

MEDICAL AID

As per the 2001 Census of India, only 5% of its population is over 65 years of age, whereas the Parsi Zoroastrian community residing in India has 24.1% of their members over 65 years of age, probably the highest ratio anywhere in the world. Ours is indeed an aging community as well as an ailing one, with community members requiring medical support on a regular basis.

During the year 2012 we raised funds through donations to support 341 individuals to the tune of Rs.17,838,686/= (\$343,051; £207,426). in support of meeting their medical and hospitalisation expenses.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

- a) To encourage and motivate young members from Athornan families to take up Mobedi as a full time vocation the 'Athornan Mandal – WZO' scheme was launched in 1996. We initially raised an amount of Rs.10,000,000/= as a corpus amount, the interest of which is presently disbursed amongst 49 young full time Mobeds practicing at 13 different locations in India.

Donations continue to be received for this project. Rs.650,000/= has been received during the period under review.

- b) In addition, funds were raised and financial support extended to 38 elderly full time Mobeds who having retired or being near to retirement were living in conditions of penury.
- c) Financial support amounting to Rs.1,200,000/= was raised and passed on towards repairs of 2 Agyaries – Bardoli Jarthosti Anjuman Agyari at Bardoli and Patel Agyari at Mazgaon, Mumbai.