

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3400
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME
DAGGUBATI RAMANAIDU;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to enhance the allocation under NSAP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof , Scheme- wise ;
- (c) if not , the reasons therefor ;
- (d) whether the representations have been received from the State Governments in this regard ; and
- (e) if so , the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. An enhanced allocation for NSAP has been proposed for the year 2001-2002. The allocation for National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) has been proposed at Rs.583.00 crores as against Rs. 402.00 crores in the year 2000-2001 . The allocation for National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) has been proposed at Rs.249.90 crores as against Rs. 173.50 crores in the year 2000-2001. The National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) is being transferred to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare w.e.f. 1st April, 2001 .

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) Some representations have been received during 2000-2001 requesting for additional funds. Gujarat Government has requested for additional funds of Rs. 174.83 lakhs for the NMBS. Rajasthan Government has requested funds for additional 246829 beneficiaries under the NOAPS. Uttar Pradesh requested funds for covering additional 323000 beneficiaries under NOAPS. Tamil Nadu requested for the release of funds to clear 274153 pending applications under the NMBS. Himachal Pradesh Government has requested for Rs.1.00 crores to clear pending applications under the NFBS. The release of funds under the NSAP is made keeping in view the Guidelines as well as available budgetary outlay.