

Rashtriya Vyoshri Yojana (RVY)

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RVY is a Central Sector Scheme for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices for Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category.

Objective

To provide senior citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from age-related disabilities/Infirmities, with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions.

Implementation: The Scheme is being implemented through 'Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)', (a Public Sector Undertaking under this Ministry) as the sole Implementing Agency

Key features

- Under the Scheme, aids & assisted living devices viz. walking sticks, elbow crutches, walkers/ crutches, tripods/ quad pods, hearing aids, wheelchairs, artificial dentures and spectacles are distributed free of cost to the eligible senior citizen's beneficiaries.
- **The Scheme is entirely funded from the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund (SCWF), established vide Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund Rules, 2016**
- Under RVY the beneficiaries in each district are identified by a team of doctors/technicians/other professionals in the Assessment **Camps organized by ALIMCO** in collaboration with the respective District Administration.
- The State Government/UT Administration/District Level Committee can also utilize the data of BPL beneficiaries

receiving Old Age Pension under the NSAP or any other Scheme of the State/UT for identification of senior citizens belonging to BPL category.

- The devices are then distributed to the identified beneficiaries in the camp mode.
- As far as possible, **30% of the beneficiaries in each district shall be women.**
- **Eligibility:** Senior Citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from any of the age-related disability/infirmary viz. Low vision, Hearing impairment, Loss of teeth and Locomotor disability will be provided with such assisted-living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions, overcoming the disability/infirmary manifested.