

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2303

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ABHAYAHASTHAM PROGRAMME

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh to assist financially Dr. YSR Abhayahastham programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing a co-contributory scheme namely the Dr. YSR Abhaya Hastham for assuring a minimum monthly pension of Rs.500/- to all Self Help Group (SHG) women members in Andhra Pradesh and has also enacted the 'AP SHG Women Co-contributory Pension Act 2009' for ensuring its sustenance. Along with a monthly pension, depending on the member's contribution, the beneficiaries are also entitled to insurance cover in case of accident, disability or death.

The proposal received from Andhra Pradesh proposes upscaling of the Scheme to a National Scheme.

(c): The proposal is under consideration.