

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BENEFICIARIES UNDER NOAPS .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the eligible persons have been covered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS);
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the remaining eligible persons are likely to be covered under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (c): As per the guidelines of the National Old Age Pension Scheme, destitute persons aged 65 years or above having little or no regular means of subsistence from their own sources of income or through financial support from family members or other sources are eligible for pension under the Scheme. The Numerical Ceilings for the number of such destitute persons below Poverty Line qualifying for receiving National Old Age Pension have been estimated at 68.81 lakhs. With the constraint of resources, it is not possible to cover all the targeted beneficiaries as per the Numerical Ceilings, in the near future.