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**Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Amendment Bill**

The proposed 'Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Amendment Bill' has the following major salient features:

- (i) Definition of "children" and 'parents' has been expanded.
- (ii) Definition of 'maintenance' and 'welfare' has been expanded.
- (iii) Mode of submission of application for maintenance has been enlarged.
- (iv) Ceiling of Rs.10,000/- as maintenance amount has been removed.
- (v) Preference to dispose of applications of senior citizens, above eighty years of age, early has been included.
- (vi) Registration of Senior Citizens Care Homes/Homecare Service Agencies etc. have been included.
- (vii) Minimum standards for senior citizen care homes has been included in the Bill.
- (viii) Appointment of Nodal Police Officers for Senior Citizens in every Police Station and District level Special Police Unit for Senior Citizens has been included.
- (ix) Maintenance of Helpline for senior citizens has been included.

Consultation/comments on the draft bill have been obtained from the concerned stakeholders such as Central Ministries/Departments/State Governments/UT Administrations/Members of the Civil Societies etc.

This information was given by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Rattan Lal Kataria in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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