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Title: Regarding increasing the monthly pension amount under the National Social Assistant Programme

SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL (BHADRAK): Sir, I would like to draw the kind attention of the hon. Minister for Rural Development regarding increment of several monthly pensions under the schemes such as Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme, and National Family Benefit Scheme under the National Social Assistance Programme.

At present, different eligible beneficiaries are getting monthly pensions under several schemes from Central share in addition to the State's top-up share. The said monthly pension amounts are not sufficient enough for the beneficiaries to maintain their livelihood. Hence, through you, I would request the hon. Minister that the Central share in respect of the above-mentioned schemes may be tripled. Thank you.