

Senior Citizens

To ensure proper maintenance of parents and senior citizens, the Government of India has enacted “The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007”.

- I. As per Section 18(I) of the Act, the State Government has declared the District Social Security Officer (DSSO) of the concerned District as “Maintenance officer” to represent a parent if he so desires, during proceedings of the Tribunal or Appellate Tribunal.
- II. District committees have been formed in the meantime in the Department Notification no.2046 dated 29/03/2016.

The revised notification regarding composition tenure and rules and functioning of the District Committee has been issued in this Department Notification No.769 dtd.30.01.2017 which is as follows,

Composition:

1	Collector & District Magistrate	Chairman Ex-Officio
2	Additional District Magistrate	Member Ex-Officio
3	Superintendent of Police	Member Ex-Officio
4	P.D, DRDA	Member Ex-Officio
5	Chief District Medical Officer	Member Ex-Officio
6	Sub- Collector	Member Ex-Officio
7	DSSO	Member Secretary Ex-Officio
8	Specialists & Activists in the field of welfare of Senior Citizens (2 persons)	Members
9	NGO Representatives running Old Age Home, Day Care Centre or any other IPOP Project (2 persons)	Members
10	Eminent Senior Citizens (2 persons)	Members

The various initiatives have been undertaken by the Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department for the welfare of Senior Citizens of Odisha which are given as follows;

- A Policy for senior citizen 2016 has been published on 1st Oct. 2016 in consultation with various Departments and NGOs for their welfare.
- The elderly belonging to weaker economic sections are being covered under “Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana”. Persons having annual income less than ₹40,000/- in rural areas and ₹60,000/- in urban areas can avail the benefit under the Odisha State Treatment Fund (Financial assistance up to ₹3.00 lakhs according to seriousness of the disease).
- Health & Family Welfare Department is requested to take appropriate action on health, security of Senior Citizens mentioned at point-2 (2-1 to 2-10) of the State Policy of Senior Citizens, 2016. Also it is requested to take appropriate action on provision at chapter-4 Maintenance and welfare Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007 i.e. provision for medical care of Senior Citizens.
- Sri Jagannath Behera, District Jagatsinghpur and Geriatric Care and Research Organisation (Geri Care, Bhubaneswar) was awarded Vayosrestha Samman National Award 2016 by His Excellency President of India for best performance in the field of ageing.
- There is a provision of ₹2.50 crores for programme and activities of Senior Citizens in the year 2017-18. The amount will be spent in accordance with the State Policy on Senior Citizens.