

Caring for the other disadvantaged

10.84 To fulfill the commitments of the National Policy on Older Persons for providing health, shelter, vocational training, recreation and protection of life, special emphasis is being given for expanding the old age homes and day care centres, provision of mobile medicare units and medicare centres under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons. Under this scheme, up to September, 2005, 300 NGOs running Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres and Mobile Medicare Units have been provided financial assistance.

10.85 A new scheme called Senior Citizens Saving Scheme has been introduced through Post Offices doing savings bank work for persons above 60 years of age. The National Institute of Social Defence focuses on training and manpower development of social defence personnel, especially in the areas of community based services for juvenile justice, prison welfare, prison administration, child adoption, children in need for care and protection, prevention of drug-abuse, welfare of senior citizens and emerging social problems.