

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN PENSION

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the financial assistance paid under the Old Age Pension Scheme, Widow Pension Scheme and Pension for Disabled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the mechanism in place to ensure that the assistance reaches to all eligible beneficiaries, especially women?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) No, Sir. Presently, there is no proposal to increase the amount of central assistance of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary provided under Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS).

(c) Universal coverage of all eligible beneficiaries is envisaged under NSAP. States have been asked to identify the eligible beneficiaries in rural areas from BPL List and from the corresponding lists in urban areas. States have also been asked to disburse the pension regularly and through bank/post office account, where feasible.