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**APPEAL TO THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA FOR THE WELFARE OF  
SENIOR CITIZENS & PENSIONERS**

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To,

Shri Narendra Modi Ji,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,

Subject: Appeal for Strengthening Welfare Measures for Senior  
Citizens & Pensioners

Respected Modi Ji,

On behalf of *Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS)*, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the government's continued efforts toward the welfare of senior citizens. The recent expansion of the *Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)* to cover senior citizens aged 70 and above is a commendable initiative.

However, India's **15 crore senior citizens and pensioners** continue to face several pressing challenges, particularly those who are **economically vulnerable, living alone, or without family support**.

Key Challenges:

- 1. Financial Hardship:** Many senior citizens and pensioners receive inadequate pensions or have no steady income, making survival increasingly difficult.
- 2. Lack of Family Support:** Economic pressures and migration often leave elderly individuals without family care.
- 3. Inadequate Residential Facilities:** Less than 10 lakh elderly individuals currently have access to proper alternative housing, leaving the majority without secure living arrangements.
- 4. Limited Government Implementation:** Despite the *Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007* and the *National Policy for Older Persons (NPOP, 1999)* mandating old-age homes, effective implementation remains weak.

Proposed Solutions:

- 5. Development of Senior Citizen & Pensioner Housing – “Anand Niwas”**  
§ Construct **2 crore residential units** for senior citizens and pensioners within the next 6-7 years.

## 6. Utilization of Government-Owned Properties

§ Convert underutilized government land and buildings into well-equipped senior care homes.

## 7. Urban Planning Reforms

§ Designate exclusive **senior citizen zones** in new urban development projects, ensuring accessibility to healthcare and social amenities.

## 8. Enhancement of Financial Support

§ Increase **minimum pension equal to Minimum Salary per month** to ensure a dignified life.

§ Raise **medical coverage from 5 lakh to 10 lakh** under PM jay Ayusman Bharat covering Sr Citizens above 60 years.

### Potential Funding Sources:

- o **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Funds** –<sup>1</sup> 1,000 crore (corporate contributions).
- o **MPs' & MLAs' Development Fund** –<sup>1</sup> 3,800 crore.
- o **Central Government Budget** –<sup>1</sup> 24,000 crore (0.5% of the total budget).
- o **State Government Budgets** –<sup>1</sup> 31,000 crore.
- o **Allocation from PM Awas Yojana** –<sup>1</sup> 5,400 crore.
- o **Donations from NRIs & Wealthy Indians** –<sup>1</sup> 6,000 crore.
- o **Support from Religious & Charitable Organizations.**

### Conclusion:

Hon'ble Prime Minister Ji, we **humbly request** the government to take proactive measures to create a **secure, dignified, and supportive** environment for senior citizens and pensioners. Additionally, we propose renaming old-age homes as "**Anand Niwas**" (**Happy Homes**) to promote a **positive and respectful** image of elderly care.

We trust that under your visionary leadership, these much-needed reforms will be implemented at the earliest.

**With highest regards,**

**Sincerely yours,**



**S. C. Maheshwari**

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