

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 889
ANSWERED ON 25/07/2023**

NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

889. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the central contribution to old-age pensions under the National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) has stagnated at Rs 200 per month for more than 12 years and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Government is planning to make a provision to increase this amount, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the number of beneficiaries and the amount released to the States for old age pensions from 2011to 2021, year and State-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) & (b): Under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), monthly pension at the rate of Rs.200/- per month to old age persons in the age group of 60 to 79 years belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households is being paid. The amount of pension is increased to Rs.500/- per month in respect of these beneficiaries on reaching the age of 80 years and above. No proposal to increase the pension amount is under consideration at present. The States/UTs are, however, encouraged to provide top-ups over and above the central assistance under the NSAP. Presently, these amounts range from Rs.50 to Rs. 3000 per month per beneficiary under old age pension.

(c): From 2002-03 to 2013-14, NSAP was implemented as State Plan and funds were released as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to States and UTs as a single allocation for all the sub-schemes, viz., Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and Annapurna; and, Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme - both introduced from 2009. Since 2014-15, the scheme is being implemented as a 'Central Sponsored Scheme'. The details of funds released to States/UTs under NSAP schemes (including old age pension scheme) during 2011-2014 and funds released under old age pension scheme of NSAP during 2015-2021 are at Annexure- I. The details of State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under old age pension scheme of NSAP during 2011-2021 are given at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I**Annexure referred to in part (c) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.889 due for answer on 25.07.2023****Funds released under NSAP schemes during 2011-2013 (as a single allocation for all sub-schemes) and Funds released under old age pension scheme of NSAP during 2014-2021**

(Rs. in crore)												
S.N.	States/UTs	Funds released under NSAP schemes during 2011-2013 (as a single allocation for all sub-schemes)			Funds Released under IGNOAPS during 2014-2021							
		2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-20	2020-21	2021-2022
1	Andhra Pradesh	409.49	675.63	628.62	215.70	150.09	276.08	184.05	184.05	195.18	186.77	141.55
2	Bihar	971.48	1012.17	1418.81	715.13	1090.65	577.78	825.54	852.27	948.89	1000.02	998.05
3	Chhattisgarh	235.07	230.73	315.23	126.31	135.31	248.17	172.98	180.91	186.42	98.55	183.58
4	Goa	1.29	2.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	89.98	132.46	136.08	49.49	68.33	183.90	134.14	147.64	173.64	173.64	130.23
6	Haryana	69.30	75.05	83.17	31.49	37.29	80.38	70.91	67.11	88.84	34.96	0.00
7	Himachal Pradesh	29.34	30.98	35.23	17.83	21.96	33.08	52.09	36.31	37.32	39.34	9.85
8	J & K	23.72	28.21	41.74	30.48	30.62	41.25	42.43	43.72	21.92	22.88	35.07
9	Jharkhand	277.28	182.16	336.18	109.19	232.93	243.49	252.16	248.19	202.64	206.38	327.09
10	Karnataka	397.83	456.49	400.14	204.34	203.86	349.40	292.54	295.33	295.97	300.73	291.52
11	Kerala	85.94	91.64	161.03	29.26	76.41	66.66	128.83	199.97	68.49	175.96	0.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	539.73	543.51	801.38	272.65	499.90	460.18	460.18	460.18	304.31	465.46	392.16

