

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2131  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000  
PENSION TO WIDOWS  
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Crooks wait on road to widows` pensions` appearing in the Indian Express dated February 6, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to enquire into such incidents all over the country alongwith reasons for non-clearance of widows` pensions; and
- (d) the measure taken/proposed to be taken to check exploitation of widows and other deserving women?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

- (a)to(d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.