

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL FUND FOR BIHAR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount provided to the Government of Bihar under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme the last two years;
- (b) whether the State Government has requested to provide additional fund under these schemes and also for such other schemes; and
- (c) if so, the details alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a): Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). NSAP was transferred to State Plan in 2002-03 and funds are released as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) by the Ministry of Finance to the States as a combined allocation for all the schemes under NSAP together. The funds provided to State of Bihar under NSAP during the last two years and current year is as under:

Year	Funds released to Bihar under NSAP (in Crore)
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2008-09	499.96
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2009-10	597.76
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2010-11	476.92
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(Released up to December 2010)

(b)&(c): State Government of Bihar has requested for release of funds as per the approved number of pensioners covered during 2010-11 under IGNOAPS. Funds, as per requirement, have been released to Bihar.