13	Maharashtra	205.06	438.66	0.00	192.07	215.47	149.27	412.83	316.91	307.01	305.48	241.31
14	Odisha	510.86	743.05	729.26	314.54	513.27	395.40	408.42	408.42	421.56	351.85	417.15
15	Punjab	44.14	57.63	50.55	32.88	40.99	30.03	0.00	20.20	32.86	36.03	8.47
16	Rajasthan	255.38	255.13	340.08	119.09	161.02	163.23	352.19	242.66	249.76	251.48	65.86
17	Tamil Nadu	319.09	573.50	609.37	165.08	415.18	360.15	360.15	360.15	350.23	201.26	589.85
18	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.00	107.27	197.31	131.54	131.54	69.70	213.17	71.74
19	Uttar Pradesh	1316.79	1110.27	1647.11	745.08	708.03	1136.80	1156.74	876.29	1230.55	1247.08	1272.82
20	Uttarakhand	75.78	79.05	108.83	36.74	47.79	71.09	63.44	67.66	41.25	98.76	48.42
21	West Bengal	475.05	781.65	898.08	423.82	432.10	563.39	352.63	323.15	560.93	367.05	240.96
22	Arunachal Pradesh	5.04	11.39	7.92	6.12	1.54	4.26	0.00	9.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Assam	112.08	225.04	161.88	143.20	238.67	133.52	115.22	190.94	241.55	253.80	247.60
24	Manipur	18.94	10.44	25.19	13.93	8.14	8.42	25.27	8.14	16.22	25.92	4.29
25	Meghalaya	14.86	10.62	21.75	9.96	18.03	14.34	13.34	13.42	10.92	17.19	8.69
26	Mizoram	7.93	8.68	8.39	5.91	11.05	9.75	8.83	7.82	9.26	9.35	4.72
27	Nagaland	10.28	10.49	16.39	11.06	12.60	18.61	9.66	21.29	18.09	18.47	14.16
28	Sikkim	4.56	2.36	6.85	3.95	2.14	4.38	6.52	2.19	4.89	8.17	0.00
29	Tripura	39.78	44.92	57.14	43.16	41.22	41.22	38.39	20.52	56.37	9.85	22.98
30	A&N Islands	1.98	1.74	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.00
31	Chandigarh	1.58	1.90	1.50	0.00	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	D&N Haveli and D&D	2.70	2.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	NCT Delhi	37.09	44.55	54.59	25.56	34.08	34.08	34.08	34.08	40.00	23.04	34.10
34	Ladakh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.95	0.00
35	Lakshadweep	0.22	0.21	0.00	0.00						0.00	0.00
36	Puducherry	6.82	8.73	9.98	3.98	5.31	5.31	5.31	5.31	8.64	8.22	4.18
	TOTAL	6596.47	7884.35	9112.46	4180.98	5562.69	5900.92	6110.43	5775.83	6193.38	6152.61	5806.39

17	Tamil Nadu	1204245	1150537	1237809	1237809	1237809	1237809	1237809	1237809	1237809	1237809	1237809
18	Telangana				473575	473575	473575	473575	473575	472978	473575	473575
19	Uttar Pradesh	3799208	3844153	3854824	3437084	3437084	4204232	4204232	4204232	4192393	4345014	4345014
20	Uttarakhand	252827	239498	239498	239498	239498	239498	239498	145189	191597	191597	206164
21	West Bengal	1813140	1310280	1310280	1423192	1423192	1423192	1423192	1423192	1423192	1423192	1409188
22	Arunachal Pradesh	31209	29290	29290	7793	7793	29290	29290	5894	5441	29290	5894
23	Assam	785836	707927	707927	707927	707927	707927	707927	707927	707927	707927	693284
24	Manipur	61073	56045	56045	56045	56045	56045	56045	56045	55585	55926	55926
29	Meghalaya	82365	50997	48924	47508	47508	77980	77980	44168	45935	52501	55280
26	Mizoram	26359	25251	25251	23760	23760	25251	25251	25251	25213	24981	25123
27	Nagaland	46483	44530	44530	44517	44517	44530	44530	44530	44530	44530	44530
28	Sikkim	17490	16418	16418	16418	16418	16418	16418	15575	16418	16418	16418
29	Tripura	152550	141510	141510	140429	140429	141510	141510	141510	120460	113920	102680
30	A&N Islands	6700	1011	777	5924	5924	556	572	581	5924	590	590
31	Chandigarh	3784	3744	2792	5111	3181	2975	2378	2378	2373	2373	2373
32	D&N Haveli and D&D	10006	8898	8898	8058	8058	8058	8058	8058	8058	8898	8898
33	NCT Delhi	140791	119403	119403	119403	119403	119403	119403	119403	119403	119403	119403
34	Ladakh				NA						6488	6488
35	Lakshadweep	738	569	569	569	197	203	186	184	181	166	166
36	Puducherry	23607	17713	17713	17713	17713	17713	17713	17713	17713	17003	17003
	TOTAL	21431871	20433687	19728214	20063563	20061261	21395217	21244815	21208620	21408190	21590519	21573562
