

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of schemes being run under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);
- (b) the number of beneficiaries of each scheme during the year 2009-10 and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the expenditure borne by the Union Government for these schemes during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the details of changes made in these schemes during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

- (a): National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) at present comprises five schemes namely Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and Annapurna
- (b): The number of beneficiaries of each scheme under NSAP reported by the States during the year 2009-10 and the current year, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.
- (c): NSAP was transferred to State Plan in 2002-03. The funds for NSAP 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 detail of central assistance provided to the States under NSAP during the last three years and current year is given in Annexure-II.
- (d): IGNOAPS was launched in November 2007 by modifying the eligibility criteria for old age pension from destitution to living below the poverty line. Two new pension schemes namely IGNWPS & IGNDPS were launched in February 2009. No change has been made in NFBS and Annapurna in last three years and the current year.