

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1979  
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AGE OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER IGNOAPS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the amount of pensions being provided to the beneficiaries under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to lower the age of beneficiaries from 65 years to 60 years under the scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

- (a): Old Age Pension of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary is being provided by way of central assistance under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) and States have been urged to provide an equal amount. As per information available, State-wise central assistance and the State contribution is given at Annexure.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Does not arise.