

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1310
ANSWERED ON 30/07/2024**

NSAP IN BIHAR

1310 Shri Rajesh Ranjan:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched the National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) to provide social security to the destitute, population living Below the Poverty Line (BPL)and vulnerable groups and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries of NSAP schemes in the State of Bihar, District-wise andthe quantum of funds released during the last three years, scheme-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any exercise to find out due number of personswho are eligible to get the benefits of NSAP schemes in Bihar, are not getting the benefits ofNSAP schemes; and**
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that all eligible persons should get benefits ofNSAP schemes in Bihar?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

- (a) Yes. National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), launched on 15th August, 1995, is implemented across the country as a social security programme, primarily meant for vulnerable sections of the society such as old aged, widows, and disabled persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL). The Programme has undergone many changes over the years in terms of the composition, eligibility criterion and funding pattern. Details of schemes covered under NSAP along with eligibility criteria are given in Annexure-I.**

(b) District-wise details of total number of beneficiaries under NSAP schemes in the State of Bihar is given in Annexure-II. Scheme-wise details of funds released for State of Bihar under NSAP during last three years is given below:

Scheme	FY 2021-22 (Rs. In crore)	FY 2022-23 (Rs. In crore)	FY 2023-24 (Rs. In crore)
Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)	998.05	1006.18	1153.55
Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS)	233.45	235.34	235.49
Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS)	46.78	46.78	47.13
National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)	0	0	36.93

(c) & (d) : As per the guidelines of NSAP, it is the responsibility of the States to adhere to a policy for prioritizing the beneficiaries on the basis of socio-economic and health conditions. The outlay along with state-wise cap of beneficiaries for 2021-26 in respect of all States/ UTs including Bihar have been approved by the Union Cabinet. However, if there are more deserving beneficiaries, the States/ UTs have the option to give them pension from their own resources.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1310 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2024 REGARDING NSAP IN BIHAR

Annexure-I

Details of schemes covered under NSAP along with eligibility criteria

Scheme	Amount of Assistance	Eligibility criteria
Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme	Rs.200	BPL senior citizens in age group of 60-79 years
	Rs. 500	BPL Senior citizens of 80 years and above
Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme	Rs.300	BPL widows in age group of 40-79 years
	Rs.500	BPL widows of 80 years and above
Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme	Rs.300	BPL persons with 80% disability in age group of 18-79 years
	Rs.500	BPL disability pensioners in age group 80 years and above
National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)*	Rs. 20,000/-	To survivor head of BPL families on the death of primary breadwinner aged 18-59 years
Annapurna*	10 kg of food grains p.m.	To BPL senior citizens not receiving old age pension

***NFBS and Annapurna are demand based schemes.**

Annexure referred to in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question NO. 1310 to be answered on 30.07.2024 regarding NSAP in BIHAR

Annexure II

District wise details of No of beneficiaries under NSAP schemes during last three years

(Units In Nos.)

S.No	District	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	ARARIA	136724	136739	136760
2	AURANAGABAD	75663	75669	75684
3	BANKA	77128	77133	77138
4	BEGUSARAI	117330	117340	117351
5	BHAGALPUR	143999	144004	144027
6	BHOJPUR	109435	109443	109463
7	BUXAR	75553	75574	75605
8	DARBHANGA	191931	191943	191950
9	GAYA	165915	165938	166026
10	GOPALGANJ	87310	87325	87335
11	JAMUI	67058	67063	67087
12	JEHANABAD	40307	40311	40339
13	KAIMUR (BHABUA)	69789	69799	69841
14	KATI HAR	115875	115886	115890
15	KHAGARIA	71361	71368	71384
16	KISHANGANJ	90904	90922	90933
17	LAKHISARAI	42577	42579	42589
18	MADHEPURA	91226	91232	91234
19	MADHUBANI	282482	282521	282542
20	MUNGER	54147	54163	54182
21	MUZAFFARPUR	266808	266830	266858
22	NALANDA	143257	143291	143386
23	NAWADA	88613	88618	88631
24	PASHCHIM CHAMPARAN	151954	151983	152068
25	PATNA	304032	304073	304109
26	PURBI CHAMPARAN	211231	211245	211264
27	PURNIA	143547	143570	143583
28	ROHTAS	109195	109207	109258
29	SAHARSA	96364	96369	96374
30	SAMASTIPUR	154953	154971	155048
31	SARAN	159953	159959	159961
32	SHEIKHPURA	28514	28521	28535
33	SHEOHAR	35179	35177	35178
34	SITAMARHI	157065	157083	157084
35	SIWAN	117909	117912	117913
36	SUPAUL	88702	88716	88723
37	VAISHALI	197063	197120	197163
38	ARWAL	35196	35197	35206
	TOTAL	4596249	4596794	4597702

(Source: NSAP PPS Portal)
