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Dear Sir / Madam,

As you are aware, due to advancement in medical sciences and also owing to other contributing factors, the average age of life expectancy in India is increasing steadily. Projections beyond 2016 made by the United Nations (1996 Revision) has indicated that India will have 198 million persons 60+ in 2030 and 326 million in 2050. In addressing this issue, the Government has framed the **National Policy for Older Persons, 1999**. The MHRD has forwarded the relevant extracts, concerning the higher education, of the above policy, for further necessary action. **I am enclosing a copy of the same for your kind reference.**

Gerontological Studies, which is an interdisciplinary subject which draws insights from different disciplines in Social Sciences, Humanities and Sciences and engages with the process of aging and issues of demographic, social psychological, economic and physiological nature associated with it. So far, this domain of knowledge has not received the attention it deserves from academia across the country.

I am writing this letter to request you to encourage departments and faculty members in your esteemed institution to undertake seminal work in the area of Gerontological Studies. Needless to say, the findings of such academic and research work will be of vital use to the policy makers in the country to address problems of the older people and also to provide them a dignified and improved quality of life.

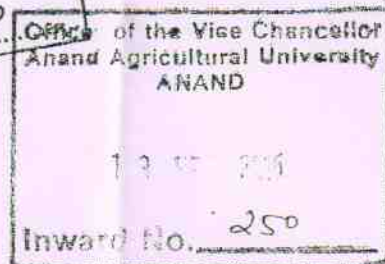
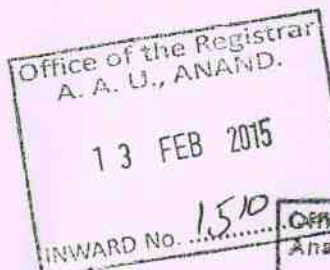
Looking forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

**Encl: As above.**

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Dated, the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

Dear Sir,

This Ministry has received representations on implementing provisions of National Policy for Older Persons (1999). The extracts of this policy, regarding the higher education sector, are enclosed.

2. I shall be grateful if you could provide a report on the provisions already available under the schemes, programmes etc. of the UGC/universities achieving the enclosed policy statement and the need for a special provision, if any, in order to utilize the services of older people and to give them a dignified and improved quality of life.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.P.Sisodia)

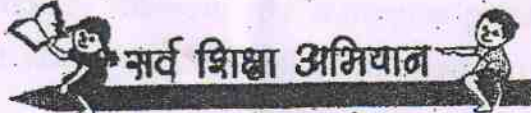
Prof. Ved Prakash,  
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Please Prepare a proper response  
and arrange to send it to the M/H.R.D

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**Extracts from the National Policy for Older Persons (1999) regarding the higher education sector**

- (i) Educational curriculum, at all stages of formal education as also non-formal education programmes will incorporate material to strengthen intergenerational bonds and mutually supporting relationships. Interactions with educational institutions will be facilitated whereby older persons with professional qualifications and knowledge in science, arts, environment, socio-cultural heritage, sports and other areas could interact with children and young persons. .... will be encouraged and assisted to develop out-reach programmes for interacting with older persons on a regular basis, participate in the running of senior citizens centres and develop activities in them. Individuals of all ages, families and communities will be provided with information about the ageing process and the changing roles, responsibilities and relationships at different stages of the life-cycle. The contributions of older persons inside the household and outside will be highlighted through the media and other forums and negative images, myths and stereotypes dispelled.
- (ii) The National Policy recognizes that 60+ phase of life is a huge untapped resource. Facilities will be made available so that this potential is realized and individuals are enabled to make the appropriate choices.
- (iii) Programmes will be developed to promote family values, sensitize the young on the necessity and desirability of inter-generational bonding and continuity and the desirability of meeting filial obligations. Values of caring and sharing need to be reinforced. Society will need to be sensitized to accept the role of married daughters in sharing the responsibility of supporting older parents in the light of changing context where parents have only one or two children, in some situations only daughter. This would require some adjustment and changes in perceptions of in-law in regard to sharing of caring responsibilities by sons and daughters as a corollary to equal rights of inheritance and the greater emotional attachment that daughters have with their parents.
- (iv) The importance of a good data base on older persons is recognized. Research activity on ageing will require to be strengthened. Universities, medical colleges and research institutions will be assisted to set up centres for gerontological studies and geriatrics. Corporate bodies, Banks, Trusts and Endowments will be requested to institute Chairs in Universities and medical colleges in gerontology and geriatrics. Funding support will be provided to academic bodies for research projects on ageing. Superannuated scientists will be assisted so that their professional knowledge can be utilized.