

**Script for Video Statement by the Hon'ble Member
Dr.Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay for 54th Session of Human
Rights Council**

Respected Chair,

The Government of India has set up the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which necessitates employers to obtain written declaration from their employees regarding the care of their aging parents, thereby ensuring their welfare. In this regard, a new bill is being introduced in the parliament.

The National Human Rights Commission as mandated by the PHR Act 1993, is empowered to proactively or reactively investigate human rights violations by the Indian government or negligence thereof by public servants.

India is home to over 140 million elderly citizens, constituting a fast-growing segment expected to reach 19% of the population by 2050. The government has increasingly integrated elderly citizens into its agenda. The Commission's Core Group on Older

Persons addresses the topics such as infrastructure availability, elder abuse, access to healthcare and economic security. In view of the same, the Commission has issued recommendation to the concerned authorities on these matters to ensure better protection of rights of older persons.

During the COVID-19 too the Commission issued the "Human Rights Advisory on Rights of Elderly Persons in context of Covid-19".

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