



## **OLD AGE HOMES/MULTI SERVICE CENTRES FOR OLDER PERSONS**

Realizing the significance of (a) rapid demographic changes in India in favour of increasing number and proportion of persons above the age of 60, (b) a slow but marked withdrawal of family support due to weakening of joint family, ties and migration of children to cities and developed regions and (c) special biological, socio-economic and emotional needs of old age, the Government of India started a Scheme of Old Age Home or Multi Service Centres for Older Persons in each district of the Country.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The Scheme aims at providing financial grant for construction of old age home or Service Centre for Older Persons. To this end one time constructions assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations/Self Help Group/ Panchayati Raj Institutions for constructions of Old Age Home or a Multi-Service Centre consisting of Day Care Centres for the mobile, reach out units for the home bound and Old Age Homes for the destitute Older Persons.

### **DAY CARE CENTRES**

The Day Care Centres will be required to provide various non-institutional support systems to Older Persons such as developmental programmes for preparation for old age, death and bereavement, raising family and community awareness for enriched interactions, health checkup camps, information and awareness for prevention of problem and treatment; continuing education, training and opportunities for income generation, employment exchange and sponsorship; training as volunteers; recreation, cultural and creative programmes; occupational therapy, counseling and legal aid; self/mutual help groups; family assistance; information and referral services and any other programme or service in the best interest of Older Persons.

### **REACH OUT UNITS**

Besides Mobile Medicare the Reach out units will also run other home/family based services for home bound Older Persons such as Mobile meals, clinics, libraries; volunteer visits for help in home making and running external errands; information and referral services etc.



The Old Age Homes is being run for the welfare of old people above the age of sixty where they get free food, premedical care and free accommodation. They provide for self fulfillment, health, nutrition, and care giving continuing education and recreation activities to the Older Person particularly the destitute and the homeless. An effort is being made to ensure that institutional life in the Old Age Homes corresponds to normal conditions in the family and in the community. To this end the homes keep their health, education and recreation services open to non-resident Older Persons. The residents interaction with their family members and the community is also being encouraged.