

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE SCHEME FOR OLDER WOMEN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the welfare of older women; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, financial assistance is also inter alia, provided to NGOs for running and maintenance of Multi Facility Care Centres for Older Widowed Women.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing two shelter based schemes namely "Swadhar" and "Short Stay Homes" under which financial assistance is provided to the implementing agencies for providing support services to women in difficult circumstances.

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). Under IGNWPS, Central assistance is given towards pension @ Rs.200/- per month to widows below the poverty line in the age group of 40-64. Other women below the poverty line of 65 years and above are covered under IGNOAPS wherein Central assistance is given towards pension @ Rs.200/- per month, which is meant to be supplemented by at least an equal contribution by the States.