

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2303
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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME
Bali Ram Dr.

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several new senior citizens have been included under the `Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme` during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the pension provided under the said scheme;
- (d) whether the Government are contemplating to increase the amount of pension in view of the price-rise;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The number of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) has increased to 1.69 crore in 2010-11 from 1.49 crore in 2008-09. State-wise number of beneficiaries provided central assistance is given in Annexure.
- (c): Under IGNOAPS, Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs. 200/- per month is provided to States/UTs and they have been urged to contribute another Rs. 200/- from their resources. Details of state contribution under IGNOAPS are given in Annexure.
- (d) to (f): Hon`ble Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 2011-12 has announced that under IGNOAPS the eligibility for pension is proposed to be reduced from 65 years at present to 60 years and the amount of pension is being raised from Rs. 200 at present to Rs. 500 per month for those who are 80 years or above.