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Sub: Seeking Information under RTI Act 2005:

Persons who are Old and Economically Weak, and Shelter Facilities/Programmes for them

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am asking these questions under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005. Please provide the following information regarding the persons who are old and economically weak, and support offered to them in India. We are seeking this information in order to assess existing laws and systems on the ground for support and shelter for old and economically weak persons in society, and to explore ways to improve the situation. This questionnaire comprises 5 main sections, numbered 1-5, each with several questions. Kindly provide responses to all the questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. POLICY/LAW FOR SUPPORT TO OLD AND ECONOMICALLY WEAK PERSONS:

a. Which Acts/Laws is applicable for support to old and economically weak persons in India (state-wise)? Kindly share the latest complete Acts including amendments if any.

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2. OLD AGE HOMES (CENTERS) AND PROGRAMMES:

Kindly provide data about all the old age homes/facilities/centers, programmes and projects run by the Government of India to provide support and shelter to persons who are old and economically weak. For each facility in each district, please provide information:

- a. Old Age Home/Facility type
- b. State, District
- c. Land area
- d. Built area
- e. Infrastructure facilities and equipments available (Provide list and number of each facility and equipment)
- f. Materials consumed (Provide list of materials consumed regularly, and quantity consumed in 2014-15)
- g. Human resources available (Provide list and number of each type of skilled staff available, also mention whether sanctioned post or outsourced)
- h. Annual total expense in 2014-15 and its broad break-up

3. RECORDS AND DATA OF EACH PERSON LIVING IN OLD AGE HOME/FACILITY: Kindly provide the following data about each person who is using or has used Old Age Home/Facility in the past five (5) years:

- a. Person name:
- b. Old Age Home/Facility used:
- c. State, District:
- d. Period for which the person lived in the facility
- e. Age
- f. Gender
- g. Religion
- h. Caste
- i. Address and Telephone Contact of family, relative or friend
- j. Does the person suffer from a disease, illness or infirmity? If yes, please specify.
- k. Has the person been provided health care support? If yes, please specify.
- l. Proof of him/her using the Old Age Home/Facility.
- m. Record of legal help extended/provided to the person, if any.
- n. Record of efforts made to contact the person's relatives or friends. Record of communication and follow-ups done with them.
- o. If the person hails from a different state (in India) than where he/she is put up, what effort was made to contact either his/her relatives or the relevant authorities in their state? (Kindly provide record of the same).
- p. If the person was ordered for detention then kindly provide record of the reason for doing so.

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- q. Health records with date: All health check-ups done, specialist/doctors consulted, health problems diagnosed, prescriptions made and medication administered; Positive effects or negative side-effects of medications administered.
- r. Health records for special medical problems like HIV/AIDS, TB, Cancer, Dengue, Leprosy, Psychiatric disease, etc.
- s. If the person is a Female, then kindly provide records of special health care provided to her.
- t. Records of government benefits provided like widow pension, old age pension, physically challenged support, ration card, voter ID, Aadhaar card, etc.;
- u. Details of bank accounts maintained. If the person does not have any bank account, kindly provide record of reason as to why such support was not provided to him/her.
- v. Records of economic support provided, if any, for instance to meet cost of health treatment or for any other purpose.
- w. Records of any appeals or complaints made by the person, and action taken to resolve his/her appeal or complaint. If the person needed legal help in order to present his/her appeal/case, record of providing such help. If the person was satisfied after resolution of his/her appeal, kindly provide record of the same. If such help was not provided or action was not taken or the person was not satisfied, kindly provide record of the reason for the same.
- x. If the person died during his/her stay at the Old Age Home/Facility, kindly provide records (with date) of reason for death, post-mortem conducted, doctor's report, police's report, relatives or friends informed and invited, and burial/cremation carried out. If any of these activities were not undertaken then kindly provide record of reasons for the same.
- y. Present whereabouts of persons who have left the Old Age Home/Facility; Records of efforts made to contact them to assure that they are fine, healthy and economically stable.

4. FINANCES:

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- a. Year-wise audit statements of revenue or funds (cess collection, government fund, grant, etc.) and expenses, for the past five (5) years. Kindly provide their break-ups, center-shelter-wise, state-wise, district-wise, expense head-wise, year-wise.

5. DATA AND SURVEY RESULTS:

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Kindly provide the following data on the old and economically weak persons in India over the past five (5) years (for every year):

- a. Is a database of such persons in the country/state/districts maintained? Is there a process of identification such as finger prints, ID-cards, etc.
- b. Number of old and economically weak persons at the beginning of the year; out of which how many are living in old age homes/facilities, how many are still on streets, how many live with their families, how many are in jails, and how many in other facilities? Break-up of this data based on state, district, age-group, gender, caste, religion, specific disability categories, etc.

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c. Number of old and economically weak persons who died, and reasons behind their deaths. Break-ups of those who died on the streets, inside jails, in old age homes/facilities, or other places. Kindly provide this data state-wise and district-wise.

We request you to kindly provide the above information in any format, viz. hard copy or soft copy (for example, printout, CD, etc.). I will pay the required fee/cost incurred as per the rules of Right to Information Act 2005.

Rs. 10 as application fee is submitted through postal order in favour of Public Information Officer with No. 38F 306204

Thank You, Sincerely,

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