out by these RRTC's include:

- Training of functionaries of other grantee organizations under IPOPOP and Drug abuse Prevention; and monitoring of their work.
- Advocacy and awareness generation.
- Liaisoning with concerned State Governments in the field of old age care, and Drug Abuse Prevention
- Maintaining data-base of institutions working in the field of old age care and Prevention of Drug Abuse.

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

IPOP:

- Knightangle Medical Trust Bengaluru is the RRTC for the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh under IPOP;

Prevention of Alcoholism & Substance (Drug) Abuse

Prevention:

- TT Ranganathan Clinical Research Foundation is the RRTC for Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Lakshadweep
- Changanachery Societal Service Society is the RRTC for Karnataka and Kerala

Beggary

- At present, there are no Central Legislation nor Central Schemes directly related to beggary. Presently 20 States and 2 UTs have enacted anti-beggary laws
- With a view to address the problems of beggary in a holistic manner, the Ministry had organized National Consultation on Beggary 1st July 2010 and on 12st July 2012
- Ministry has written a letter to the State Governments requesting them to provide the data about the beggary. State Governments may provide the same

Transgender

- In connection with a PIL file in the Bombay High Court, the Cabinet Secretariat has recently assigned the Ministry to deal with issues relating of transgender
- Accordingly, the Ministry has held an inter-ministerial consultation with the concerned Central Ministries/ Departments in connection with the above PIL
- Some of the issues raised in the PIL are as under:-
 - **Condition of Transgender living as bonded labour**
 - **Proof of Identity and finding out the exact number of Transgender**
 - **Issue of a medical certificate by "Guru" for the purpose of castration**

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

Constraints:

- Proposals with recommendations of the State Govt. come very late;
- Proposals with deficient documents are received resulting in delay in processing and final release;
- During 2012-13, none of the States/ UTs from Southern region could utilise the full amount of their notional allocation.

Issues under Social Defence Bureau

- The Ministry is in the process of simplification of the NGO Schemes. Hon'ble Minister has written to the Chief Ministers for comments in this regard.
- Hon'ble Minister has also written to the Chief Ministers for seeking comments on the Draft National Policy on Drug Demand Reduction. State Govt may provide their comments on both the issues at the earliest.

Issues under Social Defence Bureau

- National Award Scheme on Vayoshreshtha Samman and Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse 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 Government may send recommendation of Good organizations/Individuals next year.
- State Governments are requested to participate in the National Award function to be organized on 26th June 2013 to be held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Issues under Social Defence Bureau

- 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 which is expected to be extended by two weeks
- Ministry has written to the State Govt requesting them to designate their training Institute /Hospitals as RRTC. State Govt may respond to this proposal.

Thank You